

## Board of Education February 20, 2025 Meeting

The Bedford County Board of Education met in a Regular monthly session on February 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Central Office Board Room, 500 Madison Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160. Board members **Present:** Shanna Boyette, Michael Cook, Lana Craig, Brian Crews, Glenn Forsee, Dan Reed, Barton Williams, **Absent:** Andrea Anderson, David Brown.

### **I. PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

A. Call to Order The Bedford County Board of Education met in a regular monthly session on February 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Board of Education Central Office located at 500 Madison St., Shelbyville, TN. Board members Glenn Forsee, Michael Cook, Brian Crews, Dan Reed, Barton Williams, Shanna Boyette and Lana Craig were present. David Brown and Andrea Anderson were absent.

Chairman Michael Cook called the meeting to order, followed by a moment of silence, and the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Kylan Thompson who is a student at Learning Way Elementary School.

B. Moment of Silence

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Kylan Thompson and Griffin Grant, students at Learning Way Elementary School

D. Opening Remarks

**II. CONSENT AGENDA** The Consent Agenda was approved by acclamation upon the motion and seconded by Shanna Boyette and Barton Williams.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve was made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Minutes from January Monthly Meeting

C. Minutes from January 16, 2025 Closed Meeting

D. Community HS FBLA Trip Request

E. Community HS Spanish/History Clubs Trip Request

F. Community HS Key Club Trip Request

G. Community HS Science Bowl Teams Trip Request

H. Community HS JAG-TN Trip Request

- I. Community HS FFA Trip Request
- J. Thomas Magnet Jr. Beta Club Trip Request
- K. SCHS DECA Trip Request
- L. SCHS FFA Trip Request
- M. SCHS JAG-TN Trip Request
- N. SCHS HOSA Trip Request
- O. SCHS Art Society Trip Request
- P. SCHS FCCLA Trip Request
- Q. SCHS Boys Soccer Trip Request
- R. Cascade HS Band Trip Request
- S. Cascade HS FFA Trip Request
- T. Policies for Review
  - 1. 1.700 School District Goals
- U. Policy for Deletion
  - 1. 5.112 Extended Contracts - Old, no longer get extended contract money from state, Jennifer White confirmed Ok to delete
- V. Policies for Revision
  - 1. 5.200 Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers
  - 2. 5.201 Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers
  - 3. 5.106 Application and Employment
  - 4. 5.202 Separation Practices for Non-Certified Employees
  - 5. 5.117 Teacher Tenure
- W. FY 2025 - Consolidated Revisions
  - IDEA Preschool - Rev 3
  - IDEA, Part B - Rev 3
  - Title I, Part A - Rev 3
  - Title I, Part D - Rev 3
  - Title II, Part A - Rev 3
  - Title III - Rev 3

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT** There was no public comment.

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Good News Report Mr. Cook informed everyone that Mrs. Garrette would not be giving an oral Good News Report this evening but the copy was in their folders and also online for all to read about the good things going on in Bedford County Schools.

## **V. PRESENTATIONS**

A. SCOPE Student Representatives The Student Representatives for SCOPE that attended the meeting were Chandler Cates (Shelbyville Central High School), Caroline Cook (Cascade High School), Aidan Roberts (Community High School), Isabella Craig (Cascade High School), and Taylor Duff (Community High School). Seth Sharp was unable to attend. Glenn Forsee welcomed them to the board meeting and then explained about SCOPE (Student Congress on Policies in Education) and what it is.

B. Legislative Update with TN State Senator Shane Reeves and TN State Representative Pat Marsh State Representative Pat Marsh and Senator Shane Reeves gave an update on the 114<sup>th</sup> legislative session. Pat Marsh began with an overview of the state budget. The state budget is \$58.4 billion, with \$30 billion coming from the federal government and \$25 billion from the state. The rest comes from tuition, sales tax, business tax and fees for licensure and other things like that. He talked about how much TDOT was getting for road repairs and new roads, how much money UT and MTSU were getting for various projects. He added that the state is putting \$124 million for the Duck River and trying the help sustain it over many years. He then spoke on education stating that there are one million students, K-12, in Tennessee. The state is putting more than \$3.7 billion into K through 12 education. He said every school system is getting the base figure per student of \$7075. He talked about how the legislature is working on a bill that will let teachers teach a class they do not have a certificate for but yet they know all about the subject. That will, hopefully, help with the teacher shortage. He gave a handout that listed education bills that the legislature is currently considering. Senator Reeves spoke on the great things happening in Bedford County with the new TCAT building and what is going on with MTSU and the airport. He told us the Governor has put another \$27.3 million in the summer learning program and next year he's putting \$25 million in a growth fund for fast growing school districts. The Governor is also putting \$5 million into a facilities fund that you can pull from specifically to help with school facilities and he's putting \$50 million in public security grants for school safety. He mentioned that every high school is getting one million dollars and every middle school \$500,000. Also, the goal with TISA is for every single teacher in the state to be making \$50,000 a year by 2026 - 2027. They both then spoke on the vote for school vouchers. According to Mr. Marsh, "There's never any way that you all could go back in money that you're getting right now." He said there is a "floor" amount of money and each system will not go down below that amount but can go up. Mr. Reeves said it only impacts 1 to 2% of the entire state, a very small number. "No matter how many kids you lose, the state's gonna make you whole. You're not going to be out a dime as far as losing kids because of it" per Mr. Reeves. Shanna Boyette replied "I would respectfully disagree." She said there are some great magnet schools that they could apply for. She went on to say that the bill could be better. It needs to have a Special Education component and also accountability to private teachers versus public teachers. She struggled with making 95 counties buy into what only 44 counties have eligible.

