

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

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. Boardroom at the Central Office.

A **Moment of Silence** was held.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mattie Gourley, a 2nd grade student and Tanner Gourley, a 5th grade student at Fairview Elementary School

Roll Call of the Board:

- Jim Compton                    Absent
- Charlie Finley                Present
- Fred Goins                    Present
- Scott Helton                 Present
- Robbie Kirkland            Present
- Bill Padgett                 Absent
- Debbie Sudhoff              Present

The Clerk declared a quorum and Chairman Sudhoff called the meeting to order.

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

**Recognitions, Reports and Presentations**

- William Blount Middle School Football Team (Undefeated/Championship Season)
- Attendance Report
- School Nutrition Report

**Stan Burnette  
Stan Burnette  
Karen Helton**

**System Highlights**

- Art Gallery and Showcase-Union Grove Elementary and Fairview Elementary Schools
- Boardroom Art Work-Heritage High School

**Debbie Sudhoff**

**Director of Schools' Report**

**Rob Britt**

Mr. Britt congratulated William Blount on their recent re-accreditation through Advanced Ed. William Blount has a strong leadership team and earned one of the top distinctions in the state. Mr. Britt thanked all those who responded to the recent fire that began behind Walland Elementary School. He stated Mrs. Sullivan and her staff worked in a quick and efficient manner to keep the children safe.

**Personnel Report**

**David Murrell**

Source4Teachers (S4T) has been working diligently to recruit substitute teachers through the community to improve the daily fill rate for teacher absences. Five regional districts surveyed that utilize an electronic service, the fill rates ranged from 84% to 97%. The BCS monthly teacher absence fill rate for this school year is 93% to date, which falls within the range of the regional systems surveyed.

**Technology Report**

**John Herron**

256 tickets were closed in October and 280 tickets were closed in November  
The E-Rate has been approved

## Facilities Maintenance Report

Gary Farmer

304 work orders were received; 296 were closed; and 264 remain open

Roofs at Rockford and Everett are completed and progress is being made on the roofs at Lanier, Eagleton Elementary and Porter

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda prior to voting:

- Policies 4.605, 5.1101, and 6.307 were pulled at the request of the Policy Committee
- William Blount 9th-12th grade students trip to Italy and France on June 1-10, 2018 was pulled until information can be provided on what the liabilities are for the Board of Education

## Motion by Mr. Finley to approve the Consent Agenda

Seconded by Mr. Helton

Vote: 5/0 Passed

## Consent Agenda

1. Approval of **Agenda** for December 1, 2016, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of **Minutes** for November 3, 2016, Regular Meeting
3. Approval of **Minutes** for November 3, 2016, Special Called Meeting
4. Approval of **Trips**
  - William Blount High School Plant Science Class to Biltmore Estates in Asheville, NC on December 9, 2016
  - Heritage High School Indoor Color Guard to Walland Elementary School on December 2-3, 2016
  - Heritage High School Indoor Color Guard to Walland Elementary School on December 16-17, 2016
  - Heritage High School Indoor Color Guard to Walland Elementary School on January 6-7, 2017
  - Heritage High School Band to ETSBOA Clinic in Gatlinburg, TN on February 2-4, 2017
  - William Blount 9th-12th grade students to Italy and France on June 1-10, 2018 (**Pulled from Consent Agenda**)
  - William Blount AFJROTC students to Daniel Boone High School in Gray, Tennessee on January 14, 2017
5. Approval of **In-School Games**
  - Prospect Elementary Annual Orange and Black Basketball Game to be held on December 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m
  - Rockford Elementary Faculty/Staff Volleyball Game to be held on December 16, 2016
6. Approval of **Non-Paid, Non-Faculty Coaches**
  - Clay Dobson-William Blount High School-Wrestling
  - Sayer Williamson-Heritage High School-Swimming
  - Carl Braden-Heritage Middle School-Softball
  - Jake Traxler-Heritage High School-Wrestling
7. Approval of **Paid, Non-Faculty Coaches**
  - Jason Kallenberg-William Blount High School-Women's Basketball
  - Jennifer McKenzie-Eagleton Middle School-Assistant Volleyball
8. Approval of **Editorial Policy Changes**
  - Policy 2.200 Annual Operating Budget

Debbie Sudhoff

- Policy 3.500 Food Service Management
- Policy 4.207 Limited English Proficient Language
- Policy 4.605 Graduation Requirements **(Pulled from Consent Agenda)**
- Policy 4.606 Graduation Activities
- Policy 4.700 Testing Programs
- Policy 5.1101 Payroll Procedures **(Pulled from Consent Agenda)**
- Policy 5.301 Emergency and Legal Leave
- Policy 5.305 Family and Medical Leave
- Policy 6.307 Student Alcohol and Drug Testing **(Pulled from Consent Agenda)**
- Policy 6.313 Discipline Procedures
- Policy 6.409 Child Abuse and Neglect
- Policy 6.413 Prevention and Treatment of Sports Related Concussions
- Policy 6.503 Homeless Students
- Policy 6.701 Student Solicitations/Fundraising

9. Approval of Carpenters Elementary School to hold **Camp Invention** at on June 12-16, 2017 **Katrina Gravitte**

**Motion by Mr. Finley to set the Agenda**

**Seconded by Mr. Helton**

**Vote: 5/0 Passed**

**Agenda:**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve planning, programming and conceptual design contract with Michael Brady, Inc. and construction phase to completion with Michael Brady, Inc. pending the approval of funding from the County Commission

**Rob Britt  
Debbie Sudhoff**

BCS and MBI agree to the development of a program and concept plan leading to the construction of additions and renovations to the existing William Blount and Heritage High Schools to include, but not limited to: review of facility assessment, evaluation of alternate development conceptual design development, final design, cost estimating, permitting, preparation of biddable construction documents, bidding assistance, and construction administration for the construction of additions and renovations to the facilities location on the campuses of William Blount and Heritage High Schools.

