

MINUTES  
BLEDSOE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 6, 2023

The Bledsoe County Board of Education met in Regular Session on April 6, 2023, at 6:10 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 via zoom
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 for the following additions:

18a. Ms. Bridget Loyd's request to approve a trip to Costa Rica to study Sea Turtles.

18b. Discussion of the condition of the Bledsoe County High football facility

18c. Discussion of the old Health Department building and the Board intention of accepting the building.

Motion: Farmer

Second: Snow

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 March 6, 2023 regular meeting and the March 20, 2023 special called meeting of the Bledsoe County Board of Education.

Motion: Boring

Second: Oakes

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

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

3. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, to approve monthly financial reports for the month ending February 28, 2023.

Motion: Billingsley

Second: Farmer

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

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

4. Request by Mrs. Kara Walling, Finance Director, for the approval of Budget Amendments for fund 141.

Motion: Farmer

Second: Frady

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

5. Approval of new pay scales, effective July 1, 2023.

Motion to approve Draft #1 as presented without banded steps.

Motion: Frady

Second: Farmer

VOTE: Mr. Billingsley: YE Mr. Boring: Mr. Farmer: YES Mr. Frady: YES

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

6. Discussion and/or approval of budget for the 2023-24 budget year. Tabled to Recessed Meeting





Mr. Allen Jones addressed the Board on an update. He stated that after a walk through that everything has been signed off on, field, the fencing, all the grading and site work for the field that was approved. He also stated that a storm had come through and torn down the outfield fencing and that Mr. Perry and some parents has temporarily fixed the fence. Mr. Brian Turner, Maintenance Supervisor, it getting estimates on the fencing repairs. The backstop netting is not installed properly, so that is being worked through with the contractor. Revised payout # 4 has been issued; the netting was removed until the issue is resolved.

18. New Business.

18a. Request by Mrs. Bridget Loyd's for a trip to Costa Rica to study sea turtles with her AP Environmental Science class.

Motion: Farmer

Second: Oakes

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

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

18b. Discussion of the condition of the Bledsoe County High football field

Board members had received a call from a concerned parent about the hardness of the football field soil and was concerned that injuries may occur to due to the hardness of the field. A suggestion was made that a compaction test could be performed. Ms. Bridget Loyd, Assistant Soccer Coach, spoke up and stated that most of their injuries had been at other fields, not the home field.

18c. Discussion of Health Department and the Boards intention of accepting the building.

The Board requested that Mr. Jason Morris take a look at the old Health Department Building and report back to the Board on his review of the building and estimated cost for renovation and repairs.

Meeting Dates:

Meeting	Date	Time	Place
Planning Session	May 1, 2023	5:30 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle School
Regular Meeting	May 1, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Bledsoe County Middle School

19. Director's update.

Updates include the following:

Rigsby Elementary:

The Discovery Museum brought some centers to share with students for Title I family reading night.

PTO had a concession stand that evening to raise funds for upcoming projects.

The Museum gave away a family pass to visit the Discovery Museum.

Nine weeks honor roll highlighted students who had A honor roll and perfect attendance.

Third grade completed their solar system projects and presented to classmates.

Kindergarten enjoyed making butter as part of a Colonial Unit.

Younger students enjoyed an egg hunt and fun activities to celebrate Spring.

Pikeville Elementary:

Pre-K went on a field trip to the zoo

PTO sold popcorn to students so they could have a popping Spring break.

Fifth grade dressed as their favorite famous Tennessean and gave presentation.

March students of the month were presented with a certificate, 2 bill, and a one dollar gold coin donated by our local banks.

4-H demonstrations were presented.

Bledsoe County Middle School:

Celebrated eight grade volleyball players  
Kicking off testing with a pep rally on April 17, 2023  
Had a great turn out for parent-teacher conference, more than 50 parents showed up to watch students present their own data  
Students who achieved a three or four on last bench mark were rewarded.  
Held a Warrior Rally. Students earned stars by having good attendance, no discipline referrals, and honor roll. They more stars they earn, the more time that they get to attend the rally.  
Students received gift cards for improved attendance.

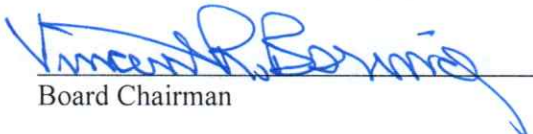
Mary V. Wheeler:

Students were rewarded for achieving their school wide accelerated reader goal.  
Attendance gift cards were given to students with improved attendance  
Students will be sharing their data with parents at tonight's Spring Fling.  
Students received tickets for games and a slide in the gym.

Bledsoe County High School:

FAFSA Champion designation for 2023. It is awarded to students whose Tennessee Promise FAFSA completion rate increased by 5% over the previous year.  
Bledsoe County High has more students enrolled in AP course than any other district in the Upper Cumberland.  
Softball is undefeated.  
Three students have signed academic and athletic scholarships  
Student athletes helped work and Fall Festival and the Fall Festival Committee donated \$2,250.00 to the athletic department.  
There was a talent show at the High School today  
College planning night is April 18, 2023  
Science Department received two grants for materials and supplies this year from SVEC and one from Tennessee AP Access For All.  
Fourteen students competed in the Regional Science Fair at Tennessee Tech and received a first, second and third place exhibits as well as placing in individual categories. \$7,000.00 was received in scholarship money for the students and 700 to spend on classroom supplies.  
Mr. Frady's two students got certification in 3G6 and one in open route.  
FFA went to Gatlinburg for the State Convention, 29 students attended. One student was named the Tennessee Star in Agriscience and was state winner in her Agriculture education proficiency and was also selected to serve as the state officer centennial. Two other students won state runner up in the Agscience Fair, 2 placed fifth, 2 placed seventh and 1 place eighth.  
Classnight is May 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
Special Olympics is on May 5, 2023  
Graduation is May 19, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

20. Recessed until April 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at Bledsoe County Middle School

  
Board Chairman

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Director of Schools