MINUTES

BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Regular Session on September 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Don Snow, with seven members present.

Roll Call:

Mr. Andy Billingsley - Present via zoom

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

 Election of Chairman and Co-Chairman. Chairman Nominee: Vincent Boring

MOTION: Mr. Snow 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

Co-Chairman Nominee: Don Snow

MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Frady

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

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

2. Approval of the agenda with additions.

21a. Approval of Volleyball Booster Club.

MOTION: Mr. Reece SECOND: Mr. Farmer

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

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

3. Approval of the minutes from the August 1, 2022 regular meeting, of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.

MOTION: Mr. Boring 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

4. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending July 31, 2022.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Reece

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

 Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, for the approval of budgets for LEAPS Afterschool Grant Budget, Coordinated School Health Budget, and Family Resource Center Budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

MOTION: Mr. Reece

SECOND: Mr. Farmer

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 Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, for the discussion on summary of actual fund balance (unaudited) General Purpose Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Debt Service, and Capital Projects.

Unaudited Fund Balances

FUND	TITLE	UN-AUDITED	
		BALANCE	
141	GENERAL	\$3,132,858.00	
	PURPOSE		
143	CAFETERIA	\$1,435,549.00	
156	DEBT SERVICE	\$1,865,222.00	
177	CAPITAL	\$2,002,143.00	
	PROJECTS		

Mrs. Walling did state that around \$200,000.00 of the General Purpose Balance would be adjusted for the Spark Grant, since revenues were received in the 2021-2022 fiscal year and would be expended in the 2022-2023 fiscal year

- Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, for the correction of budget cover page. Mrs. Walling informed the board that a correction needed to be made for an audit adjustment on the Budget Summary.
- 8. Request by Mrs. Diane Campbell, Food Service Director, for approval of excess balance plan for school nutrition approval plan.

A retention bonus of \$2,400.00 will be given to all cafeteria staff employees if they have worked the full year and \$1,600.00 for workers for December-May. To be distributed in December and May.

Other items to be purchased in the approval plan:

Increase Food & Nonfood Cost – \$260,000.00

Equipment - \$359,000.00 (cafeteria tables, steamers, reaching freezer, food bar, ice machine, milk boxes, ice cream boxes, deep fryer, small ware, update food bars) Technology \$15,000.00

Maintenance cost/annual & emergency repairs - \$100,000.00

Labor Cost & Insurance Premiums - \$130,000.00

MOTION: Mr. Reece

SECOND: Mr. Farmer

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

9. Request by Mark Oxner, Grant Manager, for the review of the yearend 2021-22 budget for ESSER 2.0 and ESSER 3.0 and the approval of the 2022-2023 budget for ESSER 2.0 and ESSER 3.0.

The motion included approve for Safe Return to in Person Instruction and the Public Plan for remaining funds

MOTION: Mr. Boring

SECOND: Mr. Farmer

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

10. Discussion/approval of Pikeville Elementary property lease.

The goal is to keep the property in good condition by possibly leasing the property to a farmer to grow crops, keep clean and fertilize as needed.

Motion for Mr. Snow to work with Mr. Upchurch and bring back a proposal at the December meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Boring

SECOND: Mr. Farmer

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

11. Request by Dr. Kristy Walker, Federal Projects Director, for the approval of Homeless System Navigator Position.

The ARP Homeless Navigator will work with homeless students in the Bledsoe County School System. The grant is \$55,000.00 for the 2022-23 fiscal year and \$50,000.00 for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

There were 32 students identified as homeless in Bledsoe County Schools last year.

MOTION: Mr. Frady

SECOND: Mr. Reece

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

12. Request by Mrs. Farrah Fields, Curriculum Supervisor, for the approval of teacher tenure.

The following teachers are eligible and meet the requirements for granting tenure: Ryan Deakins, Julie Degenaro, Gage Frady, Dana Frasier Smith, Sandra Hitchcox, Amber Adams, Vanessa Angel.

Mrs. Sparkman and principals recommend.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer

SECOND: Mr. Frady

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

13. Request for the approval to for an assistant principal for Pikeville Elementary School. This position will be funded partially by Federal Projects. Federal funding will be approximately \$60,000.00.

MOTION: Mr. Frady

SECOND: Mr. Farmer

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

14. Request by Carl Boynton, Special Education Supervisor, for the approval for a special education assistant position for Pikeville Elementary.

