

MINUTES

BLEDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2022

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Pikeville Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vincent Boring, with seven members present.

Roll Call:

Mr. Andy Billingsley	-	Present
Mr. Vincent Boring	-	Present
Mr. Ben Farmer	-	Present
Mr. Jacob Frady	-	Present
Mrs. Carolyn Oakes	-	Present
Mr. Bron Reece	-	Present
Mr. Don Snow	-	Present

Chairman Boring requested a moment of silence for Mrs. Ibba Mosley a former educator of Bledsoe County Schools that passed away.

1. Approval of the Agenda.
Delete agenda item #8
Delete agenda item #11
MOTION: Billingsley SECOND: Farmer
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE
2. Approval of the minutes from the January 10, 2022 regular meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.
MOTION: Oakes SECOND: Boring
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE
3. Request by Mrs. Janice Ritchie, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending December 31, 2021.
MOTION: Billingsley SECOND: Snow
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
4. Request by Mrs. Janice Ritchie, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending December 31, 2021.
MOTION: Boring SECOND: Farmer
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
5. Request by Mrs. Janice Ritchie, Finance Director for the approval of the ESSER 3.0 Plan-Federal Relief Spending Addendum.
Mrs. Janice Ritchie, Finance Director, informed the Board that every six months the ESSER grant will have an addendum and there have been no changes so this addendum is just re-stating what was in ESSER 1, 2 and 3, but there will be changes submitted at the March board meeting. This is required to be submitted to the state in February and has to come to the Board for approval.
MOTION: Farmer SECOND: Snow
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

6. Request by Mr. Steve Reel, CTE Director, for the approval of the following overnight trips for the CTSO State event and transportation if necessary.
 DECA - March 3-5, Chattanooga. Advisors - Imogene Roberson, Tyler DeBord
 HOSA - March 28-30, Knoxville. Advisors - Ashley Fife, Billy VanWinkle
 FFA - March 27-30, Gatlinburg. Advisors - Ronny Collier
 Skills USA - April 10-13, Chattanooga. Advisors - Kris Frady, Terry Hatfield, Terry VanWinkle
 MOTION: Billingsley SECOND: Frady
 VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES
 Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

7. Request by Mr. Ronnie Collier, FFA Advisor, for permission to attend the TN State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg, TN March 27-30, 2022. Approximately 25 students with at least 4 chaperones. Travel by Bledsoe County Schools bus.
 Approved with item #6

8. Request Mr. Ronnie Collier, FFA Advisor, for permission to attend FFA Washington Leadership Conference for a week this summer with 3 to 4 students and 2 chaperones and to use school vehicle for transportation.
 MOTION: Farmer SECOND: Frady
 VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES
 Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

9. Discussion of property behind Pikeville Elementary.
 Deleted from agenda.

10. Approval of Policy #6.309 Zero Tolerance Policy as prepared by Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney.
 MOTION: Oakes SECOND: Reece
 VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE
 Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

11. Approval of Policy #6.307 Drug Free Schools as prepared by Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney.
 Deleted from the Agenda

12. Approval of Graduation Policy as prepared by Mr. Howard Upchurch, Board Attorney.
 Tabled until the March meeting.
 Appointment of a committee to review policy before the March meeting.
 Mr. Snow
 Mr. Frady
 Mr. Reece
 MOTION: Billingsley SECOND: Farmer
 VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE
 Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE

13. Approval of mowing bids for the 2022 mowing season.
 Only one bid was received from Justin Williams for a total cost of \$1,300 per mowing cycle.
 MOTION: Frady SECOND: Oakes
 VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES
 Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

14. Approval of bids for field work for softball field.

Vendor	Description	Bid
Pave It – Freddy George	Ball Field Work	\$5,000.00
River City Athletics	Option #1 – Install 24 ton SAF	\$5,950.00

	coat till and laser grade.	
	Deduct if SAF coat is on site	(-\$1,950.00)
	Option #2 – Re-sod in back of infield to bring it to correct dimension	(\$7,500.00)
	Option #3 – Synthetic turf sidelines of infield and behind home plate	\$15,275.00

Mr. Turner presented the bids and an update on progress and needs of the softball field.

The bids were rejected.

Suggestions were made to work with an architect to assess all the work that needs to be done on the softball field to solve issues that keep coming up and to also look at setting an athletic budget, Donated dirt will be brought in this week and tilled in. Coach Mary Melton agreed that this would get the softball team through this season and work on issues before the season next school year.

