

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

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. Boardroom at the Central Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elliott Gilliam a 3rd grade student at Lanier Elementary School

Roll Call of the Board is as follows:

- Jim Compton Present
- Charlie Finley Present
- Trevis Gardner Present
- Fred Goins Absent
- Scott Helton Present
- Bill Padgett Present
- Debbie Sudhoff Present

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

• **Chairman**

Nomination of Mr. Gardner as Chairman by Mrs. Sudhoff

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

• **Vice-Chairman**

Nomination of Mrs. Sudhoff as Vice-Chairman by Mr. Gardner

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

• **Parliamentarian**

Nomination of Mr. Compton by Mr. Finley

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Vote: 6/0 Passed

• **Tennessee Legislative Network Representative**

Nomination of Mr. Goins as Tennessee Legislative Network Representative by Mr. Helton

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

- Brandon Hurst-Heritage High School
- Samuel Taylor-William Blount High School

Jake Jones

Rob Clark

There were no Comments from the Community on Agenda Items

RECOGNITIONS, REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS

- Carpenters Elementary School-Reward School Status
- BCS June 30, 2015 Internal School Funds Financial Report

Rob Britt
Troy Logan

SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS

- Art Gallery-Carpenters Elementary School
- Art Showcase-Townsend Elementary School
- Boardroom-Carpenters Middle School

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Rob Britt

- Mr. Britt gave a presentation of necessary repairs needed at both Heritage High and William Blount High Schools listing specific areas of major concern. Examples are: roof and gym floor issues, holes in ceiling, science labs with non-working water and gas, locker and bathroom issues, desks falling apart, stadium, theatre and tennis court issues. He stated both schools are in desperate need of many repairs and agenda item number one pertains to his presentation.

PERSONNEL REPORT

David Murrell

- Personnel Report will stand as submitted

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT

Gary Farmer

- There was no Facilities Maintenance Report

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mike Crabtree

- Reorganization of the Technology Department
- Reassessment of system technology resources
- New POS setup in school cafeterias
- Formation of advisory teams
- Visits to other systems who have implemented various digital conversion programs
- Plans for Technology Immersion 101 for administrators in November

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trevis Gardner

- There was no report from the Executive Committee

Motion to approve consent agenda and agenda by Mr. Compton

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

Mrs. Sudhoff requested Agenda Item #4 be pulled from the agenda and sent back to the Calendar Committee.

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to approve the agenda removing Item #4 and sending it back to the Calendar Committee

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda for September 3, 2015, Regular Meeting

2. Approval of Minutes for August 6, 2015, Regular Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes for August 6, 2015, Special Called Meeting
4. Approval of **TRIPS**
 - Heritage High School band students-Senior Clinic in Gatlinburg-February 4-6, 2016
 - Prospect Elementary School 5th grade-Wesley Woods-September 17-18, 2015
 - WBHS 10th grade Youth Leadership Blount-BETA Convention in Nashville, TN-February 24-25, 2016
 - WBHS chemistry students-John Knox Center in Ten Mile, TN-October 21, 2015
 - Heritage Middle School 8th grade-Washington, DC-May 11-14, 2016
5. Approval of **PAID, NON-FACULTY COACHES**
 - Sherryle Kenny-Rockford Elementary School-Basketball
 - Nathaniel Loveday-Rockford Elementary School-Basketball
 - Erica Tuck-William Blount High School-Softball
 - McKenzie Sherman-Eagleton Middle School-Softball
 - McKenzie Sherman-Heritage High School-Softball
 - Chase Everett-Heritage High School-Football
 - Steven Payne-Union Grove Middle School-Girls' Softball
 - Shay Coker-Prospect Elementary School-Boys' and Girls' Basketball
 - Marty Yates-Prospect Elementary School-Boys' and Girls' Basketball
 - Travis Stevens-Lanier Elementary School-Boys' Basketball
 - Wesley Everett-Montvale Elementary School-Boys' Basketball
 - Rob Brantner-Heritage Middle School-Wrestling
6. Approval of **NON-PAID, NON-FACULTY COACHES**
 - Kara Crowe-William Blount High School-Bowling
 - Michael A. Childress-William Blount High School-Football
 - Gordon Everett-Montvale Elementary School-Boys' Basketball
7. Approval of **BUS CHANGE**
 - Bus #81-Richard Pass, owner-change from 66 passenger to 84 passenger on AM and PM routes due to rider capacity

