



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
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Meeting Minutes

Education Committee

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

12:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

<https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 940 5193 2175

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Education Committee met electronically via Zoom Meetings on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Blount County Education Committee Chairman Dodd Crowe called the meeting to order. There were 7 members present and 4 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. In addition to the Education Committee members, others present were: Director of Blount County Schools Rob Britt, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jake Jones, Fiscal Administrator Troy Logan, and Maintenance Foreman Terry Baldwin. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

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

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

The Chairman announced that due to a scheduling conflict with the meeting room that this meeting would need to adjourn by 1:00 p.m., and any unfinished business would be addressed at the next regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, to set the agenda. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye and none opposed. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed, and the agenda was set.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Education Committee Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2021.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes of Education Committee Meeting 2021-Mar-2](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that these minutes be approved. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye and none opposed. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed, and the minutes were approved.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There was none.

D. REPORTS.

1. Maintenance/Construction Report.

Maintenance Foreman Terry Baldwin reported that for March 2021 there were 229 work orders closed and 58 in-progress that included: the installation of eight hanging gas heaters at William Blount CTE; construction of a new roof on a portable building and a new fence around the playground at Middlesettlements Elementary; finished installing water bottle filling stations at all the schools; the installation of four 7.5 ton HVAC rooftop units at Friendsville Elementary; and the installation of a new gas meter at William Blount High.

There was no action taken.

2. Financial Report.

Fiscal Administrator Troy Logan gave the financial report that included an item for this month's approval of a multi-year contract with a website developer to redesign the school's existing website and staff training, annual maintenance and updates of the new website. Budget preparations continue for FY2021-22, pending the State's report on preliminary funding numbers.

There was no action taken.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Report from the Director of Schools.

Director of Blount County Schools Rob Britt reported that the schools are prepping for standardized testings; the majority of school staff have been vaccinated for COVID-19; and the budget process for FY2021-22 is underway.

There was no action taken.

2. Blount County School Board.

On behalf of School Board Member Debbie Sudhoff, the Chairman thanked the commission for their support with the Lanier sewer project.

There was no action taken.

3. Other.

Commissioner Reagan inquired about the ACT banners. Mr. Jake Jones reported that the project is underway - permission slips have been sent to the parents and a graphics art student has been selected to design the banners. Commissioner Bright reported that the school board approved the funds needed to procure this project's software and hardware. The Chairman commended the school department's efforts on this project.

Commissioner Akard inquired about donating some machinist equipment to the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Mr. Britt agreed to follow-up with CTE Program Director Alissa Teffeteller and Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jake Jones.

4. Next Meeting - May 4, 2021 - location to be announced.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Bright, that the next committee meeting be held electronically at the Blount County Courthouse. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye and none opposed. The Chairman declared that the next Education Committee meeting would be held electronically via Zoom Meetings at the Blount County Courthouse in Commission Meeting Room 430 on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

G. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

There was none.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Bright that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned. The Education Committee meeting adjourned on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 12:24 p.m.