



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, January 30, 2018

12:00 PM

Heritage Middle School

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a meeting of the Blount County Education Committee was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Heritage Middle School in Maryville, Tennessee. Vice Chairman Grady Caskey called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The roll was taken by Vice Chairman Caskey. There were 6 present and 3 absent. Vice Chairman Caskey declared there to be a quorum. In addition to the Education Committee members, others present were: Rob Britt - Director of Schools, Troy Logan - Fiscal Administrator, Terry "Mutt" Baldwin - Maintenance Foreman, Amy Beth Miller, and School Board Members Charles Finley, Bill Padgett, Debbie Sudhoff and Fred Goins.

Present 6 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Commissioner Brad Bowers, Commissioner Shawn Carter Sr., Commissioner Grady Caskey, Commissioner Dodd Crowe, and Commissioner Tom Stinnett

Absent 3 - Commissioner Jamie Daly, Commissioner Ron French, and Commissioner Karen Miller

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, to set the agenda. A voice vote was taken. The Vice Chairman declared the motion to have passed unanimously.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Education Committee Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2017.](#)

Attachments: [Education Committee Meeting Minutes 05-Dec-2017.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stinnett, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, that the minutes be approved. A voice vote was taken. The Vice Chairman declared the motion to have passed unanimously.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON AGENDA.

There was no public input on items on the agenda.

D. REPORTS.

1. Maintenance/Construction Report.

Troy Logan gave a Maintenance/Construction report about the various ongoing and recently completed projects at the schools.

Commissioner Crowe inquired of the number of schools with new roofs. Mr. Logan to provide that number. Mr. Logan reiterated that fund 177 has been instrumental in roof replacements and various repairs and renovations.

There was no action taken in this matter.

2. Financial Report.

A Financial Report was give by Troy Logan. He spoke about the County's annual audit report and specifically the School's fund balance; sales tax update; a Safe Schools Grant; and a structural evaluation of both the high school football stadiums conducted by Michael Brady, Inc.

There was no action taken on this matter.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. Discussion/Possible Action Regarding a Joint Resolution to the State of Tennessee.

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to open the floor for discussion, and Commission Carter seconded. Vice Chairman Caskey opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Crowe brought everyone up to date on the joint resolution.

Vice Chairman Caskey shared information regarding State bills filed that directly address the concerns in a positive way.

Mr. Britt gave his input on the suggested wording of the joint resolution. Ms. Sudhoff agreed that the resolution wording needs some finessing. Commissioner Bowers pointed out that time is of the essence.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowe, and seconded by Commissioner Bowers, to request the Blount County School Board to amend a pending resolution and return to next meeting with a final resolution or recommendation. A voice vote was taken. Vice Chairman Caskey declared the motion to have passed.

F. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Report from Heritage Middle School Principal.

Dr. Steve Moser, Principal of Heritage Middle School, spoke about various activities and happenings at their school. They are in their 18th year, it was

built for 600 students and current enrollment is 820 students to-date. They have a new roof over the gym and anticipate a re-roof over the rest of the building soon; they have 7 new HVAC units; and have received several technology equipment upgrades.

There was no action taken in this matter.

2. Report from Director of Schools.

Mr. Rob Britt yielded his time to Michael Brady, Inc. to present the facilities needs assessments recently conducted at Heritage and William Blount High Schools.

There was no action taken in this matter.

3. Discussion/Possible Action Regarding Renovations of the Blount County High Schools.

Mr. Bill Steverson of Michael Brady, Inc. presented the highlights of the facility program needs and requirements findings for both high schools.

Commissioner Akard suggested that the needs and wants be separated and prioritized.

There was no action taken on this matter.

4. Other.

5. Next meeting - February 27, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. - location to be announced.

Vice Chair Caskey announced that the next Education Committee meeting will be at William Blount High School on February 27, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

G. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

In hearing no objections, Vice Chair Caskey declared the meeting adjourned. The Education Committee meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m. on January 30, 2018.