

## Board of Education May 21, 2026 Meeting

The Bedford County Board of Education met in a Regular monthly session on May 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Harris Middle School Library, 570 Eagle Blvd., 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

The Bedford County Board of Education met in a regular monthly session on May 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Harris Middle School, 570 Eagle Blvd., Shelbyville, TN. Board members Glenn Forsee, Michael Cook, David Brown, Dan Reed, Andrea Anderson, Barton Williams, Shanna Boyette, Brian Crews and Lana Craig were present.

Chairman Michael Cook called the meeting to order, followed by a moment of silence, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Millie Lawell, a student at Harris Middle School.

#### B. Moment of Silence

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Millie Lawell who is a student at Harris Middle School

#### D. Opening Remarks

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

Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Brian Crews. Motion Approved by  
Yea: 9, Nay: 0

#### A. Approval of Agenda

B. Minutes from April Monthly Meeting

C. Minutes from the Budget Study Session May 7, 2026

D. Community HS FFA Trip Request

E. Community HS Football Trip Request

F. Community HS History Club Trip Request

G. SCHS CTE FFA Trip Request

H. Thomas Magnet Beta Club Trip Request

I. Cascade HS FFA Trip Request

J. GEAR UP 7th grade Trip Request

K. GEAR UP 8th grade Trip Request

L. Policies for Revision

1. 6.500 Special Education Students
2. 6.602 Student Records Inspection & Correction Procedure
3. 6.413 Prevention and Treatment of Sports Related Concussions
4. 6.4031 Pediculosis (Head Lice)
5. 6.412 Emergency Allergy Response Plan
6. 6.601 Student Records Annual Notification of Rights

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT** Meghan Lopez spoke during the public comment period on her concerns regarding dual enrollment opportunities in our district.

A. Meghan Lopez

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS** Mr. Cook told everyone that the Good News Report was online for all to read.

A. Good News Report

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Valedictorian and Salutatorian Awards

Shelbyville Central High School  
VAL - Seth Patrick Sharp  
SAL - Jean Carlo Reyes Sanchez

Cascade High School  
VAL - Adelyn Elizabeth Jones  
SAL - Avery Mae Villapania

Community High School  
VAL - Aidan Raye Roberts  
SAL - Anna Grace Haskins

Awards were given to the valedictorian and salutatorians from Shelbyville Central High School, Cascade High School and Community High School.

B. Community High School Wrestling Recognition Isaiah Beech and Owen Williamson from Community High School were presented certificates for their achievements in wrestling at the state level.

C. Community High School Cross Country Recognition The Community High School Cross Country team were given certificates for their achievements at the state level.

D. CTE and GEAR-UP Update - Lori Sexton Lori Sexton gave a presentation on the GEAR Up program and also gave an update on the CTE program. She showed a short video and had a PowerPoint presentation for the Board.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

### A. 2026-2027 Budget

This budget includes a 5% raise for certified and classified employees plus step increases. Two million dollars from debt services will be used for the New Central Office renovation, \$2 million for computers, \$700,000 for buses and \$1 million for other capital projects. **Motion was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Brian Crews. A roll call vote was taken. There was a disclosure statement\* for the board members to read who have a conflict of interest. 1<sup>st</sup> district David Brown voted yes, 2<sup>nd</sup> district Brian Crews voted yes, 3<sup>rd</sup> district Dan Reed read the disclosure statement and voted yes, 4<sup>th</sup> district Lana Craig voted yes, 5<sup>th</sup> district Michael Cook read the disclosure statement and voted yes, 6<sup>th</sup> district Andrea Anderson read the disclosure statement and voted yes, 7<sup>th</sup> district Barton Williams read the disclosure statement and voted yes, 8<sup>th</sup> district Shanna Boyette read the disclosure statement and voted yes, 9<sup>th</sup> district Glenn Forsee read the disclosure statement and voted yes. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

### B. Human Resources Payment Write Off Request

This request is related to paid parental leave. This employee was paid for parental leave, the state did not tell us until toward the end of the leave that she did not qualify. We did not want the employee to be penalized. We have taken steps to insure that this does not happen in the future and we are asking for the request for this write off to be approved. **Motion was made by David Brown and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

### C. Bid 26-22 24/7 Virtual Tutoring and Mentoring Services for Middle and High School Students (Grades K-12)

This is paid for through the GEAR Up grant. We are recommending to go with Student Success Agency as they are the low bidder. **Motion was made by Dan Reed and seconded by Brian Crews. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

D. Budget Amendment #4 Robert Daniel gave a brief overview of the budget amendment. **Motion was made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

E. April Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Daniel said there was nothing unusual to report. **Motion was made by Andrea Anderson and seconded by Glenn Forsee. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

## **VII. REPORT ITEMS**

A. Monthly Tax Analysis Robert Daniel explained this was comparing this year to last year at this same time.

B. Attendance Report Terise Rhodes handed out 2 sheets. One was our numbers as of today and the other was a projection for next year. Kindergarten enrollment is lower than this time last year and there has been an increase in homeschool enrollment.

C. Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Report

D. Executive Committee Report Mr. Cook announced the next board meeting will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the Central Office.

Surplus property declared for the Distribution Center, Central Office, Southside, Cascade HS, Liberty and Eakin.

1. Surplus for Distribution Center, Central Office, Southside, Cascade HS, Liberty, Eakin,

E. Superintendent's Report Dr. Garrett read a letter to the board that she has written regarding her upcoming retirement. It was a very heartfelt letter of gratitude to all BCS employees and students.

Mr. Cook then asked each board member if they would like to say anything to Dr. Garrett. Each on them spoke on the great job she has done, what a difference she has made to them and their gratitude for her. A plaque was then presented to Dr. Garrett that read "In Recognition of 5 Years of Dedicated Leadership as Superintendent of Bedford County Schools, presented to Dr. Tammy Garrett, A Legacy of Positive Change, Innovative Programs and Genuine Care for Students and Staff." A gift was also given to her from the Board.

The meeting ended with Bro. Glenn Forsee asking Dr. Garrett and Mr. Harwell to stand in front of everyone as he said a prayer of blessing over both of them.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Additional Acknowledgements

B. FYI - Personnel

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57.