

Board of Education December 14, 2023 Meeting

The Bedford County Board of Education met in a Regular monthly session on December 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Central Office Board Room, 500 Madison Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160. Board members **Present:** Andrea Anderson, Shanna Boyette, David Brown, Michael Cook, Lana Craig, Brian Crews, Glenn Forsee, Dan Reed, Barton Williams.

I. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A. Call to Order Chairman Michael Cook called the meeting to order, followed by a moment of silence, and the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Callie Cooke and Elizabeth Gilliland who are students at Cascade Elementary School.

B. Moment of Silence

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Callie Cooke and Elizabeth Gilliland, students at Cascade Elementary School

D. Opening Remarks

II. CONSENT AGENDA The Consent Agenda was approved by acclamation upon the motion and seconded by David Brown and Dan Reed.

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Minutes from November Monthly Meeting

C. SCHS Girls Basketball Trip Request

D. FY 2024 - Public Security Grant - Rev 2

E. FY 2024 - Consolidated - Rev 3 - Title III

III. PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Good News Report Ms. Garrette gave a quick summary of the highlights on the Good News Report.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Shelbyville Central High School Football Shelbyville Central HS Principal Charlie Pope and the Football Head Coach Jud Dryden presented Barton Williams with a winning football from the Hillsboro game that was signed by the players for his work with the team.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2024-2025 School Calendar

Dr. Garrett explained how the calendar is developed each year. This next year there will be two election days that needed to be worked in and there are other constraints that have to be met before the calendar can be finalized. **Motion was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by David Brown. Motion was carried with an 9-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by David Brown. Motion Approved by
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

B. MTSU - Teach Back Program

Dr. Garrett asks to explore the partnership with MTSU to offer one scholarship at each high school, up to \$10,000 per year. The student would then agree to come back and teach for Bedford County Schools for the same number of years that we paid their scholarship. This agreement would then be approved in the budget for \$30,000 per year. Brian Crews suggested also exploring tuition reimbursement for current employees to get certificates. **Motion was made by Dan Reed to approve and a second was by Shanna Boyette. Motion passed with an 9-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Dan Reed and seconded by Shanna Boyette. Motion Approved by
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

C. Policy 4.301 Interscholastic Athletics

Dr. Garrett asks to add a section to this policy called "Personal Conduct at Sporting Events." This would give principals some leverage to get reimbursement for the fine imposed by TSSAA in the event of disruptive behavior by spectators. **Motion to approve and include the section "Personal Conduct at Sporting Events" made by David Brown and seconded by Brian Crews. Motion passed by an 9-0 vote.**

Motion to approve and include the section "Personal Conduct at Sporting Events" was made by David Brown and seconded by Brian Crews. Motion Approved by
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

D. Policy 4.700 Testing Programs

Dr. Garrett would like to give a clep test. This gives the student with the content knowledge of the particular class an opportunity to take the test and earn credit for the class. They could then go on to more advanced classes sooner, increase their ACT score and their opportunity to earn college credit. Mrs. Tidwell explained that the test would be given in a secure environment, given at least 2 weeks prior to the start of school and we would have multiple versions of the test. The test grade would count towards their GPA. **Motion to approve by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion carried with an 9-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion Approved by
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

E. October Monthly Financial Report

Motion to approve was made by Dan Reed and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion Approved by
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

VII. REPORT ITEMS

A. Monthly Tax Analysis Mr. Cook asked if there were any questions, there were none.

B. Attendance Report Terise Rhodes reported that we are very close to the 9100 student enrollment mark.

C. Executive Committee Report Mr. Cook announced that January 18, 2024 will be the next board meeting held at Cascade High School at 6pm.

Surplus property declared for Maintenance and Liberty School.

Mr. Cook recognized Sheila Bratton from Rutherford County and Freda Jones from Coffee County. They are here to evaluate the board.

He reminded the board members to file the Statement of Disclosure by January 31st.

Mr. Cook wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

1. Surplus - Maintenance

2. Surplus - Liberty

D. Superintendent's Report Dr. Garrett says we will be finished and closed out on the additional property adjacent to Cartwright Elementary by the end of 2023. We will have the drawings for the additions to Liberty and Thomas Magnet by January 15th to go out to bid. She updated the board on the projects at the vocational school. The zoning maps are posted in the hallway at the Central Office for anyone in the community that wants to come and look at those. Town halls will be held at Eastside and Eakin. The 34 students from Cascade Elementary will get individual letters about the zoning. Thirteen out of 23 students in the Statistics class at SCHS passed the SEC challenge exam. These students will get the 3 hours college credit. Thirty-three students at SCHS passed the pre-calculus exam and earned 3 hours of college credit.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Additional Acknowledgements Mr. Forsee recited the Christmas Story that he was encouraged to memorize by his 1st grade public school teacher. He remembers that he was more than a grade to her, he was a person.

B. FYI - Expenditures

C. Personnel

IX. ADJOURNMENT Glenn Forsee moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:46.