

MINUTES
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 2023

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Special Called Session on May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vincent Boring, with five members present.

Roll Call:

Mr. Andy Billingsley	-	Present
Mr. Vincent Boring	-	Present
Mr. Ben Farmer	-	Present - Absent
Mr. Jacob Frady	-	Absent
Mrs. Carolyn Oakes	-	Present
Mr. Bron Reece	-	Present
Mr. Don Snow	-	Absent – Joined meeting at 6:27 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda.
 - 18a. Approval of budget for the Innovative School Models Grant.
 - 18b. Approval for a new pavilion awning for Mary V. Wheeler .MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Frady
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: AYE
Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: ABSENT
2. Approval of the minutes from the April 6, 2023 regular meeting and the April 17, 2023 recessed meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.
MOTION: Mrs. Oakes SECOND: Mr. Boring
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: AYE
Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: ABSENT
3. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending March 31, 2023.
MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Boring
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: ABSENT
4. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve quarterly financial reports for the month ending March 31, 2023.
MOTION: Mr. Boring SECOND: Mr. Billingsley
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: ABSENT
5. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, for the approval of budget amendments for Fund 177 Capital Project Funds.
Amendment #1 – Softball Field/Building Project
MOTION: Mr. Frady SECOND: Mr. Reece
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: ABSENT
6. Request by Mr. Mark Oxner, Grant Manager, for approval of proposed budget amendments
MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Frady
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES

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

7. Approval of lease for Bledsoe County Board office.
Motion to approve a 5 year lease from April 17, 2023 and expiring on April 17, 2028.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mrs. Oakes
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: ABSENT

8. Request by Mrs. Ethanie Cagle, Yearbook Advisor, for the approval of yearbook bids.

Vendor	Bid Amount
Walsworth	\$16,012.08
Jostens	\$10,388.75

225 copies and 172 pages.

Recommendation by Mrs. Cagle, Yearbook Advisor, to approve the lowest bid from Josten's.

MOTION: Mrs. Oakes SECOND: Mr. Boring
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

9. Request by Mr. Steve Reel, CTE Director, for approval of the following trips: HOSA National Convention: June 21-24, 2023 in Dallas Texas Skills USA National Conference: June 19-23, 2023 in Atlanta, GA

MOTION: Mr. Boring SECOND: Mrs. Oakes
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

10. Request by Mr. Ronny Collier, FFA Advisor, to attend TN Forestry Camp and Forestry Contest.

11. Request by Mr. Ronny Collier, FFA Advisor, to use 3 Bledsoe County Buses for TN Forestry Camp on June 4-10, 2023

12. Request by Mr. Ronny Collier, FFA Advisor, to attend FFA Camp in Doyle, TN for a week this summer. The date to be determined.

13. Request by Mr. Ronny Collier, FFA Advisor, to give an update on Bledsoe FFA Activities and achievements.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Frady
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Item # 10 thru 13 was approved with one motion and vote.

FFA officers gave an update on FFA activities.

14. Discussion and approval of bids for Softball Concession building.

Only one bid was received from Angel Construction in the amount of \$578,250.00.

Motion was made to reject the bid from Angel's Construction in the amount of \$578,250.00 and Mr. Brian Turner and Mr. Steve Perry to come back with a plan at the June meeting and to approve a budget of \$300,000.00 for project.

MOTION: Mr. Boring SECOND: Mr. Oakes
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

June meeting layout of work and schedule from Mr. Perry and Mr. Turner.

15. Review of Policies:

3.219- Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)

6.309 – Zero Tolerance Offenses

Motion to approve policies as drafted by Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney.

MOTION: Mr. Boring SECOND: Mr. Reece
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

15. Approval of Equity pay distribution.

A survey was sent to certified staff with two options:

122 responses

Option #1 Equity payment in one lump payment, prior to Spring Break – 79.5%

Option #2 Equity payment included in regular monthly pay, spread into 12 payment – 20.5%

The top option was option #1

Motion to approve majority option #1.

MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Frady

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

17. Old Business. No old business

18. New Business

18a. Approval of budget for the Innovative School Models Grant.

This is a \$1,500,000.00, three year grant.

Grant funds will be used for a new barn for the Agriculture program.

A MEP(Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) program for CTE, Coding and a Career Exploration position.

Also it will be used to enrich programs offered at Bledsoe County Middle and Bledsoe County High.

MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Frady

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

18b. Approval for a new pavilion awning for Mary V. Wheeler. PTO is partnering to pay for half of awning. The

Board will be responsible for \$3,600.00 for the cost of the awning.

MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Frady

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

19. Director Update:

Pikeville Elementary

Celebrating Teachers and Staff for teacher appreciation week

Title I Reading Night, based on Tennessee history

Data Night

Kindergarten took a trip to Tennessee Tech for a new program Kindergartners go to College

BCHS Football team cheered students as they started TCAPS

Pre-K had a glow in the dark Easter egg hunt

Kindergarten has flowers in their greenhouse

Motivation and Moral committee gave teachers Coke flats

Fifth grade made Native American Shelter Projects to go with ELA units.

Third graders made thank you notes to send to our military men and women

Ms. Cindy's class made encouraging notes for third graders to take TCAP for encouragement.

Pre-K –Kindergarten playground received new equipment.

Bledsoe County Middle School

TCAP testing is over

13 groups of students entered the talent show.

Volleyball won the district championship

Welcomed Ms. Julie Ryan as bookkeeper today

Ms. Amanda Roberts NIET Spotlight Teacher of the year

Bledsoe County High School

Softball will host the first round of tournament games.
Rover team participated in the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge in Huntsville
EMR Students took their registry for National Certification test
HOSA students competed in state convention and have qualified for nationals in Texas
Singing Warriors performed their spring concert
This year's play is Frozen Jr.
Special Olympics are scheduled for May
Teacher Appreciation week is being celebrated.
Class night is May 18th
Graduation is May 19th

Cecil B. Rigsby

TCAP Testing perfect attendance eligible to win gift card from Walmart
Achieved 100 percent testing
Coach Talley held a golf event for students at Tennessee Hills Golf
Ollie the Otter visited the school concerning car safety
Recycling Projects in class

Mary V. Wheeler

TCAP testing is finished
Student Attendance was great
Teachers and Staff were rewarded with Coke floats
Students finished their reading brackets
Students are working on end of the year AR goals, beach and movie day are being provided for
Students reaching their goal

20. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Frady
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: ABSENT Mr. Frady: AYE
Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Planning Meeting	June 12, 2023	5:30 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle School
Regular Meeting	June 12, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle School


 Chairman of Board


 Director of Schools