



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 2, 2024

4. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve quarterly financial reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2024.  
MOTION: Mr. Reece    SECOND: Mr. Churches  
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES  
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: ABSENT

**Motion Passed**

5. Presentation by TN Aquarium, NRCS, and Bledsoe County Soil Conservation to discuss partnership for utilizing land behind Pikeville Elementary School. Mr. Drew Hardy from Tennessee Aquarium addressed the Board on partnering with Bledsoe County Schools to utilize the property behind Pikeville Elementary School for a possible outdoor classroom and to engage students in hands on learning experiences including soil testing, pollination garden and forest plot.  
There was some discussion about the current lease for the property.  
No Action taken.

6. Directors updates  
Mary V. Wheeler

Veteran’s Day program was a success  
PTO helping with screened in porch area  
Wheeler had a Taco Bell night with part of the proceeds going to Mary V. Wheeler  
Reading Magic night  
Received a TVA Stem grant for \$5,000.00  
Purchasing a Hydroponic System  
Had a can food drive  
Level 5 School

Pikeville Elementary

PTO Basketball  
Had a calf at school for farm unit  
Successful Veteran’s Day lunch  
Pre-K had parent engagement night  
Visit from Santa  
Field trip to Cumberland Caverns  
Studying pollination  
Aware had a Turkey Trot Competition  
Visit for Ollie the Otter

Cecil B. Rigsby

Family Reading Night  
Tailgate Party  
Reading Activities  
Successful Veteran’s Day Program

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60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Pre-K Family Involvement night  
PTO Clothing Drive  
9wks and Perfect Attendance awards  
Level 5 School

Bledsoe County Middle School

Successful Veteran's Day Program  
Food Drive  
PTO and FRC provided 25 meals for Middle School families  
Classroom competition for Turkey Teacher  
CPR education  
Basketball season ending  
Computer Science certification  
Science teacher received a \$5,000.00 grant for stem  
\$2,500.00 from Sequatchie Electric for project

Career Technical Center

Carpentry built a GAGA pit for Mary V. Wheeler  
Health Science did blood pressures at Bledsoe County Middle Schools  
DECA will be going to State competition in Knoxville  
FFA made float for Christmas Parade  
FFA participated in the MTSU Horse Evaluation  
Three students attended the Green Hands Camp at Camp Clements  
Toy Donations  
Stem class in Engineering  
Tennessee Stem Innovation network 3D printer  
MEPS's class had a guest speaker on career opportunities in Electrical  
Welding class is building a dual axle trailer

Bledsoe County High School

Second year being a rewards school and level 5 school  
Football team very successful this year  
Basketball starts tomorrow at Cumberland County  
Had an Alumni Basketball game  
Stem Gingerbread Challenge  
Christmas Book Drive  
Tennessee Tech Training Alumni Leader Training  
Veteran's Day program a success  
ASVAP Test  
ACT to be 19 within 3 years it is a 19.06

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There is a video online about internet safety, apps and how to get the information on phones.  
It also includes how kids get lured out of their house and dangers of what kids see online.

7. Request for approval of the 2025-2026 and the 2026-2027 school calendars.  
Mr. Perry requested that the date for the online training for certified staff be designated on the calendar.

With this change a motion was made to approve the 2025-26 and the 2026-27 calendar

MOTION: Mr. Perry    SECOND: Mr. Churches

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 Mrs. Michelle Rains, Nurse Supervisor, to allow the use of Bledsoe County High campus and buses for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Military IRT (Innovative Readiness Training) Clinic on July 7-21, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Reece    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

**Motion Passed**

9. Request by Mrs. Candi Kempton, Principal Bledsoe County Middle School, for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Pennsylvania.

MOTION: Mr. Perry    SECOND: Mr. Churches

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES    Mr. Churches: YES    Mr. Frady: YES

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

**Motion Passed**

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business.

11a. Mr. Andy Billingsley, Board Chairman, clarified the date, time and address for the Bledsoe County Board Retreat on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. c.s.t. until 2:00 p.m. c.s.t. at 7693 Rhea County Highway, Dayton TN.

The next regular meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education will be January 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School

12. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Reece    SECOND: Mrs. Oakes

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: AYE    Mr. Churches: AYE    Mr. Frady: AYE

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

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