

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

July 1, 2021

6:00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Sonja Culler, Mark Blevins, Robin McKamey for Kelly Collins, Jerry Proffitt, Mark Tester, Nancy Brown, Gary Bailey and Layla Ward  
ABSENT: None  
CALL TO ORDER: Layla Ward, Chairwoman  
ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

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AGENDA: The agenda was amended to remove the update by Dr. McAbee and add the county-wide CTE program from Mayor Woodby. Motion was made by Mark Blevins, seconded by Nancy Brown to approve the amended agenda. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Sonja Culler, seconded by Robin McKamey to approve the minutes of the June 2021, meeting. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: John Lewis addressed the committee questioning why his granddaughter could not ride the school bus that came right by his house. He said he was told it was because she was not on welfare. He stated his tax dollars paid for these busses and he felt he and his granddaughter were being discriminated against. He said he had gone so far as to question his Congressman with no response. Gary Bailey told Mr. Lewis he did not have an answer but assured him he would get one for him in writing.

Representing the county teachers, Diane Barnett, President of the Carter County Teachers Association, addressed the committee at this time to voice their appreciation for the 4% locally funded upcoming raise. She stated it had been over ten (10) years since that had happened and the teachers not only appreciated the raise, but the recognition.

Mayor Woodby next presented a Project Narrative for a County-Wide Centralized CTE (Career Technical Education) Campus. The Project Narrative booklet the Mayor and Abby Frye put together is on file in the Clerk's office and details the purpose and impact of the project. She said this was a 15 million dollar project proposed by Dean Blevins and Dr. McAbee. She stated they had met with State officials and were encouraged by their response. She informed the committee she and Abby had applied for a Three Star grant and had received \$50,000. She said she was looking forward to a future meeting with the Governor to see what kind of help with funding and grants they could give the County. She stated she had hopes that a pilot program could be started in Carter County, being the first of its kind in the State. Mayor Woodby's passion for this project was very obvious and the committee members felt it was a "win-win" situation when a student can graduate high school with not only a diploma but a career certification or degree as well. Good Luck Mayor Woodby!

On motion by Mark Blevins, seconded by Gary Bailey and by voice roll call vote, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Suzi Wallace

Approved for Entry:

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Layla Ward-Chairwoman

