

MINUTES
BLEDSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2025

The Bledson County Board of Education met in regular session on November 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Bledson County High School. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Andy Billingsley with 7 members present.

Roll Call:	Mr. Andy Billingsley	-	Present
	Mr. Timothy Churches	-	Present
	Mr. Jacob Frady	-	Present
	Mrs. Carolyn Oakes	-	Present
	Mr. Steve Perry	-	Present
	Mr. Bron Reece	-	Present
	Mr. Don Snow	-	Present

1. Approval of the agenda with a change to table Item #12.
Motion: Mr. Reece Second: Mr. Perry
Vote: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE
 Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Perry: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE
Motion Passed
2. Approval of the minutes from the October 13, 2025 regular meeting of the Bledson County Board of Education.
Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Churches
Vote: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE
 Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Perry: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE
Motion Passed
3. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending September 30, 2025.
Motion: Mr. Snow Second: Mr. Reece
Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
 Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed
4. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve quarterly financial reports for the month ending September 30, 2025.
Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Reece
Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
 Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed
5. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director for the approval of budget amendments.
Fund 141 – Amendment #8 FRCX Donations from Fund Balance from FY25 – Unspent Funds
Fund 143 – Amendment #1: Plan to spend down fund balance
Motion: Mr. Reece Second: Mr. Frady
Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
 Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Motion Passed

6. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, and Mrs. Farrah Fields, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instructions, for the approval of TISA Accountability Report.

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

7. Request for approval of annual 2025 Local Education Agency Compliance Report.

Motion: Mr. Billingsley 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

8. Discussion of property behind Pikeville Elementary.

Discussion was to use 3 acres of the property for an outdoor classroom and to advertise for bids for a 3 year lease for remaining property.

Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Reece

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. Directors Update.

Dr. Kristy Walker informed the Board that a meeting place has been booked for the retreat at Fall Creek Falls on January 10, 2025.

Department updates were given by Ms. Kara Walling, Finance Director and Mrs. Sharlene Roberson, Human Resources.

Finance Department – Financial audit completed with no findings. IT audit is being performed now on finance department computers. Workers Comp audit has been performed and do not know results of that at this time.

Human Resources – Two certified positions open at this time for a Deaf Educator and Speech Pathologist. Three assistant positions are open, one at Pikeville Elementary and two at Bledsoe County Middle School. Longevity, Career Ladder and 1.5 percent bonuses will go out in the month of November. Update on Board attending TSBA convention.

10. Request by Mrs. Kristy Owens, Food Service Supervisor, for the approval of bids for Bledsoe County High cafeteria tables.

Vendor	Bid	Notes
Quality Specialty Products	\$39,419.00	Did not meet specifications.
Ernie Morris Enterprises	\$54,063.18	Did not meet specifications
School and Office Supply	\$62,896.00	N/A
Douglas Equipment	\$66,486.38	N/A
Hertz Furniture	\$68,940.00	N/A

Motion was made to approve bid from School and Office Supply.

Motion: Mr. Reece Second: Mr. Oakes

Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

Motion Passed

11. Request by Mr. Brian Turner, Transportation Supervisor, for the approval to purchase a Toyota Sienna van using SWC contract pricing.
Source Well Total Est. Price \$40,511.00
Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mr. Frady
Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
 Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed
12. Request by Mr. Cory Garrett, Special Education Supervisor, for the approval to contract for in-person SLP services. Tabled
13. Recommended policy updates by TSBA:
4.210 – Credit Recovery – Change grade percentage from 60% to 70%
Motion: Mr. Perry Second: Mrs. Oakes
Vote: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: YES
 Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES
Motion Passed

6.309 – Zero Tolerance Offenses – Failed for lack of motion. No update to policy.

6.4081 - Safe Relocation of Students – Change Line 1 from Employee to Teacher
Motion: Mr. Snow 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
14. Old Business. None
15. New Business. None

Date	Meeting	Place	Time
December 1, 2025	Regular Meeting	Cecil B. Rigsby	6:00 p.m.

16. Adjourn.
Motion: Mr. Reece Second: Mr. Perry
Vote: Mr. Billingsley: AYE Mr. Churches: AYE Mr. Frady: AYE
 Mrs. Oakes: AYE Mr. Perry: AYE Mr. Reece: AYE Mr. Snow: AYE
Motion Passed