



# Blount County Government

359 Court Street  
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Education Committee

*Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Chairwoman*

*Commissioner Nick Bright, Vice Chair*

*Commissioner Mike Akard*

*Commissioner Robbie Bennett*

*Commissioner Brad Bowers*

*Commissioner Misty Davis*

*Commissioner Jessica Hannah*

*Commissioner Earl McMahan*

*Commissioner Steve Mikels*

*School Board Members (ex officio, non-voting):*

*Fred Goins and Robby Kirkland*

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Monday, October 30, 2023

12:30 PM

Middlesettlements Elementary School  
3105 Miser Station Rd., Louisville 37777

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### ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the Blount County Education Committee met at Middlesettlements Elementary School in Maryville, Tennessee, on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. Blount County Education Committee Chair Dawn Reagan called the meeting to order. There were 7 members present and 4 absent, with the late arrival of Commissioner Jessica Hannah. 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; Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke; and School Board Member Vandy Kemp. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

**Present** 7 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Nick Bright, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Earl McMahan, and Commissioner Dawn Reagan

**Absent** 4 - Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Steve Mikels, School Representative Fred Goins, and School Representative Robby Kirkland

### A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Education Committee Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2023.](#)

**Attachments:** [MeetingMinutes26-Oct-2023-10-40-14](#)

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, and none were opposed. The Chair declared the motion to have passed.

## C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Harry Grothjahn of District 2 commented about open meetings, and dollar figures for capital improvement projects.

## D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was none.

## E. NEW BUSINESS.

### 1. School District Reports.

The Chair recognized the Director of Blount County Schools David Murrell. He welcomed the attendees to Middlesettlements Elementary School (MES). MES Principal Suzanne Graves gave the attendees a tour of the school.

Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke highlighted capital improvement projects such as the roof replacement at Fairview Elementary; multi-school HVAC replacements at Union Grove Elementary and Friendsville Elementary; and new bleachers at Townsend Elementary. His presentation also included a slide the following projects: **UNDER CONSTRUCTION:** Heritage High security vestibule; Montvale Elementary gym floor replacement; multi-school HVAC replacement; Heritage High CTE building renovation; Heritage High and William Blount High turf fields. **CLOSE TO BID/AWARD:** Heritage Middle baseball practice field; Carpenters Middle awning; William Blount High softball food/restroom facility; Sam Eevertt HVAC; Lanier Elementary steam boiler conversion; and district-wide VFD installation. **FY2023-24:** William Blount High CTE building renovation; William Blount High roof repair/replace; Walland Elementary gym roof replacement; Friendsville Elementary gym roof replacement; Middlesettlements Elementary secure main entrance; Montvale Elementary secure main entrance; multi HVAC controls; and Central Office bathroom renovation. **OTHER:** Porter Elementary gym chimney removal; Fairview Elementary wheelchair stair lift; and Union Grove Middle and Walland Elementary gym floor screen/recoat.

Director Murrell announced that a Strategic Plan in Action on Effective Instruction would be held at Carpenters Middle School on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 8:45 a.m. An official invitation would be sent to the Board of Commissioners and School Board members.

There was no action taken.

### 2. Blount County School Board.

The School Board had nothing to report.

### 3. Next Meeting - Friday, November 17, 2023 - location to be announced.

The Chair announced that the next Education Committee meeting would be held at Carpenters Middle School on Friday, November 17, 2023. The Education Committee will not meet in December 2023 or January 2024.

**F. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Harry Grothjahn of District 2 commented about 5G towers.

**G. ADJOURNMENT.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers that the meeting be adjourned. The Chair declared the meeting be to adjourned. The Education Committee meeting adjourned on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 1:57 p.m.