

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

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. boardroom at the Central Office.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by William Joseph Shultz, a 7th grade student at Eagleton Middle 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**

- Volunteer of the Month-Prospect Elementary School **Angela Davis**  
(John Thomas, Rev. Davidson, Angela and Jason Lowe, John Roberson and Gary Roberson)
- Volunteer of the Month-Union Grove Middle School **Alicia Lail**  
(Donna Cooper and Tania Isgro)
- Athletic Program Report **Stan**  
**Burnette**
- Attendance Report **Stan Burnette**

**SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Boardroom Art Work-Porter and Prospect Elementary Schools

**DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT**

**Rob Britt**

- Project Search celebration was held at William Blount. Five students have been placed in jobs. Mr. Britt stated the program would be expanding to Heritage High School next school year.
- Commissioner of Education Candice McQueen recently visited Carpenters Middle School. Commissioner McQueen toured classrooms and spoke with teachers.
- The HR Department participated in the recent Blount County Job Fair.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

**David Murrell**

- The Personnel Report will stand as presented

**TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

**John Herron**

- 533 chromebooks were processed during the past two months making a total of 2,538 system-wide

**FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT**

**Gary Farmer**

- In April 259 work orders were received, 196 were completed, and 227 remain open
- Parts and materials have arrived for the HVAC at Heritage High School

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Trevis Gardner**

- Approval of William Blount High School FFA student to attend 4-H Camp in Crossville, TN on May 4-5, 2016

**Motion by Mr. Finley to approve the Executive Committee Report**

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

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

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of **AGENDA** for May 5, 2016, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of **MINUTES** for April 7, 2016, Regular Meeting
3. Approval of **CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT** Between Helen Ross McNabb Center and the ABC III County Schools,  
Everett, and Blount County School System

**Amanda Vance**

4. Approval of **CAMPS**
  - Heritage High School Little Girls' Cheer camp to be held on June 6-8, 2016 at a cost of \$45 per camper
  - Carpenters Middle School Free Tennis Camp to be held on May 18-19, 2016
5. Approval of **TRIPS**
  - Heritage High School agriculture students to Tennessee Junior Livestock Expo in Murfreesboro, TN on July 10-12, 2016
  - Eagleton Middle and Heritage High School's 6th-12th grade CDC students to Special Olympics in Nashville, TN on May 20-21, 2016
6. Approval of **NON-FACULTY, PAID COACHES**
  - Kelli Ann Jones-Carpenters Middle School-Cheerleading

**Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to set the agenda and addendum**

**Seconded by Mr. Padgett**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**AGENDA:**

1. Discussion and possible action regarding **Bid # 2015-2386**-Bus Transportation

**Kathy Smith**

All vendors are low bid: Mary Blount, Middlesettlements, Montvale-PB&T Transportation; Carpenters-Volunteer Transit, LLC; Union Grove-Jack Clemmer; Eagleton, Fairview, Lanier, Prospect, Porter, Rockford-Rocky Top Tours

**Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to approve**  
**Seconded by Mr. Goins**  
**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

2. Discussion and possible action regarding **2016-2021 Strategic Plan** **Rob Britt**

**Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to approve**  
**Seconded by Mr. Finley**  
**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

3. Discussion and possible action regarding **Digital Usage procedures and fees** **Mike Crabtree**

Beginning with the 2016-17 school year all 9th grade students will receive chromebooks. The long range plan is for chromebooks to be provided for all 9th, 6th and 3rd grade students. A \$30 fee will be charged per student to cover damages and repairs. A plan will be in place for students who can't afford the fee.

**Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to approve**  
**Seconded by Mr. Padgett**  
**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

4. Discussion and possible action regarding **FY 2016-17 IDEA Budget(s)** **Amanda Vance**

| <b>IDEA, Part B</b>                   |             | <b>IDEA Preschool</b>                 |          |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Total Contributing to Indirect Cost   | \$2,532,379 | Total Contributing to Indirect Cost   | \$91,819 |
| Indirect Cost Rate                    | 0.83%       | Indirect Cost Rate                    | 0.83%    |
| Maximum Allowed for Indirect Cost     | \$21,018.75 | Maximum Allowed for Indirect Cost     | \$762.10 |
| 71200-Special Education Program       | \$1,893,879 | 71200-Special Education Program       | \$86,819 |
| 72220-Special Education Program Staff | \$425,500   | 72220-Special Education Program Staff | \$5,000  |
| 72710-Support Services/Transportation | \$223,000   | Total                                 | \$91,819 |
| Total                                 | \$2,542,379 | Adjusted Allocation                   | \$91,819 |
| Adjusted Allocation                   | \$2,542,379 | Remaining                             | \$0      |

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| Remaining | \$0 |  |  |
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**Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to approve**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

5. Discussion and possible action on **Amending the Director of School’s Salary** by the average percentage increase proposed for the certified personnel in the 2016-17 school budget. The average increase for certified personnel is 3%

**Trevis Gardner**

**Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to Approve**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Vote: 6/1 Passed**

6. Discussion and possible action regarding **Athletic Committee Recommendation of an Agreement with Green**

**Meadow Country Club and Greater Blount Aquatics** for swimming pool facility usage

**Stan Burnette**

Financial commitment detailed on a year to year basis:

- Year 1-\$10,000
- Year 2-\$8,000
- Year 3-\$6,000
- Year 4-\$4,000
- Year 5-\$4,000
- Year 6-\$4,000
- Year 7-\$4,000

**Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to approve**

**Seconded by Mr. Padgett**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

7. Discussion and possible action for approval of **Agreement with Michael Brady, Inc.** for architect and engineering services for facility assessments at Heritage and William Blount High Schools **Troy Logan**

**Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to approve**

**Seconded by Mr. Helton**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

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

**Troy**

**Logan**

- Fund 141-72620 (GPSF) \$1,018
- Fund 141-72120 (GPSF) \$1,208.38
- Fund 143-73100 (Schools Cafeteria) \$55,700
- Fund 141-72410 (GPSF) \$21,000
- Fund 141-71200 (GPSF) \$24,275

**Motion by Mr. Compton to approve all Budget Transfers**

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**9. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid #2015-2389-Gym Floor Refinishing at Heritage and William Blount**

High Schools

**Troy**

**Logan**

Mr. Logan requested this item be tabled until the June meeting

**Motion by Mr. Compton to table**

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**TABLED**

**10. Discussion and possible action regarding Substitute Teacher Staffing and Software Vendor**

**Troy**

**Logan**

Purchasing Recommendation: Source4Teachers

**Motion by Mr. Finley to approve**

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**11. Discussion and possible action regarding Memorandum of Understanding with the BCEA Scott Helton**

**Motion by Mr. Compton to approve**

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Mr. Finley Yes
- Mr. Gardner Yes (invoked Policy 1.108)
- Mr. Goins No
- Mr. Helton Yes
- Mr. Padgett Yes
- Mrs. Sudhoff Yes
- Mr. Compton Yes

**Vote: 6/1 Passed**

**12. Discussion and possible action regarding Re-Roofing Budgets and Proposed Architectural Fees for Rockford,**

Lanier and Porter Elementary Schools and Everett Learning Opportunity Center

**Gary Farmer**

Architect Roof Consultant-Doyle. Jones, AIA, RRC

- Rockford Elementary \$41,050
- Lanier Elementary \$528,515
- Everett LOC \$103,110
- Porter Elementary \$239,965
- Roofing \$857,640
- A&E Fee \$55,000
- Total: \$912,640

**Motion by Mr. Compton to approve**

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**13. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid #2015-2390-Stadium Lights at Heritage and William Blount High**

Schools

**Gary Farmer**

Recommended Vendor: Progression Electric LLC-Low Bid

**Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to approve**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

- **Roll Call Vote:**
- **Mr. Gardner** Yes
- **Mr. Goins** Yes
- **Mr. Helton** Yes
- **Mr. Padgett** Yes
- **Mrs. Sudhoff** Abstain
- **Mr. Compton** Yes
- **Mr. Finley** Yes

**Vote: 6/1 Passed**

**14. Discussion and possible action regarding 2016-17 Budget, Fund 141**

**Troy Logan**

- Total FY 2016-17 Fund 141 Appropriations Budget **\$93,311,000**
- Total FY 2016-17 Estimated Increase for BEP Revenues \$1,466,000
- Total FY 2016-17 Estimated Increase for Property Tax Revenues \$187,681
- Total FY 2016-17 Estimated Increase for Sales Tax Revenues \$285,172
- Total FY 2016-17 Estimated Increase for Use of Fund Balance \$1,940,000
- Total FY 2016-17 All Other Revenues \$85,271,147
- Total FY 2016-17 Fund 141 Revenue Budget **\$89,150,000**
- Additional Appropriations Request for FY 2016-17 **(\$4,161,000)**

**Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to approve**

**Seconded by Mr. Padgett**

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Mr. Goins Yes
- Mr. Helton Yes
- Mr. Padgett Yes
- Mrs. Sudhoff Yes
- Mr. Compton Yes
- Mr. Finley Yes
- Mr. Gardner Yes (Invoked Policy 1.108)

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**15. Discussion and possible action regarding 2016-17 Budget, Fund 143**

**Troy Logan**

Total Revenues/Expenditures \$6,050,000

**Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to approve**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**ADDENDUM**

**1. Discussion and possible action regarding Budget Increases**

**Troy Logan**

- (a) Fund 177-91300-xxx-03051 (Education Capital Fund) \$80,000

**Motion by Mr. Compton to approve**

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

- (b) Fund 141-76100 (Schools) \$30,000

**Motion by Mr. Helton to approve**

**Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**COMMENTS FROM THE BLOUNT COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

Rebecca Dickenson thanked the Board for passing the Memorandum of Understanding and for voting to purchase the new substitute software.

**COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

HHS student representative Brandon Hurst stated Senior Day is to be held May 13th; the Key Club is undertaking to help students who are in need; STEM students recently participated in Porter Elementary STEM night; TNReady testing ended today; and graduation is scheduled for May 16th.

Mr. Britt spoke on behalf of William Blount student representative Sam Taylor who was unable to attend. Sam asked that he mention the tennis courts need to be resurfaced and the baseball team is getting ready for tournament. Sam has been accepted to Duke University this fall.

There were no **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

- Mrs. Sudhoff requested the DHA policy be referred back to the Policy Committee. She asked if all appeals could first be heard by the Director of Schools before coming to the Board.
- Mr. Padgett stated he had recently seen the performance of Grease presented by the drama department at William Blount High School. He stated the students did a fabulous job.

**Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Seconded by Mr. Padgett**

**Meeting Adjourned**

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**Trevis Gardner, Chairman**

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**Rob Britt, Secretary**