



Blount County Government

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Education Committee

Commissioner Mike Akard
Commissioner Robbie Bennett
Commissioner Brad Bowers
Commissioner Misty Davis
Commissioner John Giles
Commissioner Jessica Hannah
Commissioner Earl McMahan
Commissioner Steve Mikels
Commissioner Dawn Reagan

Ex Officio School Members: John Lowe and Erica Moore

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

12:30 PM

Lanier Elementary School
6006 Lanier Rd., Maryville 37801

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Education Committee met at Lanier Elementary School in Maryville, Tennessee, on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. Blount County Education Committee Chair Dawn Reagan called the meeting to order. There were 9 members present, with the late arrivals of Mike Akard, Jessica Hannah and Steve Mikels, and 2 were absent. The Chair declared that a quorum did exist. In addition to the Education Committee members, others present were: Interim Director of Schools Jake Jones; CTE & Federal Programs Supervisor and Title IX Coordinator Dr. Alisa Teffeteller; District Communications and Elementary Instruction Amanda Vance; Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke; and School Board Chairman Chris Pass. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present** 9 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Earl McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, School Representative John Lowe, and School Representative Erica Moore
- Absent** 2 - Commissioner Brad Bowers, and Commissioner John Giles

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett, 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 December 3, 2024.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2024-Dec-03](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, 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.

There was none.

E. NEW BUSINESS.**1. School District Reports.**

Interim Director of Blount County Schools Jake Jones thanked the attendees for their presence, and Lanier Elementary School for hosting. He mentioned Lanier being a legacy K-12 school for over 100 years! Principal Connie Lotter was introduced to give a presentation about Lanier Elementary School.

Mr. Jones spoke about the BCS Spotlights brochure that included recognizing students that scored 30 or above on the ACT; Counselor Appreciation week; Career & Technical Education (CTE) month; tenured teachers; and the One Book Blitz that all three school systems participate in. He introduced Dr. Alisa Teffeteller as the next interim director of schools.

Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke reported on various on-going projects across the school system, that included: renovation of William Blount (WB) CTE, roofing projects for Friendsville gym and WBHS, Carpenters Middle fire alarm system upgrade, HVAC controls upgrade at Union Grove Middle and Heritage Middle, WB's softball concession stand, HVAC replacement at WB Ninth Grade Academy, tracks at Heritage High and WB. Mr. Duke also mentioned a budget increase request for contingency funding of 177 projects.

There was no action taken.

2. Blount County School Board.

The Chair inquired about the Ex Officio School Members vacancy on the Education Committee since Fred Goins resigned from the BCS Board of Education.

School Board Member John Lowe talked about the various school audits; and preparations for the upcoming 25-26 budget.

The Chair inquired about the Board of Commissioners recognizing this year's Seniors who scored a 30 or above on the ACT. A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, that was seconded by Commissioner Davis, for the item to be on the April 2025 Commission agenda. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, and none were opposed. The Chair declared the motion to have passed. The Chair will follow-up with the Clerk about this item.

3. Next Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at Lanier Elementary School.

The Chair verified that the next meeting of the Education Committee would be on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Without objection, the Chair declared it would be held at Samuel Everett School of Innovation at 12:30 p.m. There was no objection.

F. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

There was none.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, that the meeting be adjourned. The Chair declared the meeting be to adjourned. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, and none were opposed. The Chair declared the motion to have passed. The Education Committee adjourned on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 1:14 p.m.