Blount County Government

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Education Committee

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 | **12:30 PM** | **Blount County Courthouse, Room 430**

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Education Committee met at the Blount County Courthouse in Maryville, Tennessee on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. Blount County Education Committee Vice Chairman Nick Bright called the meeting to order. There were 6 members present and 5 absent with the late arrival of Commissioner Staci Lawhorn. The Vice Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. In addition to the Education Committee members, others present were: Assistant Director of Schools David Murrell; Fiscal Administrator Troy Logan; and Assistant CFO Deena Finley. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present 6 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Vice Chair Nick Bright, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Commissioner Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Joe McCulley, and School Representative Fred Goins

Absent 5 - Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Chairperson Dawn Reagan, and School Representative Debbie Sudhoff

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Akard, that the agenda be set. An electronic vote was taken. The Vice Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Akard, Bright, Crowe, Lawhorn, and McCulley

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bowers, Mikels, Reagan, and Sudhoff

Abstain: 0

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. Education Committee Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2022.

Attachments: MeetingMinutes24-May-2022-03-49-56

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, that the minutes be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Vice Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Akard, Bright, Crowe, Lawhorn, and McCulley

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bowers, Mikels, Reagan, and Sudhoff

Abstain: 0

2. Education Committee Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2022.

Attachments: MeetingMinutes27-Apr-2022-02-51-19

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, that the minutes be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Vice Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Akard, Bright, Crowe, Lawhorn, and McCulley

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Bennett, Bowers, Mikels, Reagan, and Sudhoff

Abstain: 0

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

The Vice Chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to speak to an item on the agenda. No one spoke.

D. REPORTS.

1. Maintenance/Construction Report.

Blount County Schools Assistant CFO Deena Finley gave the maintenance/construction report on behalf of Mr. James Duke. Ms. Finley reported that the work in the school boardroom is 99% complete.
Ongoing projects included a multi-school concrete polishing bid; flooring for Central Office hallway and front office; repaint the gym at Montvale Elementary; Lanier sewage; refinish Eagleton College and Career Academy (ECCA) lower gym floor; screen and recoat the gyms at Friendsville and Lanier Elementary Schools and ECCA upper gym; ceiling/lighting replacement at Heritage and William Blount High Schools commons areas and in ECCA 10th grade; painting the ECCA 10th grade hallway; HHS HVAC Phases 1b and 2 renovation; and ECCA track, field, CTE, field house, press box and parking lot.
Future projects include HHS CTE Renovation.

There was no action taken.

2. Financial Report.

Blount County Schools Fiscal Administrator Troy Logan gave the financial report. Mr. Logan handed out copies of the school system's capital projects proposed for FY 2022-23.

There was no action taken.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Report from the Director of Schools.

Blount County Schools Assistant Director David Murrell gave a brief report in the absence of the Director of Schools Rob Britt. Mr. Murrell stated that Blount County Schools has celebrated their 155th school year; and the summer school program began on May 23, 2022, and will run for 3 weeks.

There was no action taken.

2. Blount County School Board.

School Board member Fred Goins commended the Education Committee for their support over the years, and asked that they continue to be supportive of the new director of schools and school board members.

There was no action taken.

3. Other.

Commissioner Crowe spoke regarding the resolution that will be presented to the full commission establishing an ad hoc committee for a drug prevention program and implementation in Blount County School system. With no objection, the Education Committee members will be added as sponsors of the resolution.

There was no action taken.

4. Next Meeting - August 30, 2022 - location to be announced.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, that the next Education Committee meeting be held at Lanier Elementary School on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. An electronic vote was taken. The Vice Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes:	5 -	Akard, Bright, Crowe, Lawhorn, and McCulley
No:	0	
Absent:	4 -	Bennett, Bowers, Mikels, Reagan, and Sudhoff
Abstain:	0	

G. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

The Vice Chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to speak. No one spoke.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Commissioner Crowe, to adjourn. The Vice Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting of the Education Committee adjourned on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 12:46 p.m.