

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. Boardroom at the Central Office.

Trevor Perry, 12th grade student at Heritage High School, opened the meeting with a student led prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the 5th Grade Safety Patrol Students from Union Grove Elementary.

Roll Call of the Board is as follows:

- Chris Cantrell Present
- Jim Compton Absent
- Charlie Finley Absent
- Trevis Gardner Present
- Fred Goins Present
- Scott Helton Present
- Debbie Sudhoff Present

The clerk declared a quorum and Chairman Gardner called the meeting to order.

There were no **Comments from the Community on Agenda Items**

RECOGNITIONS, REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS

- Classified Employee of the Month-Donna Gray-registered nurse at Heritage High School **David Murrell**
- Kaylin Bailey, Collin Bentley, Foster Harris-QuestBridge Scholarship Winners **Rob Clark**

SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS

- Art Gallery-students from Friendsville Elementary School
- Art Showcase-students from Middlesettlements School
- Boardroom-students from Heritage Middle School

REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Rob Britt

Mr. Britt stated brief budget work sessions would be held before the regular monthly board meetings (February-June) beginning at 4:30 p.m.

SPECIAL QUESTION POLL RESULTS

Fred Goins

69.8% of the teachers voted resulting in 91% choosing BCEA for representation

PERSONNEL

David Murrell

The Personnel Report will stand as submitted

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT

Gary Farmer

Heritage High School-all but three stall doors are corrected in the main building (1-special order; 2-newly damaged)
William Blount High School-five stall doors were back ordered as well as hardware for the main building. Others are on hand and being repaired. All other facilities are being handled as reported.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No business to report

Trevis Gardner

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda for January 8, 2015 Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes for December 4, 2014, Regular Meeting
3. Approval of **NON-PAID, NON-FACULTY COACHES**
 - Keagan Matlock-William Blount High School-Wrestling
4. Approval of **FIELD TRIPS**
 - William Blount High School Interact Club-Pigeon Forge, TN-March 6-8, 2015
 - Heritage High School FFA students-TN State Hog Show- MTSU Murfreesboro, TN-January 20-21, 2015
 - Union Grove Middle School 7th-8th grade band students-Walt Disney World-Orlando, FL-Spring Break March 2016

Motion to approve consent agenda by Mr. Cantrell

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Vote: 5/0 Passed

Motion to approve the agenda by Mrs. Sudhoff

Seconded by Mr. Goins

Vote: 5/0 Passed

AGENDA:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Budget Transfers
 - (a) Fund 141-72610 (GPSF)-\$325
 - (b) Fund 141-72410 (GPSF)-\$6,000

Troy Logan

Motion to approve a & b by Mr. Cantrell

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Vote: 5/0 Passed

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Budget Increase/Decrease
 - (a) Fund 141-76100 (GPSF)-\$88,840

Troy Logan

Motion to approve by Mrs. Sudhoff

Seconded by Mr. Cantrell

Vote: 5/0 Passed

COMMENTS FROM THE BLOUNT COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Nichole McCord, BCEA Vice-President, addressed the Board.

COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Foster Harris (WB) announced the basketball season was underway

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Cantrell stated the Athletics Committee would be meeting within the next couple of months to finalize the upcoming baseball season and were moving away from the TMSAA. He also stated the Alumni Committee had met and the recipients of the Alumni of the Year Award would be recognized at the Excellence in Education Banquet on January 22nd at William Blount High School.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Stephen Phillippy-Hour of Code

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mrs. Sudhoff congratulated the Heritage High School boys’ basketball team on their win over Bearden.

Mr. Cantrell requested the following be read into the record:

“For over 10 years I have been blessed with the opportunity to represent District 2 of the Blount County Board of Education. During this time I’ve been fortunate enough to see many outstanding achievements take place within this wonderful school system. Serving the children of Blount County Schools is an honor, and it requires time and dedication.

Over the past few years I have watched my children grow up all too quickly, and I do not want to miss any more opportunities to witness their achievements. I am at a point in my personal and professional life that I realize I do not have the necessary time to dedicate to a position that is very important to me and all citizens of Blount County. After much thought and consideration, it is with a heavy heart that I am tendering my resignation as a member of the Blount County Board of Education effective February 28, 2015.

I have enjoyed my time on the school board, and I have made countless friends along the way. I appreciate the confidence the citizens of Blount County have shown in me, and I will continue to be an advocate for Blount County Schools.”

Sincerely yours,
Chris Cantrell

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Helton
Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff
Meeting adjourned

Mr. Trevis Gardner, Chairman

Mr. Rob Britt, Secretary