

MINUTES
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2025

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in regular session on December 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Cecil B. Rigsby Elementary. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Andy Billingsley with 8 members present.

Roll Call:	Mr. Andy Billingsley	-	Present
	Mr. Timothy Churches	-	Present
	Mr. Jacob Frady	-	Present
	Mrs. Carolyn Oakes	-	Present
	Mr. Steve Perry	-	Present
	Mr. Bron Reece	-	Present
	Mr. Don Snow	-	Present

1. Approval of the Agenda with the addition of 15a. Review and/or update policy 6.4081 – Safe Relocation of Students.

Vote: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Perry: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE

Motion Passed

2. Approval of the minutes from the November 3, 2025 regular meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.

Motion: Mr. Beece Second: Mr. Perry

Vote: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Perry: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE

Motion Passed

3. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending October 31, 2025.

Motion: Mr. Reece Second: Mr. Billingsley

Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Brady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Motion Passed

4. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director for the approval of budget amendments.

Amendment #1 – Fund 177 -Education Capital Funds Budget - Budget for Trustee Commissions

Amendment #1 – Fund 146 – Employee Daycare – Budget for Medical Insurance

General Purpose Budget – Move school psychold
From Federal to General in place of Assessment
Personnel

Mr. Churches questioned who was covering gifted? Dr. Walker stated that we are working under a memorandum of understand presently, but are working on getting teachers certified to cover this.

Motion: Mr. Billingsley Second: Mr. Frady
Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: NO Mr. Frady: YES

Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: NO Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed

5. Directors Update:
Mary V. Wheeler, Bledsoe County High School and Cecil B. Rigsby are Rewards Schools.

Bledsoe County High School:

Mock Interviews
Veterans Day Program
EOC Testing
Guest Speakers
US Government class watched supreme court case.

Bledsoe Vocational Center

Carpentry class making plant boxes in class
Knoxville competition
Stem Class making 3D models
Industry certification with drones
Regional welding competition
FFA Nationals, 2 American farmer degrees
Automotive AWASE certifications this week
Health Occupations had guest speaker
TCAT Crossville dual enrollment
Marketing - 23 students go to state competitions
Guest speakers about 1st semester in college

Bledsoe County Middle School

Veterans Day program
Food Drive
Turkey Teacher
Outdoor classroom going to be started.

Pikeville Elementary

Book Fair
Halloween Parade
Red Ribbon Week
Guest speakers
Veterans luncheon
Smokey the Bear
PTO Basketball

Mary V. Wheeler

Veterans day program
Stem night
One book one school
Pop Tab drive
Tennessee Reward school

Cecil B. Rigsby

Rewards school

Food Drive
Pantry Box
Planetarium
New P.E. Coach Moors

6. Request by Mr. Cory Garrett, Special Education Supervisor, for the approval to contract for in-person SLP services.

Motion was made to approve contract with the recommendations made by Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney, that the contract include the proper amount of insurance coverage and a Hold Harmless agreement.

Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Motion Passed

7. Request by Dr. Kristy Walker, Director of Schools, for approval of three para-professional positions for behavioral support. Dr. Walker explained to the Board the need for additional Para-Professional at the elementary schools to help support behaviors.

The motion was made to approve 4 additional para-professionals 1 for Mary V. Wheeler, 1 for Cecil B. Rigsby and 2 for Pikeville Elementary and they are to be paid on the CDC para-professional pay scale.

Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Motion Passed

8. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Transportation Supervisor, to approve bids for surplus buses.

Bus #	Bidder	Amount
Bus #3 (Non-Operational)	Turner Refrigeration	\$400.00
Bus #5 (Non-Operational)	Turner Refrigeration	\$100.00
Bus # 19 (Operational)	Kelvin White	\$2,552.00
Bus # 19 (Operational)	Steven Oakes	\$1,500.00

Recommendation from Mr. Brian Turner, Transportation Supervisor to approve the bids for the non-operational buses and to reject the bids for the operational bus.

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Reece

Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Motion Passed

9. Review and/or update Policy 1.600 – Policy Development and Adoption.

Motion was made to delete the Emergency Procedure section of policy #1.600.

Motion: Mr. Churches Second: Mr. Perry

Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Motion Passed

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
01/05/2026	Regular Meeting	Pikeville Elementary	6:00 p.m.

16. Adjourn.

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Reece

Vote: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Perry: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE

Motion Passed