Mr. Marsh then stated that this has to go back before the legislature every year to get funded. So if it's not going right or we can't afford it we won't fund it.

Dr. Garrett expressed gratitude for our Homeland Security Agent. She said that was a great thing the Governor did and she hoped it would continue. She also asked them to support the coding situation on the economically disadvantaged. We used to have 48% economically disadvantaged and it has now dropped down to 23%. The coding changed and will impact our funding.

Mr. Marsh talked about the \$2000 bonus for teachers. Mr. Cook asked them to remember the classified employees when they do this kind of thing because they are just as valuable as teachers. He also mentioned that 80% of internet gambling money will come to schools for capital projects, right at \$8 million a year divided by 147 school systems.

Mr. Cook thanked Mr Marsh and Mr. Reeves for coming and speaking with them. Glenn Forsee noticed a couple of bills the would reduce the amount of state-mandated assessment. He said this is a good thing, to whittle down all those levels of assessments to make it easier for the teachers to teach. Brian Crews also thanked them for coming tonight.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

### A. Teacher Tenure Recommendations for 2024-2025

Thirty-two teachers recommended for tenure. **Motion was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion was carried with a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### B. Tenure Reinstatement Request

Tim Miller requested reinstatement of his tenure. **Motion was made by Barton Williams to approve and a second was by Brian Crews. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Brian Crews. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Brian Crews. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

C. Tenure Transfer Request Phebe Forster requests her tenure transfer from Rutherford County. **Motion to approve made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve was made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

D. Learning Way Request to Install Playground Equipment

This is a request to install a climbing wall with money from the TVA Grant Program. **Motion to approve by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Shanna Boyette. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Shanna Boyette. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Shanna Boyette. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

E. Policy 6.200 Attendance

Under Tier III this adds a line stating parents are to participate in a court affiliated truancy board. **Motion was made to approve by Dan Reed and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Dan Reed and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve was made by Dan Reed and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

F. Budget Amendment #2

These are grants and department transfers recommended by principals or supervisors that are approved by Dr. Garrett. **Motion to approve by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve was made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

G. January Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Cook spoke with Robert Daniel and he stated that there is nothing out of the ordinary with the financials. **Motion to approve by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Brian Crews. Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Brian Crews. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Brian Crews. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

## **VII. REPORT ITEMS**

A. Monthly Tax Analysis Mr. Cook spoke with Mr. Daniel and he said everything is normal.

B. Attendance Report Terise Rhodes reported the numbers down a little bit. We had 61 graduates in December but will still receive funding for those for the remainder of the year.

C. Executive Committee Report Mr. Cook announced the next board meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Central Office, Spring Retreat is March 8<sup>th</sup> and SCOPE is March 11<sup>th</sup> at Belmont University. Also, February 22<sup>nd</sup> is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> is Read Across America Week and it is School Social Work Week. March 7<sup>th</sup> is Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day. He mentioned that the July meeting needed to be moved because of traveling to Summer Law on that Thursday, he asked to move to the Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Surplus property declared for Transportation, Community Elementary and Learning Way.

1. Surplus - Transportation

2. Surplus - Community Elementary

3. Surplus - Learning Way

D. Superintendent's Report Dr. Garrett announced Kindergarten registration will be April 4<sup>th</sup>, 8 am to 2 pm, at each elementary school. Pre-K registration will be April 4<sup>th</sup> at Harris Middle School, 8 am to 4 pm.

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Additional Acknowledgements Dan Reed asked about lights and the concession stand at Community. Work is to start next week on the concession stand. Waiting for the weather to dry up a bit so they can get the machinery out.

Daniel Kleindienst said the addition to Thomas should be finished by March 15<sup>th</sup> and Liberty is about a month behind. The Community Elementary roof repair is over budget and they are going to look at this again.

B. FYI - Personnel

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** Glenn Forsee made motion to adjourn at 6:55.