



RUTHERFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

2240 Southpark Drive

Murfreesboro, TN 37128

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2026

4:30 PM

Board Members Present

Claire Maxwell, Board Chair

Frances Rosales, Vice-Chair

Katie Darby

Tammy Sharp

Caleb Tidwell

Butch Vaughn

Stan Vaught

Other: Dr. James Sullivan, Director of Schools

1. CALL TO ORDER at 4:35 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

We will be opening the meeting with a brief moment of silence or prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag. No one is required to participate or be present for any of these and being in this portion of the meeting is completely voluntary.

Special Called: Frances Rosales

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Butch Vaughn and seconded by Caleb Tidwell to approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: All yes.

Motion passes.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS *

**Public comment requests to address the Board must be provided in writing to the Director of Schools' office no later than noon (12:00 p.m.) on the day of the meeting by completing the Public Comment Form. Speakers will have three (3) minutes to speak.*

No public comments.

5. TRANSPORTATION (TAB 1)

I. Request to purchase 9 available buses below as presented for a total of \$1,377,500.

Mid-South Bus:

- Four Used Buses (90 passenger)
 - 2025 – Thomas EFX – VIN 1T88Y9D25S1220158 – 22,911 miles (\$165,000)
 - 2025 – Thomas EFX – VIN 1T88Y9D27S1239245 – 3,701 miles (\$170,000)
 - 2026 – Thomas EFX – VIN 1T88Y9D20T1239492 – 8,416 miles (\$190,000)
 - 2026 – Thomas EFX – VIN 1T88Y9D24T1239494 – 8,818 miles (\$190,000)
- Four New Buses (24+1 passenger)
 - Type A- \$137,000/ea. (\$548,000)

Central States:

- One Used Bus (42 passenger)
 - 2025 BlueBird Vision- with wheelchair lift and A/C - 3,300 miles (\$114,500)

Lengthy discussion held about how many routes are currently open, how many are SPED routes, what is the average number of open routes, how do we plan to utilize the buses if purchased, the cost of GPS, camera, and radio in each bus, and policy changes they need to consider.

Motion made by Butch Vaughn and seconded by Claire Maxwell to approve (5) SPED buses and (5) 90-passenger buses, the fifth bus is a new 90-passenger bus not listed from Central States for \$176,452.

Roll Call Vote:

Caleb Tidwell-No

Frances Rosales-Yes

Tammy Sharp-Yes

Stan Vaught-Yes

Butch Vaughn-Yes

Katie Darby-No

Claire Maxwell-Yes

Vote: 5 yes, 2 no

Motion passes

II. Request for approval:

- Approval of route 39 awarding Gossett Bus Lines, this makes over 10 contracts.
- Approval of Gary Carter bus VIN#'s under new ownership.
- Request to transfer Bus 81 from Lillie Swader to her daughter, Brandi Savannah.

Motion made by Caleb Tidwell and seconded by Tammy Sharp to approve the above as presented.

Vote: All yes.

Motion passes

III. Fund 141 Budget Amendment

This budget amendment transfers a budgeted amount of \$1,900,000 between line items in the same major category 72710-Transportation. The movement of funds reflects the decrease in 72710-315-Contract with Vehicle Owners and increases in multiple other lines to account for bus drivers, benefits, insurance, fuel, transportation supplies and materials, and the purchase of up to 10 passenger buses. This amendment has no increase in revenue or expenditures and no use of fund balance.

Motion made by Stan Vaught and seconded by Butch Vaughn to amend Fund 141 by moving funds between line items in category 72710-Transportation in the amount of \$1,900,000 and no net increase to revenue and expenditures.

Vote: 5 yea, Caleb Tidwell and Katie Darby opposed

Motion passes

5. ADJOURNMENT

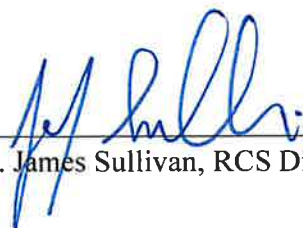
Gaveled out at 5:33 p.m.

Approval of Agenda Minutes



Claire Maxwell, RCS BOE Chairman

3-26-2026
Date



Dr. James Sullivan, RCS Director of Schools

3-26-26
Date

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