AGENDA:

1. **Discussion and possible action regarding granting the Director of Schools and Staff to write a RFQ for architectural engineering consulting services to assess our facility needs at Heritage and William Blount High Schools for facility/campus remediation, renovation, remodel, and creation of 21st century learning space**
Rob Britt

Mr. Britt stated a recommendation will be brought back to the Board for consideration after qualifications from firms has been received, reviewed and discussed by his staff and the Professional Services Committee. He stated the Board would then choose a consultant and negotiate a fee. The Board and the firm chosen will then develop a capital improvement plan and seek approval from the County Commission. Bids will then be solicited upon Commission approval.

Motion to approve by Mr. Helton
Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff
Vote: 6/0 Passed

2. Discussion and possible action regarding granting the Director of Schools and Staff to write a RFQ for Energy Savings Performance Contracting with the goal being to upgrade the school system's infrastructure, through utilizing savings created by energy/utility upgrades **Troy Logan**

Mr. Logan stated the district currently spends approximately 3.5 million per year on total utilities. He stated a firm will be chosen to develop and implement a facility energy management and conservation program. Mr. Logan stated the firm chosen will guarantee savings. He stated the timeline is lengthy approximately 36-40 weeks before beginning.

Motion to approve by Mr. Compton
Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff
Vote: 6/0 Passed

3. Discussion and possible action regarding request to use architect Doyle Jones to begin process for reroofing:
a) Heritage High School auxiliary gym **Gary Farmer**
b) William Blount High School auxiliary gym
c) Heritage High School main gym

Mr. Farmer requested permission to enter into negotiations with Doyle Jones regarding reroofing Heritage High School's main and auxiliary gyms and William Blount High School's auxiliary gym. He stated once this process is completed, he will bring back a recommendation to the Board for approval.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding 2016-2017 School Calendar **David Murrell**

Removed from Agenda and sent back to Calendar Committee

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid #2015-2359-Produce **Troy Logan**

Recommendation: Reinhart Food Service (low bid)

Motion to approve by Mr. Padgett
Seconded by Mr. Finley
Vote: 6/0 Passed

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid #2015-2361-Ice Cream Products **Troy Logan**

Recommendation: Mayfield Dairy Farms (only company who responded)

Motion to approve by Mrs. Sudhoff
Seconded by Mr. Helton
Vote: 6/0 Passed

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid #2015-2364-Heritage High Partial Re-Roofing **Gary Farmer**

Recommendation: Morristown Roofing (low bid)

Motion to approve by Mr. Compton

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Vote: 6/0 Passed

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid #2015-2363-Electrial Repairs

Gary Farmer

Recommendation: Sun Electric Company (low bid)

Motion to approve by Mrs. Sudhoff

Seconded by Mr. Compton

Vote: 6/0 Passed

COMMENTS FROM THE BLOUNT COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Rebecca Dickenson, BCEA President, spoke regarding the 2015 Tennessee Educator Survey

COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Samuel Taylor (WBHS) informed the Board of the new scoreboard and LED sign at William Blount. He also stated the WB band would be performing on September 19th at UT

Brandon Hurst (HHS) stated the student body was excited about the recent improvements made at Heritage. He also stated students liked using the new Google classroom addition.

There were no Committee Reports

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Driscoll-Bus Complaint

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Board retreat to be held on October 23rd

Family night tailgate at Heritage-William Blount football game on Friday, September 11th

Mr. Compton requested an item be placed on the October agenda regarding establishing a committee to develop a new certified, administrators, and classified salary schedule

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Finley

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Meeting Adjourned

Trevis Gardner, Chairman

Rob Britt, Secretary