

**MINUTES  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN, ROBERT BROWN III  
JANUARY 3, 2023**

Present:

Robert Brown, III, Chairman  
Darrell Rogers, Vice-Chairman  
Terri Boyt  
Shannon Burgdorf  
Dillon Lamberth  
Chrissi Miller  
Danny Sullivan

Also Present:

Eric Sitler, Law Director  
Merrol Hyde, Commission Chairman  
Jeremy Mansfield, Commissioner  
Jennifer Mitchell, minute taker

Chairman Brown brought the regular meeting of the Education Committee to order with an invocation by Commission Chairman Hyde on Monday, January 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration building in Gallatin.

3. Adoption of the Agenda. Upon motion of Comm. Miller, seconded by Comm. Lamberth, the Committee unanimously approved the agenda.

4. Approval Minutes December 5, 2022. Upon motion of Comm. Sullivan, seconded by Comm. Miller, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of December 5, 2022.

5. Recognition of the Public.

Kevin Baigert of 424 AB Wade Road, Portland applauded the Committee for their efforts to rid schools of corruption and pornographic material.

6. Report of the Chairman. Chairman Brown stated he would make his report at the end of the meeting.

7. Report of County Mayor. Not present

8. Report of Director of Schools. Dr. Phillips was not present. Chairman Brown reported Dr. Phillips, Director of Schools emailed a quarterly financial report but Chairman Brown was not able to open file.

9. Old Business.

a. Infinity Pipeline and the SCBOE.

Comm. Miller moved, seconded by Comm. Boyt, to open discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brown updated the Committee on answers received to questions asked about the pipeline. Chairman Brown had asked what the completion date was supposed to be and received that the substantial completion date was February 2022 with May 2022 as the final completion date. Chairman Brown asked who is paying for the removal of sewage, Chairman Brown stated the taxpayers are paying. There was a brief discussion about the easements on the condemned property. Chairman Brown asked if there is a projected completion date and if there is a monetary penalty for going past that date. Dr. Phillips' response was they pray every day that the contractor will complete the pipeline and that the contract specifies a \$2,000.00/calendar day monetary penalty for each day past the original completion date. Chairman Brown stated he has additional questions he would like to ask the Director of Schools. There was lengthy discussion.

No action taken

b. New version of the resolution for the Lawn Boy book (attached).

Comm. Boyt moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers to discuss. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Brown explained that a lawsuit was filed and the resolution is being brought through committee to satisfy the lawsuit. Chairman Brown gave an overview of the resolution and noted a change to the resolution with the addition of head librarians and executive principals and removal of "that all senior administrative staff, to include" to the first "Be It Resolved" paragraph of the resolution. (Second to last paragraph)

During discussion, Comm. Sullivan moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to amend to remove "executive" and just list principals. The motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Brown moved. seconded by Comm. Miller to approve the resolution as amended and forward to the full Commission. The motion was approved (6-1-0) by the Committee. Comm. Lamberth voted against.

10. New Business.

a. Sheriff Weatherford – Drug prevention.

Sheriff Weatherford spoke to the Committee about the increase of drug overdoses in high schools and explained he would like to install emergency overdose boxes containing Narcan in the high schools.

After discussion, Comm. Brown moved, seconded by Comm. Lamberth, to strongly encourage the Sumner County Board of Education to adopt the measure and install the emergency overdose boxes in Sumner County schools.

b. Board of Education Amendments (Information only).  
No action taken

Report of the Chairman. Chairman Brown expressed his concerns of not being able to audit school budget spending. He stated he would like to set up an Ad Hoc Committee to gain visibility of the school financials. He went on the appoint the following members to the Ad Hoc Committee:

Terri Boyt, Commissioner  
Todd Kerr, Citizen  
David Lawing, Finance Director  
Eric Sittler, Law Director  
Colin Zimmerman, Citizen  
Merrol Hyde, Commission Chairman  
Robert Brown, Commissioner

Comm. Brown moved, seconded by Comm. Miller, to approve the Ad Hoc Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment.

Chairman Brown declared the Committee adjourned at 7:01 p.m. upon motion of Comm. Rogers and seconded by Comm. Miller.

Prepared by Jennifer Mitchell