



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, April 29, 2025

12:30 PM

Montvale Elementary Schools
3128 Montvale Rd., Maryville 37803

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Education Committee met at Montvale Elementary School in Maryville, Tennessee, on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. Blount County Education Committee Chair Dawn Reagan called the meeting to order. There were 9 members present 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 Dr. Alisa Teffeteller; District Communications and Instructional Supervisor Amanda Vance; and Instructional Supervisor Jon Young; and Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

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

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahan, 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 April 1, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [2098_M_Education_Committee_25-04-01_Meeting_Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, 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 AGENDA ITEMS.

There was none.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was none.

E. NEW BUSINESS.**1. Report from Principal.**

The Chair recognized Montvale Elementary School Principal Nichole McCord, who introduced Ambassador Leader and Fourth Grade Teacher Mrs. Jamie Reynolds to speak about Montvale's Ambassador program. The Principal spoke about other community involvement at the school.

2. School District Reports.

The Chair recognized Interim Director of Schools Dr. Teffeteller. She mentioned the school system transitioning to the newly hired director of schools, and the upcoming high school graduation ceremonies.

Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke pointed out the new secured entrance at Montvale Elementary. Other projects he mentioned included: William Blount roof repair/replacement; WB CTE renovation; Heritage and WB High School track projects; and HHS Auditorium renovation (seating, curtains, lights and sound system). The school system's maintenance program was commended for their efforts.

Dr. Teffeteller discussed procuring Science textbooks and kits (\$2.1 million for classroom textbooks and a digital copyright for HS students). Instructional Supervisors Amanda Vance and Jon Young answered questions about the curriculum adoption process.

There was no action taken.

3. Blount County.

The Chair spoke about "Project SEARCH" a program for transitioning students with intellectual and developmental disabilities from high school into employment through internships at community businesses.

There was no action taken.

4. Blount County School Board.

School Board Member John Lowe stated he feels a radical change coming to the county school system.

There was no action taken.

5. Other.

Members discussed inviting the HR and curriculum auditors contracted by the schools to present their findings to the full commission.

There was no action taken.

6. Next Meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 - Location to be Announced.

There was no action taken.

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 to be adjourned. The Education Committee adjourned on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 2:20 p.m.