



# Blount County

359 Court Street  
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

## 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*

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Tuesday, October 10, 2017

12:00 PM

Montvale Elementary School

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### ROLL CALL

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that a meeting of the Blount County Education Committee was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 12:00 pm, at Montvale Elementary School in Maryville, Tennessee. There were 5 present and 4 absent. Vice Chairman Grady Caskey called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The roll was taken by Vice Chairman Grady Caskey. Vice Chairman Grady Caskey declared there was a quorum. In addition to the Education Committee members, others present were: Mike Crabtree - Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Troy Logan - Schools Fiscal Administrator, Marla Holbert - Schools Communications Coordinator, Gary Farmer - Maintenance and Facilities Coordinator, Donna Russell - Principal of Montvale Elementary, Chris Medley, Amy Beth Miller, and School Board Members Jim Compton, Debbie Sudhoff, Fred Goins, Robby Kirkland, and Bill Padgett.

- Present** 5 - Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Shawn Carter Sr., Commissioner Grady Caskey, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, and Commissioner Jamie Daly
- Absent** 4 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner Karen Miller, and Commissioner Tom Stinnett

### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Commissioner Dodd Crowe nominated Commissioner Ron French for Chairman of the Education Committee. The nomination was seconded by Brad Bowers. No other nominations were made. A motion to cease nominations was made by Brad Bowers, and seconded by Shawn Carter. A voice vote was taken with Vice Chairman Caskey declaring the motion passed and nominations for Chairman ceased. Vice Chairman Caskey declared Ron French elected as Chairman.

- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Caskey, Commissioner Crowe, and Commissioner Daly
- No:** 0
- Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Stinnett
- Abstain:** 0

## ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Grady Caskey was nominated by Brad Bowers, and seconded by Dodd Crowe. There were no other nominations made. A motion to cease nominations was made by Dodd Crowe, and seconded by Shawn Carter. A voice vote was taken with Vice Chairman Caskey declaring the motion passed and nominations ceased. A voice vote was taken on the nomination of Grady Caskey as Vice Chairman, with Vice Chairman Caskey declaring the motion passed and Grady Caskey elected as Vice Chairman.

Having no other nominations, a voice vote was taken to re-appoint Commissioner Grady Caskey as Vice Chairman. Vice Chairman Caskey declared the motion passed and Commissioner Grady Caskey re-appointed as Vice Chairman.

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Caskey, Commissioner Crowe, and Commissioner Daly

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Stinnett

**Abstain:** 0

## A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Shawn Carter, and seconded by Jamie Daly, to set the agenda. A voice vote was taken with Vice Chairman Caskey declaring the motion passed and the agenda set.

## B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

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

1. [Education Committee Meeting Minutes June 6, 2017.](#)

**Attachments:** [Education Committee Meeting Minutes June 6, 2017.pdf](#)

## C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON AGENDA.

There was no public input on items on the agenda.

## D. REPORTS:

### 1. Maintenance/Construction Report.

Gary Farmer gave a Maintenance/Construction report of the various ongoing projects at the various schools for re-roofs, replacement rooftop units and boilers, tennis courts and gym floor re-finishing.

Troy Logan reported on the cafeteria table replacements at the various school cafeterias. There was no action taken in this matter.

### 2. Financial Report.

A Financial Report was given by Troy Logan regarding unaudited/unbalanced funds as of June 30, 2017, unreserved/undesignated fund balance, Sales Tax Revenues, current expenditures, and capital project funds update. There was no action taken in this matter.

## **E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

### **1. Other.**

Commissioner Dodd Crowe handed out a sheet entitled "Possible wording for a Joint Resolution to the State of Tennessee". A motion was made by Brad Bowers, and seconded by Shawn Carter to place the item on the Education Committee agenda for December 5, 2017 under New Business for discussion/possible action. A voice vote was taken, and there were none opposed. Vice Chairman Caskey declared the motion passed.

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Bowers, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Caskey, Commissioner Crowe, and Commissioner Daly

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Akard, Commissioner French, Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Stinnett

**Abstain:** 0

## **F. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Report from Montvale Elementary School Principal.**

Ms. Russell, Principal of Montvale Elementary School, reported on the various upgrades and happenings going on in and around the school over the past year. There was no action taken in this matter.

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

Mr. Crabtree gave report on behalf of the Director of Schools. He reported on the Chromebooks issued for grades 3, 6, 9, 11 and 12. He said the State has approached the school system regarding volunteering information of Pre-K students. He mentioned that a handbook should be available for next month's meeting that contains some very interesting information, and is a light read.

Vice Chairman Grady Caskey mentioned the anticipated growth of jobs at Denso and other businesses around the County. He also stated the School Department continually reaches out to the various local industries to put in place learning tools such as the "Workplace Learning" for students. There was no action taken in this matter.

### **3. Other.**

There was no other business.

### **4. Next meeting - October 31, 2017, 12:00 p.m. - Mary Blount Elementary School.**

Vice Chairman Caskey announced the next meeting of the Education Committee would be October 31, 2017, 12:00 p.m. at Mary Blount Elementary

School.

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

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

**H. ADJOURNMENT.**

Vice Chairman Grady Caskey declared the meeting adjourned. The Education Committee meeting adjourned on October 10, 2017, at 12:49 p.m.