



Blount County Government

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Meeting Minutes

Education Committee

Commissioner Mike Akard
Commissioner Robbie Bennett
Commissioner Brad Bowers
Commissioner Nick Bright
Commissioner Misty Davis
Commissioner Jessica Hannah
Commissioner Earl McMahan
Commissioner Steve Mikels
Commissioner Dawn Reagan
School Board Member Fred Goins
School Board Member Erica Moore

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

12:30 PM

Lanier Elementary School
6006 Lanier Road, Maryville, TN 37801

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Education Committee met at Lanier Elementary School in Maryville, Tennessee, on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. Blount County Education Committee Chairperson Dawn Reagan called the meeting to order. There were 10 members present and 1 absent, with the late arrivals of Commissioners Jessica Hannah and Mike Akard. The Chair declared that a quorum did exist. In addition to the Education Committee members, others present were: Director of Schools David Murrell; Assistant Director Jake Jones; Chief Financial Officer Troy Logan; Assistant CFO Deena Finley; and Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke; and school board members: Robby Kirkland and Vandy Kemp. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present** 10 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, and School Representative Fred Goins
- Absent** 1 - School Representative Erica Moore

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Mikels, that the agenda be set. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, and none opposed. The Chair declared the motion to have passed.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Education Committee Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2022-Sep-27](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, that the minutes be approved. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, none opposed. The Chair declared the motion to have passed.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There was none.

D. REPORTS.

1. Maintenance/Construction Report.

Blount County Schools Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke gave the maintenance/construction report that included:

COMPLETED PROJECTS -- gym floors redone at five schools; replaced Montvale Elementary bleacher seating in gym; painted Townsend Elementary gym.

ONGOING PROJECTS -- Union Grove Middle HVAC control system; Heritage High (HHS) HVAC Phase 1b and 2; ceiling roof repair at William Blount 9th Grade Academy; William Blount High (WBHS) baseball outfield fence; Lanier Elementary HVAC replacement; Eagleton College and Career (ECCA) track field, field house, press box and parking; multi-school HVAC contract; HHS CTE renovation; Heritage Middle (HMS) roof repair; and HHS soccer field lights.

PROJECTS ON BID -- Townsend Elementary cooling tower replacement and ECCA Science lab renovation.

FUTURE PROJECTS -- Fairview Elementary roof replacement; HHS security vestibule; HMS practice field; and WB softball concession renovation.

Schools Maintenance closed 253 work orders that included a mini split for wheelchairs at HHS and ADA sidewalk; repaired a damaged fence line between HMS and HHS; installed a new fence at Porter Elementary; replaced bathroom vanities and sinks at Carpenters Middle and HMS; led lights in ECCA gym, and an ADA sidewalk and chairlift Walland Elementary.

There was no action taken.

2. Financial Report.

Blount County Schools Chief Financial Officer Troy Logan spoke about the capital project at ECCA for 3 Science lab classrooms (fund 177); and a start up budget for a 6th Grade Drug Education Program at five schools.

There was no action taken.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Report from Lanier Elementary School Principal.

Lanier Elementary School Principal Dr. Teresa Robinson addressed the meeting attendees. She spoke of the new sewer system at LES, and of LES winning the Academic Olympics. LES just celebrated their 100th year. She mentioned that LES was a K-12 school until 1979, and a K-8 until 1988. The school's current enrollment is 350 students.

There was no action taken.

2. Report from the Director of Schools.

Director of Schools David Murrell applauded Dr. Robinson for her years of service, and noted that Friendsville and Lanier schools have celebrated their 100th years.

There was no action taken.

3. Blount County School Board.

School Board member Fred Goins spoke of growth in the county and how that impacts the schools.

There was no action taken.

4. Other.

The Chair recognized Commissioner Akard who spoke of contingencies in school construction bid contracts. A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, to pursue the creation of an account line for school contingency expenses that would be replenished as needed. (It would function much like an escrow account.) A voice vote was taken on the motion with all voting aye, none opposed. The Chair declared the motion to have passed.

Commissioner Mikels spoke of the FFA and 4H barn and showroom at HHS, and their need of a dry storage for feed and for the concessions and restrooms to be updated. There was no action taken.

School Board member Robby Kirkland spoke about student school fees being funded; and about combining the 4 cents and 10 cents for fund 177. There was no action taken.

5. Next Meeting - November 29, 2022 - location to be announced.

The Education Committee would like to meet at Walland Elementary School on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. The Central Office will make arrangements.

6. Discussion of the 2023 Education Committee Meeting Schedule.

The committee proposed meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Union Grove Elementary School; and on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at Union Grove Middle School. The Central Office will make arrangements.

G. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Mr. Forrest Erickson of School District 6 talked about planetarium and astronomy education.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, to adjourn. The Chair declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Education Committee meeting adjourned on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 1:50 p.m.