



# 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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Friday, February 16, 2024

10:30 AM

Rockford Elementary School  
3728 William Mill Rd., Rockford 37853

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### ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the Blount County Education Committee met at Rockford Elementary School in Maryville, Tennessee, on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Blount County Education Committee Chair Dawn Reagan called the meeting to order. There were 10 members present and 1 absent, with the late arrival of Commissioner Robbie Bennett. 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 Kristi Yates; Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke; Human Resources Supervisor Courtney Whitehead; School Board Members Erica Moore and Vandy Kemp; and Melanie Tucker with The Daily Times. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

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

### A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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 October 30, 2023.](#)

**Attachments:** [MeetingMinutes09-Nov-2023-01-16-18](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bright, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, 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.**

There was none.

**D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**E. NEW BUSINESS.**

**1. School District Reports.**

The Chair recognized the Director of Blount County Schools David Murrell. He welcomed the attendees and introduced the school system's new logo "Blount County Strong" B for building relationships, C for controlling our focus, and S for strong.

Human Resources Director Dr. Courtney Whitehead spoke about recruiting first year teachers and starting salaries.

Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke highlighted capital improvement projects such as soccer lights at Heritage High (HHS); cooling tower at Townsend Elementary; Science labs at Eagleton College & Career Academy (ECCA); security vestibule at HHS; wheelchair lift at Fairview Elementary; roof replacement at Friendsville Elementary; gym floor at William Blount (WB); ECCA; gym bleachers at Townsend Elementary; steam boiler replaced with water boilers at Lanier Elementary; CTE renovations; HHS football turf; SESI HVAC; portable demolished at Friendsville Elementary; WB softball concessions, CTE renovation and roof; gym roof replacements at Friendsville and Walland; district-wide energy initiative focus on HVAC and LED lighting fixtures; HHS renovations; and WBHS security entrance.

There was no action taken.

**2. Blount County School Board.**

Nothing was reported.

There was no action taken.

**3. Next Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, location to be announced.**

The Chair announced that the next Education Committee meeting would be held at Porter Elementary School on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. BCS's next Strategic Planning meeting will be on Friday, May 3, 2024, at Heritage High School.

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

There was none.

**G. ADJOURNMENT.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels that the meeting be adjourned. The Chair declared the meeting be to adjourned. The Education Committee adjourned on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 11:38 a.m.