

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 3, 2024

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in regular session on September 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School. The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Mr. Don Snow with seven members present.

Roll Call: Mr. Andy Billingsley - Present
 Mr. Tim Churches - Present
 Mr. Jacob Frady - Present
 Mrs. Carolyn Oakes - Present
 Mr. Steve Perry - Present
 Mr. Charles(Bron) Reece - Present

1. Election of Board Chairman.

Nominee # 1 – Mr. Andy Billingsley

MOTION: Mrs. Oakes SECOND: Mr. Frady

Nominee # 2 – Mr. Tim Churches

MOTION: Mrs. Perry SECOND: Mr. Reece

Motion for nominations to cease:

MOTION: Mr. Frady 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

Vote for Nominee #1 – Mr. Andy Billingsley

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Churches: NO Mr. Frady: YES

 Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Perry: NO Mr. Reece: NO Mr. Snow: YES

Vote for Nominee #2 – Mr. Tim Churches

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: NO Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: NO

 Mrs. Oakes: NO Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: NO

Mr. Andy Billingsley was elected Chairman

At this time Mr. Snow, Co-Chairman, turned the meeting over to Mr. Billingsley

2. Election of Co-Chairman

Mr. Don Snow was nominated for Co-Chair by Mr. Frady and seconded by Mrs. Oakes. Mr. Snow declined the nomination.

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Nominee # 1 – Mr. Tim Churches

MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Reece

Nominee # 2 – Mrs. Carolyn Oakes

MOTION: Mr. Snow SECOND: Mr. Frady

Motion for nominations to cease:

MOTION: Mr. Frady 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

Vote for Nominee #1 – Mr. Tim Churches

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: NO Mr. Churches: YES Mr. Frady: NO

Mrs. Oakes: NO Mr. Perry: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: NO

Vote for Nominee #2 – Mrs. Carolyn Oakes

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

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

Mrs. Carolyn Oakes was elected Co-Chairman

3. Approval of the Agenda with the addition of 15a. Request for approval for an overnight trip to Dreammore Resort on September 29, 2024. We will be returning Sept. 30, 2024. Three students will be attending a Hospitality Innovations conference at Dollywood.

MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Frady

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

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

Motion Passed

4. Approval of the minutes from the August 12, 2024 regular meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.

MOTION: Mrs. Oakes 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

5. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for month ending July 31, 2024.

MOTION: Mr. Churches 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

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6. Request by Mr. Mark Oxner, Grant Manager, of the ESSER budget proposal. There is still \$298,000.00 in the ESSER budget. Mr. Oxner explained that this money is for bill backs to General Fund except for the math pads for chrome books for learning loss.

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

7. Mr. Alan Jones to present concept and opinion of probable cost for site for soccer practice field and flag football field. Mr. Jones could not attend the meeting. Mr. Brian, Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, stated that Mr. Jones would like some clarification if the Board wanted opinion on probable cost on three sites that were discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Turner informed the Board that he thought that the site behind the baseball centerfield would be the easiest and lowest cost site to get ready. He stated that baseball also would like for the fence to be moved in to shorten the outfield which would give more room.

Mr. Perry agreed that this site would be the easiest, lowest cost and fastest site to get ready.

The Board was in agreement to have Mr. Jones move forward with opinion of probable cost for the site behind the baseball field.

8. Approval to accept the Fiber Optic Technician Grant. This grant is to teacher Fiber Optics at the high school. Mr. Upchurch, Board Attorney, reviewed the contract. Bledsoe County Schools was the only school in the state to receive this grant. This is 90% funded grant.

MOTION: Mr. Frady 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

9. Approval for Bethany Frady to be issued a Board credit card. Mr. Frady disclosed that Mrs. Bethany Frady is his sister-in-law.

MOTION: Mr. Snow SECOND: Mr. Churches

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

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

Motion Passed

10. Approval of surplus property for Bledsoe County Middle School. Item was removed from agenda

11. Approval of Athletic Trainer Contract.

Mr. Upchurch reviewed the contract for approval. This a 100% funded grant.

