

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

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. boardroom at the Central Office.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ava Hawk, a 4th grade student, at Prospect Elementary School

Roll Call of the Board is as follows:

- Jim Compton Present
- Charlie Finley Present
- Trevis Gardner Present
- Fred Goins Present
- Scott Helton Present
- Bill Padgett 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**

- Employee of the Month-Teresa Cupp-Heritage High School **Betsy Cunningham**
- Volunteer Recognition-Sandy Headrick-Townsend; Josh and Kim Hawk-Heritage High School
- Recognition of Wilson Level I certified teachers and trainers **Amanda Vance**

**SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Art Showcase-Everett Learning Opportunity Center
- Art Gallery-Walland Elementary School
- Boardroom-Eagleton Middle School

**Trevis Gardner**

**DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT**

- Porter Elementary School Blue and Gold Fundraiser raised over \$10,000
- Third annual teacher recruiting fair will be held on April 5th from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Central Office
- Introduced Kevin Wilner, new Transportation Coordinator
- TNReady testing began today

**Rob Britt**

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

- Will stand as presented

**David Murrell**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Mr. Logan reminded the Board of the March 22nd budget meeting at 4:30 p.m.

**Troy Logan**

**TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

- Over 500 participated in the 'Speak Up' survey
- Have launched first on-line training
- Mr. Crabtree is speaking to all schools regarding the digital conversion plan

**Mike Crabtree**

- A new tech person has been hired and will be introduced at the April meeting

**FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT**

**Gary Farmer**

- Work is progressing on roofs at WBHS and HHS. It has been hampered by weather (rain, wind)
- This winter’s weather (snow, cold, rain, and wind) has not negatively affected the facilities as badly this school year as in past years. The milder weather has been a benefit.
- During the calendar year, January 1, 2015-December 31, 2015, BCS maintenance department had work orders as follows:

**Work Orders Received**

2797

**Work Orders Closed**

2433

***During period January 1, 2016-January 31, 2016***

**Work Orders Received**

367

**Work Orders Closed**

470

***During period February 1, 2016-February 28, 2016***

**Work Orders Received**

248

**Work Orders Closed**

275

There are currently 222 open work orders as follows:

- Forwarded: 11
- New Requests: 9
- On Hold: 4
- Open Extended: 30
- Parts on Order: 1
- Waiting on Funding: 21
- Work in Progress: 146
- Total: 222

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Trevis Gardner**

- Approval of William Blount High School band students-All-State East in Gatlinburg, TN on February 4-6, 2016
- Report from Blount, Maryville, Alcoa, and Pellissippi CTE Working Group

Executive Committee Report will stand as submitted

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Agenda for March 3, 2016, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes for February 4, 2016, Regular Meeting
3. Approval of **TRIPS**
  - William Blount High School ROTC students-Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH on March 17-19, 2016
  - William Blount High School 12th grade choir students-All-State Honors Choir in Nashville, TN on April 13-16, 2016
  - Heritage High School Ag students-Tennessee Beef Agribition in Lebanon, TN on March 11-13, 2016

- William Blount High School HOSA students-State Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN on March 22-24, 2016
- William Blount High School Scholars' Bowl/AP English IV students-Atlanta, GA on March 23, 2016
- Heritage High School FCCLA students-FCCLA State Star Events in Chattanooga, TN on March 28-30, 2016
- William Blount High School FBLA students-FBLA State Competition in Chattanooga, TN on April 10-13, 2016

4. Approval of Heritage High School to host an **In-School Softball Game** with William Blount on March 29, 2016 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

5. Approval of **ATHLETIC CAMPS**

- Heritage High School Girls' Basketball Spring Camp to be held on March 14-16, 2016 at a cost of \$65 per camper
- William Blount High School Cheer Camp to be held May 9-12, 2016 at a cost of \$50 per camper
- William Blount High School Boys' and Girls' Basketball Camp to be held July 11-15, 2016 at a cost of \$100 per camper

6. Approval of Johnathan Hammontree as **Non-Paid, Non-Faculty** baseball coach at Heritage High School

7. Approval of **Editorial Policy Changes**  
Sudhoff

Debbie

- Policy 6.2001 - K-5 Attendance
- Policy 6.2002 - 6-12 Attendance

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Mr. Compton**

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**Motion by Mr. Helton to approve agenda and move agenda item #9 before agenda item #8 and approve addendum as agenda item #10**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**AGENDA:**

**1. TABLED 2-4-16** Discussion and possible action regarding returning Veterans' Day as a day out of school for students and school staff on future school calendars **Fred Goins**

Beginning with the 2017-18 school calendar, students and school staff will be off on November 11th to celebrate Veterans' Day. This will be an established day off built into the school calendar. If the holiday falls on the weekend a day will be taken.

