

Board of Education August 20, 2026 Meeting

The Bedford County Board of Education met in a Regular monthly session on August 20, 2026 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 The Bedford County Board of Education met in a regular monthly session on August 20, 2026 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, 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 Charlotte Hamilton a student at Eakin Elementary School.

B. Moment of Silence

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Evie Gilliland and Charlotte Hamilton who are students at Eakin Elementary School

D. Opening Remarks

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

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

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Minutes from July Monthly Meeting

C. Minutes from the July 9, 2026 study session

D. SCHS Girls Soccer Trip Request

E. SCHS CTE FFA Trip Request

F. SCHS National Honor Society Trip Request

G. Cascade HS Girls Basketball Trip Request

H. Community HS Skills USA Trip Request

I. Policy 1.900 Charter School Authorizing Principles

J. Policy 1.901 Charter School Applications

K. Policy 1.902 Charter School Agreements

L. Policy 1.904 Charter School Intervention

M. Policy 1.905 Charter School Renewal

N. Policy 1.906 Charter School Revocation

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Tabbatha Hoeppner Tabbatha Hoeppner spoke on her concerns regarding the handling of a situation at Liberty School.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Good News Report Mrs. Garrette gave a brief summary of items from the Good News Report.

V. PRESENTATIONS

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Collaborative Conferencing Team Appointment
(Currently Michael Cook, Andrea Anderson, Shanna Boyette, Chad Fletcher, and Neil Watson)

Currently the team is Michael Cook, Andrea Anderson, Shanna Boyette, Chad Fletcher and Neil Watson. **Motion was made to keep the same team by Brian Crews and seconded by Dan Reed. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

Motion to keep the same team was made by Brian Crews and seconded by Dan Reed. Motion Approved by

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

B. SACP fees 2026-2027 The fees remain the same as last year. **Motion was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Shanna Boyette. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

C. Community High School Request Brad Brown, principal of Community High School, asked the board for permission to change the name of 100 Community Crossing to 100 Robert Ralston Way. He said this would be a good way to honor Dr. Ralston for his 27 years as principal of Community High School. This road is the private drive from Highway 41 A North to the Unionville Deason Road. **Motion was made by Dan Reed and seconded by Shanna Boyette. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Dan Reed and seconded by Shanna Boyette. Motion Approved by

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

D. Lead ESL Teacher Stipend Request

This is a request to give the ESL Lead Teachers a \$1000 stipend. This is a year to year stipend and there are currently 12 Lead teachers. **Motion was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Brian Crews. 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

E. Transportation Department Proposal

Kenny Parker explained that this proposal is for a 2-hour minimum fee for the bus drivers for short trips. Any trips that are more than 2 hours for the bus driver will revert to the regular hourly pay, currently \$20 an hour. This does not include coaches that have their CDLs and drive for the team. They do not get an hourly wage because they get a supplement. They are paid to be with the team, but they do get paid for mileage if they turn it in. It was asked how many field trips do they usually run in a year. Mr. Parker said we had over 740 last year. **Motion was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

Approved by

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

F. Policy 4.302 Field Trips/Excursions/Competitions Updated this policy with the line "and bus drivers will receive an hourly fee." **Motion was made by Brian Crews and seconded by Barton Williams. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

Approved by

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

G. Canon Copier Contract - 60 months agreement

1. BOE 2nd Floor

2. Bedford County Learning Academy These contracts are on the state contracts list and are a 5-year agreement. **Motion was made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Dan Reed. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Shanna Boyette and seconded by Dan Reed. Motion

Approved by

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

H. Approval of Cardiac Emergency Response Plan

This plan has to be approved annually and it has already been reviewed by EMS. **Motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion

Approved by

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

I. Policy 5.201 Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers

Update to policy. **Motion was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Brian Crews. 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

J. Policy 5.302 Sick Leave

Updated to show recent legislative action. **Motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Glenn Forsee. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

K. Policy 6.202 Home Schools

Update regarding appropriate tests for homeschool students. **Motion was made by Glenn Forsee and seconded by Brian Crews. 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

L. Bid 27-1 Propane This bid was awarded to the lowest bidder, Henley Propane, for small tank \$1.24 and large tank \$.839. **Motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Lana Craig. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

M. Bid 27-2 Light Bulbs This bid was awarded to the lowest bidder, Facility Solution Group for \$107,949.73. **Motion was made by Andrea Anderson and seconded by David Brown. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

N. Bid 27-3 Custodial and Paper Products This bid was awarded to the lowest bidder in 3 sections: Cleaning supplies and single use serveware to American Paper and Twine for various prices, Trash bags and Paper Products to American Paper and Twine for various prices, and Soap to Kelsan for \$42.97 per case. **Motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Shanna Boyette. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Shanna Boyette. Motion
Approved by
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O. June Monthly Financial Report **Motion was made by David Brown and seconded by Brian Crews. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

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

P. Quarterly Financial Report **Motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by David Brown. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Barton Williams and seconded by David Brown. Motion Approved by

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

Q. July Monthly Financial Report

Robert Daniel commented that SACP collected \$37,000.00 and spent \$81,000.00 in July so there is a cash flow issue that needs to be looked at. **Motion was made by Dan Reed and seconded by Andrea Anderson. Motion was carried with a 9-0 vote.**

Motion to approve was made by Dan Reed and seconded by Andrea Anderson. Motion

Approved by

Yea: 9, Nay: 0

VII. REPORT ITEMS

A. Monthly Tax Analysis for June There were more property taxes and sales tax collected than the same time last year.

B. Monthly Tax Analysis for July No collections for July because that's a receivable for June so it will be moved into last year.

C. Attendance Report Terise Rhodes reported on attendance so far this year. We are down 243 students from this time last year.

D. Employee Assignments 2026-2027

E. Bus Driver Certifications Report

F. Executive Committee Report Mr. Cook announced the next board meeting will be Tuesday, September 15th due to the Fall District Meeting being on the 17th in Lawrenceburg.

Surplus property declared for the Distribution Center, Central Office, Cascade Middle, Maintenance, Community HS and Thomas Magnet School.

1. Surplus - Distribution Center, Central Office, Cascade Middle, Maintenance, Community HS, Thomas Magnet,

G. Superintendent's Report Mr. Harwell talked about the Start Strong Family Night where more than 300 people attended. He thanked Dulcie Davis, Dr. Rhodes and the whole team for making that event happen. He thanked everyone that attended the town hall meetings. He reminded everyone that Liberty School is 50 years old this year. They have a 50-year celebration museum in the school and invited all the board members to go out to see it.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Additional Acknowledgements The board thanked Mr. Harwell for the good job he and his team are doing.

B. FYI - Personnel

IX. ADJOURNMENT Glenn Forsee moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:52.