MOTION: Mr. Frady SECOND: Mr. Perry

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

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

12. Approval of picture contract for Mary V. Wheeler Contract.

The contract for Mary V. Wheeler is with Lauren+Bee Photography. Mr. Upchurch, Board Attorney, had some concerns with the contract and suggested that the school use the contract that he had drafted for 3.2.1. Say Cheese for some of the other schools. He suggested the Board approve the contract pending approval by both parties.

MOTION: Mr. Frady 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 Pass

13. Approval of updated policies from TSBA.

Policy # 4.201 - Class Size Ratios. Tabled to review wording.

Policy # 4.301 - Interscholastic Athletics - As recommended TSBA

MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Billingsley

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

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

Motion Passed

Policy # 4.600 - Grading System – As recommended by TSBA

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

Policy # 6.203 - School Admissions

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley to approve with the change on line 20 from 30 days to 60 days. Failed for lack of a second

Motion was for approval with the revision of 30 days changed to 60 days, and to add the language “and after examination of the delinquent offense.”

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

Policy # 6.318 - Admission of Suspended or Expelled Students – As Recommended by TSBA

MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Billingsley

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

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

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Policy # 6.300 - Code of Conduct

With the addition of wording Principal and Assistant Principal throughout policy.

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

Policy # 6.309 - Zero Tolerance Offenses

Motion to keep the original policy as drafted by Mr. Upchurch.

MOTION: Mr. Frady 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

Policy # 6.316 - Suspension – As recommended by TSBA

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

Policy # 4.214 - Use of Artificial Intelligence Program

With the addition on line 6 District Technology Staff. Line 24 and 25 additions”
will be posted on school website”

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

14. Old Business. No new business

15. New Business.

15a. Request for approval for an overnight trip to Dreammore Resort on September 29. We will be returning Sept. 30. Three students will be attending a Hospitality Innovations conference at Dollywood

MOTION: Mr. Perry SECOND: Mr. Snow

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

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

Motion Passed

16. Director's update.

Mrs. Sparkman recognized and thanked the following certified staff for 30 plus years of service to Bledsoe County Schools.

Sherry Degenaro – 31 Years

Becky Ridley – 32 Years

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Ronny Collier – 32 Years
Diane Hannah – 33 Years
Libby Ellis – 33 Years
Kim Ford – 34 Years
Terry Hatfield – 37 Years
Elizabeth Hannah -39 Years
Karen Angel – 44 Years
Cathy Standefer – 45 Years
Cathy Smith – 50 Years

Mrs. Sparkman stated she had attended the Governors Rural Summit to highlight Bledsoe County Schools.

Mary V. Wheeler

6 students Mountaineers of the month
Receive Certificate and gold dollars
AR reading kick off day. Theme was the 60's
First stem project – Weather Station – Question does the weather get reported accurately in Pikeville
Does accurately report the temperature
Mary V. Wheeler 60th celebration September 29, 2024

Cecil B. Rigsby

Afterschool program started
Cooking in afterschool, healthy recipes
Tutoring beginning
Created a Digestive system
Stem project - what you do with parts of a pumpkin, partnering with Swafford Farms

Pikeville Elementary

Morning school and afterschool started
Target Pledge Safe, Responsible and Respectful
Student of the month
Little blue homecoming celebration
Most to show up to the game will get an ice cream party
Kindergarten Nursery Rhyme Olympics
Work of the week best work is displayed in the hallway
3rd and 5th studying Engineering process and 3rd grade has built bridges
Stem work has started and will be about recycling

Bledsoe Middle School

Homecoming Week
Football won first home game against Whitwell
8th graders recognized at home football game
8th graders recognized at Softball game.
Homecoming Queen
JV Softball only lost one game
Dissected Sheep Brains