**Motion to approve by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Seconded by Mr. Padgett**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

2. Discussion and possible action regarding **second reading** on new policy-Prevention and Treatment of Sudden Cardiac Arrest **Debbie Sudhoff**

**Motion to approve second reading by Mr. Padgett**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

3. Discussion and possible action regarding use of \$2,000,000 fund balance for Eagleton Middle, Eagleton Elementary, Fairview Elementary, Heritage Vocational, Lanier Elementary, Porter Elementary, Rockford Elementary, Townsend Elementary, William Blount Vocational, William Blount 9th Grade Academy, and Everett Learning Opportunity Center roofs

**Jim Compton**

**Motion to approve by Mr. Padgett**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

Mr. Compton proposed to use \$1.4 million of fund 177 and \$2.3 million of fund balance which would be a total of \$3.7 million. This amount would be used to repair all roofs along with the following things: student desks and chairs at Friendsville, Lanier and Eagleton Middle Schools, school surveillance system for all schools, 74 bus cameras, cafeteria new equipment replacement, floor replacement, HVAC replacement, parking lot paving and striping, and gym floor refinishing.

Mr. Compton made this proposal as an amendment. Mr. Padgett seconded the amendment. Mr. Helton questioned how much would this leave in fund balance. Mr. Compton stated the \$1.4 million would come out of next year's budget and the \$2.3 million would be out of the current year's budget.

Mr. Logan stated the proposed use \$2.3 million out of the current fund balance would have to go before County Commission and it would be the end of April before it is approved. Assuming this is approved, the bid process would then begin and it could be as late as June before work is started and/or completed. Items not completed would have to be re-appropriated and budgeted out of fund balance in next year's budget.

Mr. Britt stated it is the intent of the budget committee to bring forth a budget request that will have approximately \$3.7 million dollars worth of capital infrastructure needs. He suggested instead of doing this twice make this a part of our budget proposal for next year and include \$2.3 million of fund balance use in our budget so we are moving forward to do all of the things Mr. Compton has proposed.

Mr. Compton stated the things he is talking about are: \$183,00 for desks and chairs at Friendsville, Lanier and Eagleton Middle, school surveillance cameras \$132,000, 74 bus cameras \$81,000, cafeteria equipment \$701,000, floor replacement \$150,000, HVAC replacement \$500,000, parking lot paving and striping \$191,000, and gym floor refurbishing \$45,000.

Mr. Helton asked if the \$1.4 million Mr. Compton wanted to spend was available in Fund 177 to which Mr. Logan responded no. That fund has been spent.

Mr. Farmer stated the \$2.3 million would fund the eleven roofs but in his opinion, it is impossible to get the engineering work done, the bid packets put out and taken in, and the roofs completed before June 30th.

After discussion Mr. Padgett withdrew his second and Mr. Compton withdrew the amendment.

**Amendment by Mr. Compton to split the issue by taking \$2.3 million in fund balance out the current fiscal year for the roofs as designated by staff the worst ones first**

**Seconded by Mr. Padgett**

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Mr. Compton Yes
- Mr. Finley Yes
- Mr. Gardner Yes
- Mr. Goins Yes
- Mr. Helton Yes
- Mr. Padgett Yes
- Mrs. Sudhoff No

**Vote: 6/1 Passed**

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of a new CTE Advanced Manufacturing Teaching position **Alisa Teffeteller**

**Motion to approve new position by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Seconded by Mr. Padgett**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

5. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Transfers** **Troy Logan**
- (a) 141-72710 (GPSF) \$45,000
  - (b) 141-71200 (GPSF) \$31,300
  - (c) 146-7330 (Extended School Program) \$4,192
  - (d) 143-73100 (Food Service) \$9,000
  - (e) 141-72620 (GPSF) \$30,000

**Motion to approve a-e by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Seconded by Mr. Padgett**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

6. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase** **Troy Logan**
- Fund 141-71600 (GPSF) \$10,640

**Motion to approve by Mr. Padgett**

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid #2015-2379-HVAC at Heritage High School **Gary Farmer**

Cherokee Millwright-low bid

**Motion to approve by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Seconded by Mr. Compton**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the cost of putting a part-time TA in every K-2 school **Bill Padgett**

These positions are in addition to the TA's currently employed

**Motion to approve by Mr. Finley**

**Seconded by Mr. Compton**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

9. Discussion and possible action regarding funding first request made by principals

**Fred Goins**

Budget Committee will bring to the budget items requested

**Motion to approve by Mr. Helton**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

10. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase**

**Troy Logan**

- Fund 141-76100 (GPSF) \$50,000

Budget Increase for Heritage High School HVAC-bids came in higher than expected

**Motion to approve by Mr. Padgett**

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**COMMENTS FROM THE BLOUNT COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

- Rebecca Dickenson-BCEA President spoke regarding teacher base salary

**COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Sam Taylor, WBHS-today was upcoming freshman night; girls basketball team made it to the second round in regional competition; pancake breakfast is scheduled next weekend at Applebee's

There were no **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

- Mr. Gardner stated based on tonight's discussion there were two items of unfinished business. These items will be placed on the agenda for the March 22nd special called budget meeting
- Mr. Compton thanked the Board for voting to use money for the roof repairs
- Career Day to be held March 4th at William Blount High School from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Meeting Adjourned

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Trevis Gardner, Chairman

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Rob Britt, Chairman