MOTION: Mr. Boring

SECOND: Mr. Snow

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

15. Request by Carl Boynton, Special Education Supervisor, for the approval of Stellar contract for Speech and Language services.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer

SECOND: Mrs. Oakes

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

16. Request by Carl Boynton, Special Education Supervisor, for the approval Allied Instructional Contract to provide vision services for students with disabilities.

MOTION: Mr. Boring SECOND: Mr. Reece

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

17. Request by Carl Boynton, for the approval of a STEP program teacher.

The STEP teacher would serve students K-5 behavior classes for Special Education and General Education students.

Mr. Boynton stated that there are guidelines to be meet to qualify students for the class. The goal is to transition students back into the general classroom

This will be an ESSER funded position.

MOTION: Mr. Boring

SECOND: Mr. Reece

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

18. Policies for review.

6.414 - Prevention and Treatment of Sudden Cardiac Arrest

6.415 – Student Suicide Prevention: addition to last sentence of the first paragraph – that students will be provided information regarding the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or talk at the suicide crisis pipeline, the number is 988.

6.500 - Special Education Students

6.501 - Married and/or Pregnant Students-TABLE

6.502 - Foreign Exchange Students

6.503 - Homeless Students

6.504 - Migrant Students

6.505 – Students in Foster Care

6.506 – Students in Military Families

6.660 - Student Records

MOTION: Mr. Farmer

SECOND: Mr. Snow

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

19. Election of TSBA-TLN Board Representative

Motion to elect the following:

Mr. Andy Billingsley Mrs. Carolyn Oakes

MOTION: Mr. Boring

SECOND: Mr. Farmer

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Boring: AYE Mr. Farmer: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE

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

20. Approval of Softball Improvement and Athletic Field Drainage bid.

Vender	Bid
Norris Brothers	\$1,232,555.00
Roy Joe Angels Construction	\$ 372,345.00

Mr. Farmer explained that you can work with the contractor through change order to make additions or deletions to have some savings in some way. There is no guarantee that is just a possibly. Increase above contract would have to come back to the Board. Mr. Upchurch suggested that all change orders be brought back to the Board.

Completion for this project is December 15, 2022

This project is being funded with bond money

Recommendation is for the low bidder, Angel's Construction. Mr. Jones will be reviewing that contractor is following design plan

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Snow

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

21. New Business.

Request by Ms. Tara Manfield for the approval of a Volleyball Booster Club.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer

SECOND: Mr. Reece

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

MEETING	TIME	PLACE	Date
Facilities Meeting	4:00 p.m.	Bledsoe Co. Middle	September 26, 2022
Planning Session	5:30 p.m.	Mary V. Wheeler	October 3, 2022
Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Mary V. Wheeler	October 3, 2022

Mr. Don Snow, Co-Chairman requested that Mrs. Selina Sparkman, Director of Schools give and update on accomplishment:

Mrs. Selina Sparkman, Director of Schools, gave a brief update on Lean Frog, ways that principals are being supported and discussing goals for their schools and determining what professional development should look like for teachers and principals. A new group of future leaders have been recruited through classes with Mr. Fields. She stated the Daycare speaks for itself. Mr. Morris is doing a school survey for facilities. She also stated that in each of these components, we've worked really had to ensure that we are meeting the goals that were set forth by the Board and the strategies we are putting in place. The strategies will be listed on the website and will be viewable as they are completed. Mrs. Sparkman also, commented on the improvement of the environment at Bledsoe County Middle School and commended Mrs. Candi Kempton, Principal, for the improvement.

Mr. Don Snow, Co-Chairman, also stated that he felt that there had been a lack of communication specifically on SRO's in the schools and Covid case numbers.

Mrs. Selina Sparkman, Director of Schools, stated that there had been a communication break down between her and principals concerning SRO's not being in schools and that she had addressed the situation.

Mrs. Michelle Rains, Coordinated School Health Director, stated that she had been sending weekly updates to Mrs. Sparkman and Mr. Boring, but could send them out to all Board member. She was asked to send weekly updates to Board.

There were further discussions on SRO's and the schools that had officers and the ones that did not. Other safety precautions such as cameras, intercom cameras, Raptor Card Reading Systems, and safety window film was also discussed.

Mr. Jacob Frady, Board Member, stated that he felt that officers were still the most important safety feature for the schools.

22. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer

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

Chairman

Director of Schools