For programming and concept design phase, fee shall be a lum sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000). If funding for the construction of this project is obtained, the Owner agrees to negotiate with MBI a percentage fee based on the amount of money secured. If no funding is provided for construction of this project over the next 36 months, then this agreement shall be terminated.

Board attorney, Rob Goddard, has reviewed and approves the contract.

**Motion by Mr. Helton to approve**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

- **Mr. Finley**      **Yes**
- **Mr. Goins**      **No**
- **Mr. Helton**      **Yes**
- **Mr. Kirkland**      **Yes**

- Mrs. Sudhoff Yes

**Vote: 4/1 with Mr. Goins voting no**  
**Passed**

2. Discussion and possible action regarding **Part-Time High School Testing Facilitator**

**Mike Crabtree**  
**Jennifer Moore**

**Motion by Mr. Kirkland to approve**  
**Seconded by Mr. Finley**  
**Vote: 4/1 with Mr. Goins voting no**  
**Passed**

3. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Transfers**

**Troy Logan**

- (a) Fund 141-72120 (GPSF) \$500
- (b) Fund 143-73100 (Food Service) \$10,000

**Motion by Mr. Helton to approve**  
**Seconded by Mr. Finley**  
**Vote: 5/0 Passed**

4. Discussion and possible action regarding **First Reading-Students in Foster Care (New Policy)** **Debbie Sudhoff**

TSBA Recommendation

**Motion by Mr. Finley to approve first reading**  
**Seconded by Mr. Helton**  
**Vote: 5/0 Passed**

5. Discussion and possible action regarding **First Reading-Work Based Learning Program (New Policy)**

**Debbie Sudhoff**

**Motion by Mr. Kirkland to approve first reading**  
**Seconded by Mr. Helton**  
**Vote: 5/0 Passed**

6. Discussion and possible action regarding **First Reading-Credit Recovery (New Policy)**

**Debbie Sudhoff**

**Item tabled until the January meeting at which time this item is to be placed on the Consent Agenda**

7. Discussion and possible action regarding **School Bus Capacity Changes** for Volunteer Transit **Kevin Wilner**

- Bus # 6 Increase from 66 to 78 effective 12/2/16
- Bus #14 Increase from 77 to 78 effective 12/2/16
- Bus #25 Increase from 70 to 78 effective 12/2/16
- Bus #30 Increase from 72 to 78 effective 12/2/16
- Bus #35 Increase from 70 to 78 effective 12/2/16
- Bus #36 Increase from 78 to 84 effective 12/2/16
- Bus #45 Increase from 78 to 84 effective 12/2/16
- Bus #65 Increase from 72 to 84 effective 12/2/16
- Bus #74 Increase from 78 to 84 effective 12/2/16

- Bus #82 Increase from 66 to 84 effective 12/2/16
- Bus #84 Increase from 66 to 78 effective 12/2/16

**Motion by Mr. Helton to approve**  
**Seconded by Mr. Finley**  
**Vote: 5/0 Passed**

**8. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid # 2016-2426 Tennis Court Construction Services Gary Farmer**

Low bid: Baseline Sports \$285,000

**Motion by Mr. Helton to approve**  
**Seconded by Mr. Finley**  
**Vote: 4/1 with Mr. Goins voting no**  
**Passed**

**9. Discussion and possible action regarding Budget Increase for Tennis Courts at Heritage and William Blount High Schools Fund 141-76100 (GPSF) Troy Logan**

Use of Fund Balance for capital project of \$285,000 with 10% contingency totaling \$313,500

**Motion by Mr. Helton to approve**  
**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

- Mr. Helton Yes
- Mr. Kirkland No
- Mrs. Sudhoff Yes
- Mr. Finley Yes
- Mr. Goins No

**Vote: 3/2 Failed**

**Comments from the Blount County Education Association**

Rebecca Dickenson stated teachers were excited about the proposed renovations to Heritage and William and wished we could have started yesterday. She stated teachers are asking how they can help those affected by the fires in Sevier County. She stated in Sevier County seven staff members had lost their homes due to the fires and money is being collected to help the students there. Collaborative Conferencing is scheduled for next Tuesday, December 6th.

**Comments from Student Representatives**

- Vance Davis (WB): Congratulated the WBMS football team for their winning season; thanked the Board on behalf of the swim team for use of the Green Meadow pool; the Veterans’ Day program went well; Christmas choral concert is December 8th; and students are collecting donations for students affected by the Sevier County fires.
- Chloe Barry (HHS): Student Council is preparing Thanksgiving/Christmas baskets for families in need; the band concert is Monday, December 5th; Little World is open until December 12th; and students are collecting donations for students affected by the Sevier County fires.

There were no **Committee Reports**

There were no **Comments from the Community Regarding Items Not on the Agenda**

**Comments from the Board**

Mrs. Sudhoff read a letter from the Bill Wallace family thanking the Board for naming the basketball court at William Blount after Coach Wallace.

Mr. Goins stated the reason he voted no on several items was the fact ‘we do a lot for high schools’. He stated there are needs in the elementary and middle schools. Mr. Goins asked Mr. Britt to have principals revive their “wish list” and have it available at the January meeting so the Board can “take a look at it” and see what they can do.

**Motion by Mr. Finley to adjourn**

**Seconded by Mr. Helton**

**Meeting Adjourned**

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**Debbie Sudhoff, Chairman**

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**Rob Britt, Secretary**