

MINUTES  
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2024

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle 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

1. Approval of the agenda with additions:

7a: Request by Bledsoe County High School baseball coach for the approval of Wilson Swafford as a volunteer coach.

7b: Request for early dismissal for softball team on March 15, 2024 and on April 12, 2024 both will be at 2:00 p.m.

13a. Discussion of capital improvement.

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

2. Approval of the minutes from the February 5, 2024 regular meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley                      SECOND: Mrs. Oakes

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

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

3. Director's update.

Mrs. Farah Fields, Assistant Director of Schools, announced that Bledsoe County Schools was named as an Exemplary District. This award was given to only 12 school systems in the state of Tennessee. She also announced that Bledsoe County Schools had 4 Reward schools. This is based on achievement, growth, good attendance and college and career indicators.

**Bledsoe County High School**

Student of the Month for January and February

"Be the One" door contest winner across the state of Tennessee and received \$500.00 to be used towards school environment.

Had a character chip challenge in February. Chips can be cashed in for prizes. On Friday had games and party during break.

March: a school wide rock, paper, scissors contest and tournament and the winner gets to put a pie in Mr. Ridley's face.

Bledsoe County High has had three FAFSA Frenzy night.

Several college visits UTK, Chattanooga State, Bryan College and Tennessee Tech.

Spring Sport have begun, baseball, softball, boy's soccer.

ASVAB test were given. Goal was a 31. 55 out of 112 students scored above a 31 on test.

ACT Boot Camp for Juniors.

**Bledsoe County Middle School**

35 students recognized for perfect attendance.

40 students inducted into the Junior Beta Club

Spring Sports have begun, that includes volleyball, archery and baseball

Coffee and donuts with the principal. Invited parents to be on parent advisory board.

Went from being a focus school last year to being a rewards school.



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

7. Request by Mr. Jason Reel, Athletic Director, for approval for the high school football team to attend a FCA Sponsored Football Camp at TN Tech University on July 9-11, 2024, this will be an overnight trip. The team and coaches will stay in dorm rooms on campus. Included in this request for approval will be bus transportation to and from the event.

MOTION: Mr. Reece 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

- 7a: Request by Bledsoe County Middle School baseball coach for the approval of Wilson Swafford as a volunteer coach.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Frady

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

- 7b: Request for early dismissal for softball team on March 15, 2024 and on April 12, 2024 both will be at 2:00 p.m.

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

8. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, for the approval of bid for site work for Agriculture building.  
Recommendation letter from Mr. Allen Jones for DeBord and Son's Construction which was the low bid. The contract will include the alternate of asphalt if funds are available. Total Bid \$195,224.00 including asphalt.

Vendor	Base	Alternate (Asphalt)	Total Bid
Angel's Construction	\$192,424.81	\$29,375.00	\$221,799.81
DeBord & Son Construction	\$151,224.10	\$44,000.00	\$195,224.00
Hamilton Consulting and Construction	\$159,940.00	\$0.00	\$159,940.00

MOTION: Mr. Reece 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

9. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, for the approval of bid for metal structure for Agriculture building. Recommendation was to approve Summertown Metals which was the low bid. Bid amount \$94,653.21

Vendor	Bid Amount
Summertown Metals	\$ 94,653.21
Angel's Construction	\$105,000.00

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley 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

10. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, for the approval of bid for the 2024 mowing cycle for all school grounds.  
There was only one bid from Oakes Lawn Care for \$1,800.00 per mowing cycle.  
Mrs. Oakes disclosed that this was her grandson.  
Mr. Reece questioned the age of the owner of Oakes Lawn Care and who the owner is.  
Mr. Upchurch stated that there would have to be an owner over the age of 18. Mr. Upchurch stated we

