

BRADLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting- Minutes

June 11, 2026

Members Present:

Vicki Beaty, Chair, 2nd District
Ted Bryson, Vice-Chair, 3rd District
Nancy Casson, 1st District
Josh Taylor, 4th District
Rachel Goins, 5th District
Amanda Lee, 6th District
Alan Smith, 7th District

The Bradley County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on June 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the William R. Walker Board Room at the Administrative Office Building in Cleveland, Tennessee. Chairman Beaty called the meeting to order, and the pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Mrs. Amanda Lee.

4. Consent Agenda-

Mr. Alan Smith, District 7, requested a modification to Agenda Item 14 regarding the Bradley Central High School track project. Mr. Smith requested that the item be revised from a "Letter to the County Commission" to a "Response to the County Commission." The Board accepted the modification without objection.

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Motion by Mr. Josh Taylor with
second Mr. Alan Smith to approve
the Consent Agenda.

Passed in a roll call vote of 7-0.

Taylor	Yes	Bryson	Yes
Goins	Yes	Lee	Yes
Smith	Yes	Casson	Yes
Beaty	Yes		

5. Persons Requesting to Address the Board on Agenda Items-

There were no Persons Requesting to Address the Board on Agenda Items

6. Director of Schools Report-

Dr. Linda Cash, Director of Schools, shared the following information-

- **Summer Learning Camp-**Dr. Linda Cash reported that this year's Summer Learning Camp theme is Cosmic Quest. Elementary camps are being hosted at Oak Grove Elementary and Prospect Elementary, with 342 students currently enrolled in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. As part of the program, the Tennessee Tech Planetarium visited camp locations on June 10 and 11 to provide students with interactive learning experiences.

The Secondary Summer Learning Camp serves rising seventh through ninth grade students and is being held at the PIE Center. Currently, 43 students are enrolled in the program.

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- **Michigan Avenue & Prospect Elementary Singers-** We are excited to announce that the Michigan Avenue School Chorus and the Prospect Singers have been selected to perform the National Anthem during the opening ceremony of the Atlanta Braves game against the New York Mets on July 3.

This special opportunity reflects the talent, dedication, and hard work of these young performers. The two elementary school choruses previously joined together to perform the National Anthem at a Knoxville Smokies game in the spring of 2024. The groups are led by Cara Rogers and Sarah Burris, whose leadership continues to provide students with meaningful musical experiences.

We are proud of the students from Michigan Avenue School and Prospect Elementary and look forward to seeing them represent Bradley County Schools on such a prestigious stage. We congratulate them on this exciting honor and wish them a memorable performance.

7. BOE Meeting Calendar and Annual Agenda- Vicki Beaty

Chairman Vicki Beaty shared that the Board has received the meeting calendar and agenda prior to the meeting.

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Motion by Mr. Ted Bryson with second Ms. Nancy Casson to approve the BOE Meeting Calendar and Annual Agenda.

Passed in a roll call vote of 7-0.

Lee	Yes	Goins	Yes
Bryson	Yes	Beaty	Yes
Casson	Yes	Taylor	Yes
Smith	Yes		

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8. Consolidated Funding Application- Dana Yost

Mrs. Dana Yost, Federal Projects and Media Director, presented the FY 2027 Consolidated Funding Application, which includes federal funding allocations for Title I, Title II, Title III, and Special Education programs. Mrs. Yost explained that this item does not typically come before the Board until after the school year has started. However, the deadline has been moved up due to state regulations.

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Motion by Mr. Ted Bryson with second Mr. Josh Taylor to approve the Consolidated Funding Application.

Passed in a roll call vote of 7-0.

Smith	Yes	Bryson	Yes
Beaty	Yes	Goins	Yes
Taylor	Yes	Lee	Yes
Casson	Yes		

9. PIE Lease Updates- Kyle Page/Corbett Drew

Mr. Kyle Page, Property Manager and Mr. Corbett Drew, Project Manager, shared an update regarding the remaining three vacancies at the PIE Innovation Center. The first vacancy is between Just Love Coffee and Edward Jones Banking. The last two vacant store fronts are on the side of the PIE Innovation Center.

Mr. Page shared that ATS The Bridge does have a storefront, but is working to build it out. Similarly, he shared that Southern Heritage Bank has been bought out, and is about to go through a rebranding period.