15. Approval of bids for auditorium seating for Bledsoe County High School. Seating will be purchased from ESSER Funds.

Southern Facilities & Service	582 auditorium chairs. Delivered and Installed	\$156,664.00
	180 each – tablet arms delivered and installed	\$9,900.00
	Removal of existing	\$8,500.00
Total Cost		\$170,064.00
K&M Athletics, LLC	402 installed auditorium seats	\$80,058.30
	180 Tablet arm chairs	\$40,338.00
	Removal and Disposal of old seats	\$7,000.00
Total Cost		\$127,396.30
KI	582 Auditorium Chairs	\$115,272.90
	Removal and Installation	\$24,750.00
Total Cost		\$140,022.90

Mr. Brian Turner made a recommendation to approve the K & M Athletics in the amount of \$127,396.30.

MOTION: Farmer SECOND: Oakes

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

16. Discussion and action on Gymnasium Air Conditioner Proposal for Pikeville Elementary and Bledsoe County Middle School. This will be purchased from ESSER Funds. Budget amount for this project is

\$150,000.00

Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor presented a proposal from Maffett Loftis Engineering, LLC for the Mechanical and Electrical design fee for the air conditioners for Bledsoe County Middle School Gymnasium and Pikeville Elementary School Gymnasium. The proposed design fee is \$16,500.00

Motion for the approval for the design fee only from Maffett Loftis Engineering, LLC in the amount of \$16,500.00.

MOTION: Farmer SECOND: Billingsley

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

17. Discussion and approval of RFQ's for Bledsoe County High School Health and Wellness Building.

Appointment of a Facilities Committee.

Mr. Ben Farmer

Mr. Vincent Boring

Mr. Andy Billingsley

Motion was made to approve Facilities Committee.

MOTION: Reece SECOND: Frady

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

18. Discussion of Quarterback Club Wellness Center and upgrades to Field House.

Mr. Charles Ray Rains addressed the Board requesting approval for the Quarterback Club to construct an indoor training building on the Bledsoe County High School Campus. It would be a duplicate building of the baseball building. Parents would raise all of the funds between \$75,000 to \$100,000 dollars. The building would be weights down the sides and turf down the middle of the building.

Mr. Farmer suggested that the board pay for a set of drawings and inspection at mid-point and at the end.

Mr. Billingsley made a motion to approve the facility location and for the Board to pay for a set of drawings for the building and also mid-point and end inspection for acceptance of building and the Quarterback Club to have design review

MOTION: Billingsley SECOND: Snow

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

19. Update on drawings for Softball Building.

Mr. Brian Turner informed the Board that the fee from Upland Design to update the drawings for the Softball Building would be \$8500.00 and would take about 30 days to redo drawings.

If drawings are changed to not be used as classrooms, ESSER funds cannot be used.

Motion was made to allow Chairman Boring to speak with a designer of his choice to redo a set of drawings to move this facility forward.

MOTION: Farmer SECOND: Billingsley

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

20. Discussion to add bus attendants to all bus routes through an amendment to the ESSER Grant.

Mrs. Selina Sparkman, Director of Schools, stated that she had meet with bus drivers and asked the drivers what would make their jobs easier and overwhelmingly the response was that they would like to have assistants on the bus with them. She stated that she would like to give that to them and hope this would keep discipline down and approve attendance. By using ESSER funds this would allow time to collect data on attendance and discipline to see if this helps in these areas.

Mrs. Janice Ritchie, Finance Director, stated that these amendment would be brought

back in March in the ESSER Grant.
These positions will be added in the 2022-23 school year.
This was a discussion item only.

21. New Business.

21a. Approval to change the make-up of Pre-K positions.

Dr. Kristy Walker, Pre-K Coordinator asked for approval to hire assistants as needed to cover child care guidelines during teacher vacancies

MOTION: Boring SECOND: Reece

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

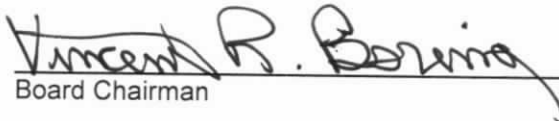
Chairman Boring requested a moment of silence for Mrs. Jeanette Roger, Cafeteria Manager Bledsoe County Middle School, who recently passed away.

MEETING	TIME	PLACE	Date
Facilities Meeting	5:00 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle School	February 22, 2022
Planning Session	5:30 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle School	March 7, 2022
Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle School	March 7, 2022

22. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Reece

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



Board Chairman



Director of Schools