



# Blount County Government

359 Court Street  
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

## Meeting Minutes

### Education Committee

*Commissioner Dawn Reagan, Chairperson*

*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 Erica Moore*

---

Thursday, February 23, 2023

12:30 PM

Eagleton Elementary School  
708 Sam Houston School Rd., Maryville 37804

---

### ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Blount County Education Committee met at Eagleton Elementary School in Maryville, Tennessee, on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. Blount County Education Committee Chairperson Dawn Reagan called the meeting to order. There were 9 members present, with the late arrivals of Commissioners Robbie Bennett and Jessica Hannah, and 2 absent. 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 Officers Troy Logan and Kristi Yates; and Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

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

### 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 opposed. The Chair declared the motion to have passed.

### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Education Committee Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2023.](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 2023-Jan-31](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, that the minutes be approved. A voice vote was taken with all voting aye, and none opposed. The Chair declared the motion to have passed.

**C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

There was none.

**D. REPORTS.****1. Maintenance/Construction Report.**

Blount County Schools Supervisor of Facilities, Maintenance and Capital Projects James Duke gave the maintenance/construction report that included:

**COMPLETED PROJECTS -- none to report.**

**ONGOING PROJECTS --** Heritage High (HHS) soccer field lights, phase 1b and planetarium; William Blount (WB) Ninth Grade Academy roof repairs; Heritage Middle (HMS) roof repair; HVAC replacement at other schools; Townsend Elementary cooling tower replacement; Walland Elementary wheelchair lift; Fairview Elementary roof replacement; HHS security vestibule; HHS HVAC phase 2; Eagleton College and Career Academy (ECCA) CTE, field house and press box; HHS CTE renovation; and ECCA Science lab renovation.

**FUTURE PROJECTS --** synthetic turf for both high school football fields; SESI HVAC replacement units; HMS baseball practice field; WB softball concession building sewage; and WBHS CTE renovation.

Schools Maintenance closed 239 work orders that included: installation of a 5-ton HVAC unit and cleared a sewer clog at Central Office; installed a roof on a lean to at HHS; installed water bottle filling stations at WBHS; and poured a sidewalk at Montvale Elementary.

There was no action taken.

**2. Financial Report.**

Blount County Schools Chief Financial Officer Troy Logan gave the financial report that included the budget work session for FY2023-24; and a budget increase request for K-12 math textbook adoptions and procurement.

There was no action taken.

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.****F. NEW BUSINESS.**

**1. Report from Eagleton Elementary School Principal.**

The Chair declared that going forward this item will immediately follow the roll call as Welcome and Report from the [host] School Principal. There was no objection.

Eagleton Elementary School Principal Buffy Wyrosdick welcomed the attendees and thanked them for visiting the school. Ms. Wyrosdick spoke of some of the highlights at EES that included: re-purposed computer labs for their STEM lab; monthly meetings for their Hispanic families; positive behavior intervention support (PBIS) that focuses on awarding good behavior; and each classroom will soon have an ActivPanel.

**2. Report from the Director of Schools.**

Director of Schools David Murrell commended Principal Wyrosdick on her efforts. Mr. Murrell also extended his appreciation to the commission for their continued support. Mr. Murrell announced that the fifth annual Hall of Fame class would be on March 30, 2023. He stated that former educator and School Board member Fred Goins would be inducted along with four others. Mr. Murrell verbally invited the attendees to a strategic planning of action to take place on Friday, May 5, 2023, at Eagleton Academy.

There was no action taken.

**3. Blount County School Board.**

There was no action taken.

**4. Other.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Akard, that was seconded by Commissioner Bowers, to recommend the Purchasing Department approve and expedite the contract award for the two high school football fields turf to Hellas Construction, Inc. The contract was originally approved by full commission (18-3) on August 18, 2022 (reference Resolution No. 22-08-001). A voice vote was taken with the majority of ayes, and one opposed. The Chair declared the motion to have passed.

**5. Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 4, 2023 - location to be announced.**

The Chair suggested Walland Elementary. There was no objection. Mr. Murrell said he would have Mr. Jones follow-up with the school.

There was no action taken.

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

There was none.

**H. ADJOURNMENT.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett that the meeting be adjourned. The Chair declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Education Committee meeting adjourned on Thursday, February 31, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.