



Blount County

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Meeting Minutes

Education Committee

Ron French - Chairman
Mike Akard
Brad Bowers
Shawn Carter, Sr.
Grady Caskey - Vice Chairman
Dodd Crowe
Jamie Daly
Karen Miller
Tom Stinnett

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

12:00 PM

Walland Elementary School
247 East Miller's Cove Road
Walland, TN 37886

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a meeting of the Blount County Education Committee was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 12:00 pm, at Walland Elementary School in Walland, Tennessee. There were 5 present and 4 absent. Chairman Ron French called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The roll was taken by Chairman French. Chairman French declared there was a quorum. In addition to the Education Committee members, others present were: Rob Britt - Director of Schools, Marla Holbert - Schools Communications Director, Kim Sullivan - Principal of Walland Elementary School, Amy Beth Miller, and School Board Members Debbie Sudhoff and Fred Goins.

Present 5 - Commissioner Grady Caskey, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, Commissioner Jamie Daly, Commissioner Ron French, and Commissioner Karen Miller

Absent 4 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Shawn Carter Sr., and Commissioner Tom Stinnett

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Dodd Crowe, and seconded by Jamie Daly, to set the agenda. A voice vote was taken with Chairman French declaring the motion passed and the agenda set.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Education Committee Meeting Minutes October 31, 2017.](#)

Attachments: [Education Committee Meeting Minutes October 31 2017.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Grady Caskey, and seconded by Dodd Crowe, to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken with Chairman French declaring the motion passed and the minutes approved.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON AGENDA.

There was no public input on items on the agenda.

D. REPORTS.

1. Maintenance/Construction Report.

Rob Britt gave a Maintenance/Construction report, stating that the tennis courts at William Blount High School are completed; and the Rockford Elementary HVAC unit replacement is near completion. He thanked the Commissioners and the Board for fund 177 that has allowed the much needed repairs and renovations at the various schools to be accomplished, and going forward will aid the Schools to be proactive in maintenance.

Dodd Crowe asked for the number of school roofs that have been replaced in the last 3-4 years. Chairman French requested Mr. Britt to gather that information.

There was no action taken in this matter.

2. Financial Report.

A Financial Report was given by Rob Britt in that the current budget year is going well. The School Department has began preparations for the 2018 budget. There was no action taken in this matter.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Report from Walland Elementary School Principal.

Kim Sullivan reported that Walland Elementary School's technology ratio is currently 1:1; their free and reduce is currently 70%; their current enrollment is 305 students; and their largest class around 70 students. She anticipates future growth in enrollment due to several new subdivisions being constructed in the school zone.

2. Report from Director of Schools.

Rob Britt commended Principal Sullivan on her great leadership and the phenomenal work of her staff. He also spoke of Danny Galyon's dedication to leading the students at Everett High. Chairman French spoke of the tough love he had for the students. There was no action taken in this matter.

3. Other.

Karen Miller mentioned a substitute teacher having an issue with students not charging their Chromebooks, and students using cellphones in class. Mr. Britt will bring the issues to the principal's attention.

Grady Caskey asked about protective cases for the iPads issued to students. Mr. Britt stated that each iPad should be issued with a protective case and he will follow-up with the principals to ensure that is occurring.

4. Next meeting - January 30, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. - location to be announced.

Chairman French announced that the next meeting of the Education Committee would be on January 30, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at Heritage Middle School.

G. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

There was no public input on items not on the agenda.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman French declared the meeting adjourned. The Education Committee meeting adjourned on December 5, 2017 at 12:29 p.m.