10. Construction Updates- Kyle Page & Corbett Drew

• Hopewell Elementary Addition

Mr. Kyle Page, Property Manager and Mr. Corbett Drew, Project Manager, shared that Phase I of the Hopewell project is substantially complete. Final occupancy approval is pending completion of a phone line installation for the elevator and removal of the stairwell on the Phase II side of the building. Classroom relocations have been completed, and staff are awaiting the certificate of occupancy before fully setting up instructional spaces.

Phase II is underway, with demolition completed and site preparation activities in progress. Administration reported that dirt work and compaction preparations are currently taking place. The original building has been removed, and the project remains on schedule and within budget.

Mr. Drew reported that Phase I was completed approximately \$177,000 under budget through a deductive change order. Those savings are being applied toward Phases II and III. Administration continues to monitor the project through regular contractor meetings, monthly budget reviews, and guaranteed maximum price contract provisions. The overall project remains on track within the original \$15.1 million budget.

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- **Park View Addition**

Mr. Kyle Page, Property Manager and Mr. Corbett Drew, Project Manager, shared that Construction at Park View continues to progress, despite weather-related delays. Structural steel has been erected, and the building is expected to be dried in by the end of June. Materials for interior construction have already been purchased and staged for installation once the structure is enclosed.

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Mr. Page reported that the project remains on schedule, with priority being placed on completion of the kindergarten through second-grade wing before the start of school. Work on the upper-grade wing is expected to follow shortly thereafter. While limited interior work may continue after school begins, officials anticipate minimal disruption to student learning activities.

Board members inquired about project oversight, and Mr. Drew confirmed that project activities are being regularly monitored to ensure quality control and prevent issues that could impact school operations.

- **Walker Valley High School Lighting Project**

Mr. Kyle Page, Property Manager shared an update on the Walker Valley High School athletic lighting project. Existing poles and lighting have been removed, and new electrical service infrastructure has been installed. A new transformer is scheduled for installation, which is expected to restore baseball and softball field lighting shortly thereafter.

Mr. Page reported that Musco and Massey Electric are progressing ahead of schedule, with an anticipated completion date in early August. The project is being funded through Capital Outlay funds and is not part of the district's General Purpose School Fund budget.

11. 142 Federal Funds- All Amendments Fy2026- Ellen Smith

Ms. Ellen Smith, Finance Director, presented a summary of all FY 2026 budget amendments for Fund 142 Federal Funds. She explained that Fund 142 is separate from other federal funding sources and is governed by federal grant requirements and oversight from the Tennessee Department of Education. The amendments reflected changes made to the budget since its original approval.

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Motion by Mr. Alan Smith with second Mr. Ted Bryson to approve the 142 Federal Funds- All Amendments FY 2026.

Passed in a roll call vote of 7-0.

Goins	Yes	Lee	Yes
Beaty	Yes	Bryson	Yes
Casson	Yes	Smith	Yes
Taylor	Yes		

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12. 142 Federal School Budget FY2027- Ellen Smith

Ms. Ellen Smith, Finance Director, presented the FY 2027 Federal School Budget, including federal program funding and career and technical education grants.

12-

Motion by Mr. Ted Bryson with second Ms. Nancy Casson to approve the 142 Federal School Budget FY 2027.

Passed in a roll call vote of 7-0.

Beaty	Yes	Casson	Yes
Smith	Yes	Lee	Yes
Goins	Yes	Bryson	Yes
Taylor	Yes		

13. Executive Approval for FY2026 Capital Outlay- Ellen Smith

Due to the absence of a July Board meeting, Ms. Ellen Smith requested authorization for the Executive Committee to approve qualifying FY 2026 Capital Outlay projects that may arise before the next regular Board meeting. Ms. Smith explained that any project requiring Board approval and exceeding \$25,000 must remain within the approved budget.

Potential projects discussed included fire system improvements at Lake Forest Middle School, sewer and pump-related work at Taylor Elementary, and other capital projects currently being evaluated by district administration and project consultants. Any actions taken by the Executive Committee will be reported to the full Board at a subsequent meeting.

