

Board of Education March 20, 2025 Meeting

The Bedford County Board of Education met in a Regular monthly session on March 20, 2025 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, Glenn Forsee, Dan Reed, **Absent:** Brian Crews, Barton Williams.

I. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

A. Call to Order The Bedford County Board of Education met in a regular monthly session on March 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, David Brown, Dan Reed, Andrea Anderson, Shanna Boyette and Lana Craig were present. Brian Crews and Barton Williams were absent.

Chairman Michael Cook called the meeting to order, followed by a moment of silence, and the Pledge of Allegiance lead by students from Liberty School: Roger Mangrum, Rhett Rogers, Reese Abernathy, Gracie Sandusky, Sterling Woodruff, Ricky Villanueva, Mary Ruth Marsh, and Elora Gaines.

Mr. Cook recognized the Leadership Bedford members that were attending the meeting.

B. Moment of Silence

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Will be led by students from Liberty School: Roger Mangrum, Rhett Rogers, Reese Abernathy, Gracie Sandusky, Sterling Woodruff, Ricky Villanueva, Mary Ruth Marsh, and Elora Gaines.

D. Opening Remarks

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

Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by David Brown.

Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by David Brown.

Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Minutes from February Monthly Meeting

C. Minutes from the March 8, 2025 Board Retreat

D. Cascade High School Band Trip Request

E. Community HS FFA Trip Request

F. FY 2025 - ATSI 23 Grant - Rev 1

G. Policies for Revision

1. 5.107 Orientation and Probation

2. 5.802 Qualifications and Duties of the School Superintendent

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. SCOPE Delegates All six of the SCOPE delegates were present for the meeting; Aidan Roberts, Caroline Cook, Taylor Duff, Isabella Craig, Seth Sharp and Chandler Cates. They each turned in a brief report of their experience at SCOPE. Glenn Forsee gave a quick summary of the day and how each one of our students represented us well. Each delegate gave a short oral observation of their day and what they learned. Rebecca Tidwell, Supervisor on Secondary Instruction, spoke about how privileged she was to have the opportunity to go and this year she was asked to lead a session. This was Lana Craig's first year to go and she said it was good to get to see the students branch out and debate and get to network with other students from across the state. Chandler Cates was selected as 2nd vice-president of SCOPE for the 2025-2026 year. It's the second time in three years that Bedford County has had someone selected for a position.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution for Education Freedom Act of 2025 This resolution is a requirement in order for the teachers to get a \$2000 bonus from the State. The bonus is for teachers as defined by TISA. This money comes from the State but is distributed out to the teachers through the local finance office and will be done in July as a separate payroll. **Motion was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion was carried with a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

B. Resolution To Nominate Caroline Cook as a Student Representative for the Tennessee State School Board

This resolution is to nominate Caroline Cook as student representative on the State Board of Education. A resolution is required in order to nominate someone for this position. Mr. Cook stated that Caroline was his daughter and he would abstain his vote. **Motion was made by David Brown to approve and a second was by Shanna Boyette. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by David Brown and seconded by Shanna Boyette. Motion Approved by

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion to approve was made by David Brown and seconded by Shanna Boyette. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

C. Canon Copier Contract for Cascade High School

The current contract is about to expire. This contract is for 5 years. If a contract is over one year it has to come before the board for approval. This is for Cascade only. **Motion to approve made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Andrea Anderson. Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Andrea Anderson. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve was made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Andrea Anderson. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

D. Land Donation - Remington Farms

Remington Farms is proposing to give the Bedford County Schools 20 acres with a stipulation that we have a school plan or build a school within 20 years with a 5-year possible extension. The developer will provide the utilities. John T. Bobo wrote the MOU to make sure the school system was protected. Dr. Garrett is asking the board to accept the land donation and to authorize her to sign the MOU after the developer signs and then it goes to the planning commission. It was asked about a traffic study. The developer is to have a red light installed at the intersection and there has to be a 3-way to the school site, that is in the MOU. According to Jeff Sweeney a letter from the engineer has been requested regarding the capacity for a school as far as utilities go (water, sewer and electric, not gas) on the property but has not been received. **Motion to allow Dr. Garrett to sign the MOU after the developer signs by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Dan Reed. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to allow Dr. Garrett to sign after the developer signs was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Dan Reed. Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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Yea: 7, Nay: 0

E. Internal School Funds Audit / Findings and Responses

Motion was made to acknowledge receipt by David Brown and seconded by Dan Reed. Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

Motion to acknowledge receipt was made by David Brown and seconded by Dan Reed.

Motion Approved by

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to acknowledge receipt was made by David Brown and seconded by Dan Reed.
Motion Approved by
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

F. February Monthly Financial Report

Robert Daniel stated that everything is pretty much on track. **Motion to approve by Andrea Anderson and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion passed by a 7-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Andrea Anderson and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion Approved by
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion to approve was made by Andrea Anderson and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion Approved by
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

VII. REPORT ITEMS

A. Monthly Tax Analysis Robert Daniel said this is a comparison of last year's collections to this year's collection.

B. Attendance Report Terise Rhodes reported our attendance has picked up. We've had a few more enrollments recently. A question was asked how long does a student have to be a part of our school system for us to receive the funds. Ms. Rhodes explained that the funds are prorated. We get funding from the State for each day the student is enrolled with us.

C. Executive Committee Report Mr. Cook announced that the board will have two budget study sessions, on April 3rd and 10th. The next board meeting will be April 17th.

Surplus property declared for the Central Office, Community High, Community Middle, Harris Middle and the Distribution Center.

1. Surplus - Central Office, Community High, Community Middle, Harris Middle, and Distribution Center

D. Superintendent's Report Dr. Garrett announced that Pre-K registration is April 4th at Harris Middle School, Kindergarten registration will be at each school they're zoned for on April 4th also. TCAP starts on April 14th. The open enrollment process begins April 15th. The number of available seats will be posted on April 15th. The applications will be available during the month of May. She also wanted to give a shoutout to the students at BCLA for the cards that they wrote for her and the board members.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Additional Acknowledgements

B. FYI - Personnel

IX. ADJOURNMENT Glenn Forsee moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:45.