

School Committee Meeting Minutes

8 May 2026

School Committee Chair Commissioner Judy Pruett opened the meeting asking Commissioner Roger Reedy to offer a prayer and lead the pledge. Public was asked if there were any comments on the agenda and there were none. A member of the public, Harold Young, did speak on a wheel tax (not on agenda since this is not this committee's responsibility), asking commissioners for a show of hands on who supported a wheel tax. The minutes of 6 February 2026 were moved for approval by Commissioner Matthew Hopkins, seconded by Commissioner Gayle Jones, and were approved unanimously.

Schools Amendments – Motion by Commissioner Terry Jones, seconded by Commissioner Rickie Carpenter, was made to approve the amendments as discussed and shown on handout. Motion approved unanimously. The amendments did not require additional funding and covered a Healthy Students Stronger Learners Grant, ISM to align with State for Elkton Elementary School, Bridgeforth Middle School and Giles County High School; TVA Robotics Program Grant – Revision; Maintenance Truck; LEAPs Revision to align with State; and Fund 143 Cafeteria Fund.

An Edupoint contract discussion was initiated by School Director Dr. Vickie Beard, noting this was information for next year's budget. The Financial Manager (FM) Beth Moore-Sumners also noting this did not have to be approved here, but would be provided to the full legislative body for approval. Dr. Beard said this was a platform used for several years, and after public questioning why this particular source, said this comes from an approved state provided listing, and previous services had few issues. Dr. Beard stated that the cost is \$16K to \$30K per year, over five years, with the lower number typically the cost due to state supplementing the balance. However, it is not known at this time if the state will continue with that supplement.

Contract with R J Young - The FM said this is provided for information only and will go to the full legislative body for approval. Dr. Beard said this agreement covers the copiers for 8 schools, the central office, and the garage. The cost will be \$7K a month, which is a decrease from the previous agreement, will remove any costs for overages, and will be a 60-month agreement going forward.

New or old business – Commissioner Gayle Jones asked about records currently stored in the old location's basement, which she understood was a condemned building. Dr. Beard said some of the records are required to be maintained by TN Code, and while she had searched for any legal determination on the area being condemned, she had not found any. When being asked about placing those records in the Archives building, Dr. Beard said due to the private student information she didn't think the data could be stored in a public location. She further said she thought the current location was still acceptable, but that would have to be looked into in the future.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Terry Jones, seconded by Commissioner Matthew Hopkins, and was approved unanimously.

ATTENDEES: Members of the Committee Chair Commissioner Judy Pruetz, Other Commissioners James Lathrop, Terry Jones, Rickie Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour (for James Gentry) Other Commissioners in attendance – David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, Erin Curry, Roger Reedy, Carman Brown, Rose Brown, David Adams, Gayle Jones, Joyce Woodard, Annelle Guthrie, Brad Butler, Caleb Savage Other - County Executive Graham Stowe, Financial Manager Beth Moore-Sumners and Shana Woodard, Director of Schools Dr. Vickie Beard, School Board Chair Knox Vanderpool, Trustee Tony Risner, Road Superintendent Gene Barnickle