13-

Motion by Mr. Ted Bryson with second Ms. Nancy Casson to approve the Executive Approval for FY2026 Capital Outlay

Passed in a roll call vote of 7-0.

Casson	Yes	Smith	Yes
Goins	Yes	Taylor	Yes
Lee	Yes	Beaty	Yes
Bryson	Yes		

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14. Bradley Central High School track response to the County Commission- Alan Smith

14.a-

Motion by Mr. Alan Smith with second Ms. Nancy Casson to approve the construction of a track and field facility at Bradley Central High School utilizing funds appropriated by the Bradley County Commission in the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget.

Passed in a roll call vote of 7-0.

Bryson	Yes	Goins	Yes
Casson	Yes	Smith	Yes
Lee	Yes	Taylor	Yes
Beaty	Yes		

Chairman Vicki Beaty stated In response to the Bradley County commission’s request for information regarding the track at Bradley Central high school, the Board of Education has requested value – engineered bid recommendations with vendor approval at the August, 2026 board meeting.

14.b-

Motion by Mr. Alan Smith with second Ms. Nancy Casson to approve upon the selection of the value-engineered vendor in August 2026, the Board authorizes the Director of Schools to execute a construction agreement no later than August 31, 2026, with project groundbreaking anticipated in September 2026.

Passed in a roll call vote of 7-0.

Casson	Yes	Beaty	Yes
Smith	Yes	Taylor	Yes
Lee	Yes	Bryson	Yes
Goins	Yes		

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Upon this approval, the director of schools will execute a contract by August 31, 2026 with an expected groundbreaking in September, 2026. The director of schools will execute all contracts and related documents necessary to carry out the project.

14.c-

Motion by Mr. Alan Smith with second Mr. Ted Bryson to approve that the Director of Schools be authorized to execute all contracts and related documents necessary to carry out and complete the project.

Passed in a roll call vote of 7-0.

Smith	Yes	Casson	Yes
Taylor	Yes	Goins	Yes
Lee	Yes	Bryson	Yes
Beaty	Yes		

Vicki asked for Liz to please reflect in the Board minutes the above statements regarding contract agreements, groundbreaking activities, and projected dates of completion regarding this project so we can forward to the Bradley County Commission.

Mr. Corbett Drew, Project Manager, explained that both vendors were asked to submit value engineering proposals to identify cost-saving alternatives while maintaining project quality. These proposals are currently being evaluated and may include adjustments to materials or product specifications. Recommendations will be presented to the Board at the August meeting for consideration.

Board members discussed ensuring the project remains within the allocated budget while maintaining quality standards. Dr. Cash confirmed that the district's established Board priorities remain unchanged.

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15. BIDS

15.a. Purchase of a SpEd Bus- Terry McElhaney

Mr. Terry McElhaney, Attendance and Transportation Supervisor, requested approval to purchase a Special Education bus as part of the district's annual fleet replacement plan. He noted that the purchase is included in the approved budget and is part of the district's ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the transportation fleet.

Mr. McElhaney explained that extended manufacturing and delivery timelines continue to affect bus procurement, making early purchasing necessary. He reported that lead times can range from eight to twelve months and emphasized the importance of planning purchases well in advance to ensure the district's transportation needs are met.

15.a.-

Motion by Mr. Ted Bryson with second Mr. Josh Taylor to approve the purchase of a Special Education Bus.

Passed in a roll call vote of 7-0.

Taylor	Yes	Smith	Yes
Goins	Yes	Bryson	Yes
Beaty	Yes	Casson	Yes
Lee	Yes		

16. Announcements

12.a. June 18, 2026- Offices & Schools are closed for Juneteenth.

12.b. June 25, 2026- Last day of Summer Learning Camp.

12.c. July 2, 2026- Offices are closed for Fourth of July.

12.d. No Board Meeting in July due to the TSBA Summer Law Institute, July 17 and 18.

12. e. August 7, 2026- Abbreviated First Day of School.

12. F. August 13, 2026- The Next Board of Education Regular Meeting at 5:00 PM in the William R. Walker Board Room.

17. Agenda Items for the Next Board Meeting

There were no other items brought before the board for the upcoming meeting on August 13, 2026.

Chairman Beaty adjourned at 5:37p.m.

Vicki Beaty, Chairman

Dr. Linda Cash, Director of Schools