



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 1, 2025

12:30 PM

Samuel Everett School of Innovation
1500 Jett Rd., Maryville 37804

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Education Committee met at Samuel Everett School of Innovation in Maryville, Tennessee, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. Blount County Education Committee Chair Dawn Reagan called the meeting to order. There were 6 members present and 5 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; Instructional Supervisor Jon Young; Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke; and School Board Chairman Chris Pass. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present** 6 - Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Misty Davis, Commissioner Jessica Hannah, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, and School Representative John Lowe
- Absent** 5 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner John Giles, Commissioner Earl McMahan, and School Representative Erica Moore

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Davis, 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 March 4, 2025.](#)

Attachments: [2042_M_Education_Committee_25-03-04_Meeting_Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mikels, seconded by Commissioner Davis, 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.

The Chair introduced Justin Ridge Principal of SESI. Mr. Ridge mentioned this being SESI's seventh year as a K-12 hybrid school. The hybrid school student attends class in-person one day a week, and the rest is completed at home. The alternative school operates on the second floor. SESI Seniors Tyler Gilliland and Jaiden Studer were introduced to speak of their academic and sports experiences at school. School directors Shonda Hensley for the Upper School (8-12) and Dr. Tom Loud for the Lower School (K-7) were introduced to speak of their experiences at SESI. SESI has been a Reward School for the past three out of four years based on achievement and growth, and were a Level 5 growth school in 2023.

Interim Director of Blount County Schools Dr. Alisa Teffeteller commended the committee for their involvement in the schools and working with the school system.

2. Blount County School Board.

3. Other.

4. Next Meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 - Location to be Announced.

The Chair declared that the next meeting of the Education Committee would be held at Montvale Elementary School on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

F. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

G. ADJOURNMENT.

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