

MINUTES  
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2022

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 7, 2022 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 the following changes  
15a. Change to agenda item #4 to make amendment #10 a separate agenda item, to amend for the purchase of a new accounting server.  
15b Addition of item 15b. to approve contract with Mr. Jason Morris, Architect.  
MOTION: Mr. Farmer 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  
Motion Passed
2. Approval of the minutes from the February 7, 2022 regular meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.  
MOTION: Mr. Billingsley 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  
Motion Passed
3. Request by Mrs. Janice Ritchie, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending January 31, 2022.  
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  
Motion Passed
4. Request by Mrs. Janice Ritchie, Finance Director, for budget amendments.  
Amendment #4 – To amend for the acceptance of the TVA Grant  
Amendment #5 – To amend Operations and Maintenance line items  
Amendment #6 – To amend Transportation line items  
Amendment #7 – To amend Transportation to allow for the purchase of an FY23 bus in FY22  
Amendment #8 – To amend other non-payroll items  
Amendment #9 – To amend for the change in Erate Percentage  
Amendment #11- To amend Voluntary Pre-K to match State Approved Grant  
Amendment #1 – To amend line items for Food Service  
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  
Motion Passed

5. Request by Mrs. Janice Ritchie, Finance Director for the approval of the revised ESSER 2 and ESSER 3 budget.  
Building project funds were moved to the ESSER 3.0 grant to have a completion date of 2024. Also, this approves bus assistants beginning the fall of 2022 to be funded from the ESSER 2.0 grant.  
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  
Motion Passed
6. Request by Mr. Ronnie Collier, FFA Advisor, for approval to attend Forestry Camp at Fall Creek Falls on May 29<sup>th</sup> thru June 3, 2022 and the TN FFA Forestry Contest at Camp Clements June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 also to use buses for transportation and the use of buses during the camp.  
MOTION: Mr. Snow 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  
Motion Passed
7. Discussion of Property behind Pikeville Elementary School.  
The concern is the overgrowth and the existence of an old pond on the property.  
A suggestion was made that Mr. Ronnie Collier, Agriculture Instructor, come up with possible ways that the Agriculture class could use the property.  
Motion was made for Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, to get estimates of cost to take care of overgrowth on the property and evaluate the situation.  
MOTION: Mr. Billingsley 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  
Motion Passed
8. Approval of TVA Funding Agreement(s).  
This allows funds to be used for energy improvement at Pikeville Elementary LED lighting, control system and new thermostats for energy management.  
Chairman Boring acknowledged that he is an employee of TVA.  
MOTION: Mr. Farmer SECOND: Mr. Billingsley  
VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YES Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES  
Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES  
Motion Passed
9. Appointment of a Finance Committee.  
Members appointed:  
1. Mr. Vincent Boring  
2. Mrs. Carolyn Oakes  
3. Mr. Andy Billingsley  
Alternate: Mr. Ben Farmer  
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  
Motion Passed
10. Revision and update of policies.  
New Graduation Ceremony Policy  
4.606  
4.802  
4.805  
After discussion of the Graduation Ceremony Policy Mr. Billingsley, expressed concerns that this policy could leave the Board open for issues in the future.  
Mr. Snow made a recommendation to approve policies



MOTION: Mr. Snow                      SECOND: Mr. Frady

VOTE:    Mr. Billingsley: NO Mr. Boring: YES Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES  
         Mrs. Oakes: YES Mr. Reece: YES Mr. Snow: YES

Mr. Billingsley clarified that his vote of NO was not on all policies, but they were voted on in the same item.

11. Project Updates.

- Bleacher – Bledsoe County High School bleachers are complete.
- Roof – Roofs for Bledsoe County Middle School should be finished middle to late April. Bledsoe County High School roof is complete.
- Cooling Tower – Bledsoe County High School Cooling Tower is complete. Replacement of needed HVAC equipment is also completed.
- Auditorium Seating- Bledsoe County High School seating is an ongoing project.
- Covid Clinic- Unit should be delivered in the middle of June, site work is complete except for footers. No footer plans have been received from the manufacturer.
- HVAC - Pikeville Elementary and Bledsoe County Middle School: Bids should be ready by May meeting.

Mr. Andy Billingsley suggested that completed projects be posted in the Bledsonian Banner, Facebook and Bledsoe County Schools Website.

12. Update on architectural firm to do a full schematic design on building for Quarterback Club. Building is being designed by Summer Town Metals. Delivery of building will from 8 to 10 weeks from order date. Bledsoe County Board of Education will pay for cost of drawing for the building. That amount will be \$1,250.00. Topographical survey will be completed by March 25, 2022 and site design by April 15, 2022

Site design will be for the Quarterback Club Building and re-grading of the softball field to address storm water issues with the field.

Mr. Allen Jones is the architect on this project.

13. Approval of a schematic design and proposal for Softball Building.

There are two proposed options for this building:

Option #1: Use the design drawings that were bid at an earlier date that came in over budget when bid and incorporate subcontractors that are willing to provide their services for free or at a reduced rate. This building would qualify under the ESSER Grant guidelines and ESSER Grant funds could be used to fund this project

Option #2: To break apart the design into two facilities. Use the subcontractors that are willing to provide free or reduced rate services to reduce cost.

This option would not qualify under the ESSER Grant so other funds would have to be used to fund project.

After much discussion Mr. Farmer suggested the following:

Mr. Farmer stated that Mr. Allen Jones, Architect, should develop a set of bid packages for this building as drawn and try to reduce the cost to make it affordable. Breaking out the bid packets and releasing them for public bid and strongly encouraging individuals to bid and meet the standard bond requirements and bring it back to the Board as it was bid.

This will give the Board a realistic budget for this project in order to proceed.

14. Discussion of contract for Multipurpose Building.

There was discussion of incorporating a new central office into this building project. Motion was made by Mr. Farmer for a schematic design, a project program, a square foot total budget and location to be presented to the board.

MOTION: Mr. Farmer                      SECOND: Mr. Billingsley

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

Motion Passed

15. New Business.

Chairman Boring recognized that Mrs. Janice Ritchie, Finance Director, will be leaving her position as finance director to pursue a new position at Local Government Corporation. Chairman Boring thanked Mrs. Ritchie for her service.

15a. Approval of Amendment #10 for funds to purchase a new accounting server and to approve the purchase of the new accounting serve from Local Government Corporation

MOTION: Mr. Frady 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

New Finance Director for Bledsoe County Schools Mrs. Kara Walling was also recognized.  
Motion Passed

15b. Approval of contract with Mr. Jason Morris, Architect.

AIA contract Scope of Work which will be a pre-cursor to a larger master plan.

Motion was made by Mr. Farmer to approve contract with Mr. Jason Morris, Architect, which includes a fee of two thousand dollars (2,000.00).

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

Motion Passed

MEETING	TIME	PLACE	Date
Planning Session	5:30 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle School	April 18, 2022
Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle School	April 18, 2022

1. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Billingsley SECOND: Mr. Reece

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

  
Board Chairman

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Director of Schools