



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Education Committee

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

12:30 PM

Carpenters Middle School
920 Huffstetler Rd., Maryville, TN 37803

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Education Committee met at Carpenters Middle School in Maryville, Tennessee on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 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. The Chair declared that a quorum did exist. In addition to the Education Committee members, others present were: Assistant Director of Schools David Murrell; Assistant Director Jake Jones; Fiscal Administrator Troy Logan; Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke; Carpenters Middle School Principal Jordan Ridenour; Board of Education members Diane Bain and Vandy Kemp; and County Commissioner Jared Anderson. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present** 7 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Vice Chair Nick Bright, Chairperson Dawn Reagan, School Representative Fred Goins, and School Representative Debbie Sudhoff
- Absent** 4 - Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Commissioner Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Joe McCulley, and Commissioner Steve Mikels

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

Yes: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Reagan, Goins, and Sudhoff

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Crowe, Lawhorn, McCulley, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- [Education Committee Meeting Minutes for May 31, 2022.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2022-May-31](#)

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

Yes: 5 - Akard, Bennett, Bowers, Bright, Reagan, Goins, and Sudhoff

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Crowe, Lawhorn, McCulley, and Mikels

Abstain: 0

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON 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, such as: Lanier Elementary sewage plant; Heritage High (HHS) and William Blount High (WBHS) commons areas painted and ceiling/lighting replaced; Eagleton College and Career Academy (ECCA) ceiling/lighting replaced; ECCA tenth grade hallway painted; seven schools remodeled classroom floors; Montvale Elementary gym repainted; ECCA lower gym floor refinished; Central Office boardroom, hallway, and front office received new flooring and paint. Ongoing projects included: screen and recoating the gyms at Friendsville Elementary, Lanier Elementary, HHS, and Carpenters Middle; Montvale Elementary gym bleacher replacement; Union Grove Middle replacing failed HVAC unit in seventh grade hallway; HHS HVAC phases 1b and 2; WBH baseball outfield fence replacement; William Blount 9th Grade Academy roof repair; Lanier Elementary 28 HVAC unit replacement; HHS and WBHS football turf; ECCA updates of track and field, field houses, press box, CTE and parking lot. Future projects included: multiple school HVAC replacement; HHS CTE renovation; Heritage Middle roof repair; HHS security vestibule; ECCA science lab renovation; Fairview Elementary full roof replacement; Heritage Middle practice baseball field; WBHS softball concessions and sewage; WBHS CTE renovation; replace flooring in remaining Central Office offices; repainting Townsend Elementary gym. Maintenance projects included: removed numerous trees; installed 49 water bottle bubblers; removed 80 old water fountains; restriped six school parking lots; replaced HVAC unit, installed Smart Board, and installed power service for sign at Middlesettlements Elementary; built a partition wall at Porter Elementary; built two divider walls in classrooms at Rockford elementary; ECCA room 22 wall removal, closet converted clinic space, and installed 25 white boards; repiped leaky system, dug voltage line to fieldhouse for alarm system, poured concrete under play clock, installed two goalposts and new shot disks pad, and installed power surge to shed at HHS; Carpenters Elementary and Fairview Elementary removed 16 CRT TVs; demolished two portables behind Central Office; demolished press box and bleachers at Walland Elementary. There were 805 work orders closed.

There was no action taken.

2. Financial Report.

Blount County Schools Fiscal Administrator Troy Logan gave the financial report that included: 2021-2022 books closed; year-end report is 80% complete; beginning budget for next year's federal grants; and sales tax was up 17.5% in July and 11% in August compared to last year.

There was no action taken.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Report from Carpenters Middle School Principal.

Carpenters Middle School Principal Jordan Ridenour spoke about new things going on at their school, such as, the new floor being completed, beginning a Career Exploration class for students interested in teaching, and building an outdoor area with paths and picnic tables located behind the school. Principal Ridenour thanked attendees and welcomed them to visit the school.

There was no action taken.

2. Report from the Director of Schools.

Assistant Director of Schools David Murrell thanked CMS Principal Ridenour. Mr. Murrell spoke of celebrating 75 top achieving educators in the state, and six schools being rated as level 5 schools.

The members discussed multiple food programs, updates on the status of the soccer lights, and the possibility of portables near the soccer field.

There was no action taken.

3. Blount County School Board.

There was nothing to report.

School Board member Kemp thanked the Committee for a productive meeting.

There was no action taken.

4. Other.

There was none, and no action was taken.

5. Next Meeting - October 4, 2022 - Lanier Elementary School.

The Chair had been notified by the principal of Lanier that they would be unavailable for the next meeting. The Chair declared that the next Education Committee meeting would be held at Fairview Elementary School on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. due to fall break.

There was no action taken.

G. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

There was none.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers to adjourn. The Chair declared the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting of the Education Committee adjourned on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 1:32 p.m.