



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Education Committee

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

12:00 PM

Montvale Elementary School
3128 Montvale Rd., Maryville, TN 37803

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a meeting of the Blount County Education Committee was held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at Montvale Elementary School in Maryville, Tennessee. Education Committee Chairman Dodd Crowe called the meeting to order. The roll call was taken by the Chairman. There were 8 present and 1 absent. The Chairman declared there to be a quorum. In addition to the Education Committee members, others present were: Rob Britt - Director of Blount County Schools; Troy Logan - Fiscal Administrator; Terry "Mutt" Baldwin - Maintenance Foreman; Board of Education members Diane Bain and Fred Goins; and County Commissioner Nick Bright. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present** 8 - Commissioner Mike Akard, Vice Chair Brad Bowers, Chairperson Dodd Crowe, Commissioner Jim Hammontree, Commissioner Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Steve Mikels, Commissioner Dawn Reagan, and Commissioner Tom Stinnett
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Joe McCulley

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Education Committee Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [Education Committee Meeting Minutes 2019-Apr-02](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Reagan, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, that the minutes be approved. A voice vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion passed unanimously.

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON AGENDA.

There was none.

D. REPORTS.

1. Report from Montvale Elementary School Principal.

The Director of Blount County Schools Rob Britt introduced the Principal of Montvale Elementary Donna Russell. Ms. Russell reported that there are 325 students currently enrolled at the kindergarten through 5th grade school; various school events; plans for the next school year. She also reported that they were awarded a grant for a stem lab. There was no action taken.

2. Maintenance/Construction Report.

Terry "Mutt" Baldwin gave the Maintenance and Construction report of various projects at the schools to include the installation of water bottle filling stations; playground equipment; HVAC units; and tree removal. He reported that for April there were 254 closed work orders and 126 work orders in-progress.

Troy Logan added that bids were being solicited for a roof replacement on the William Blount CTE building; and renovations at Everett will begin as soon as the asbestos abatement is completed.

There was no action taken.

3. Financial Report.

Troy Logan gave the Financial report that included a summary of the school system's budget request for FY 2019/20; and an update on the fund balance. There was no action taken.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

It was discussed to have School Board members on the Education Committee. Commissioner Akard stated that the County's attorney has been researching this idea. There was no action taken.

F. NEW BUSINESS.**1. Report from the Director of Schools.**

Rob Britt reported on concerns of health insurance premium increases; the declining mental state of students especially at the elementary school level; the need for teacher salary increases in order to be competitive with other school systems; and the need for renovations at the high schools. There was no action taken.

3. Blount County School Board.

The Chairman asked if any school board members present had any input. There was none. There was no action taken.

4. Other.

It was discussed for the County and Schools to acknowledge the students in their academic achievements. There was no action taken.

5. Next Meeting - June 4, 2019 - location to be announced.

The committee agreed to meet again on June 4, 2019, at 12 noon at the Blount County Courthouse in room 433, if available, or at the Central Office.

G. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

There was none.

H. ADJOURNMENT.

The Chairman declared the Education Committee meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.