

April 19, 2024

Hey all,

Here's this week's report.

Blessings and keep the faith.

Bill

Williamson County School Board

The full school board met on Monday the 15th. [Agenda video](#).

The public comment that starts at 31:24 and ends at 54:41 was all about equity in extracurricular salaries for teachers. Most of the commenters were students, some of which were 8th graders. I was very impressed with their poise and confidence in public speaking. They raised very legitimate concerns with regards to the disparity between coaches' salaries and band and drama directors' salaries. They talked about the positive impact in their lives due to their involvement in school plays, musicals and band. They gave credible numbers of hours teachers, who direct plays and musicals, expend as opposed to the dollars per hour they earn doing such. For some, the wage per hour is around \$4.00 dollars. The board spent a good deal of time discussing this issue and seemed to be receptive to the students' pleas.

About 11 minutes was dedicated to congratulating high achieving students and staff and goes from 1:03 to 1:11. There were some very impressive awards given out.

Some time was given to the new law about books that contain obscenity and excessive violence that was passed in the TN General Assembly. Bill [HB0843](#) will become the law on July 1st of this year. Discussion is from 1:15 to 1:18. They will be going back to the policy committee for a first reading on a new policy based on the new law at the May policy committee meeting.

Other than that, the most important topic on the agenda was the \$11+m the board is seeking from the county to work on roofs and HVAC systems as well as \$12+m for security systems school wide. This \$24M is a request directly to the county and is not a 23-24 budget item. These funds are capital improvements and, if passed by the county, will be paid for via tax exempt bonds.

In relation to education, our federal government just released a 1,577-page revision of Title IX that changes everything and is one more example of the insanity that is going on in Washington DC. Here are two articles that explain what is going on : [The Daily Signal](#) and [The Independent Women's Forum](#)

Williamson County Election Commission

Nothing to report for this week. Next week there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday the 23rd at 405 Downs Blvd at 4:00 pm. [Agenda](#).

It's always good to see folks there to let them know that we are paying attention.

Williamson County Commission

The Budget committee met on Monday, but I can't find a video or agenda for that meeting, so I don't know what happened.

Next week, the **Education Committee** is meeting on Monday the 22nd at 1320 W. Main at 5:30 pm. They will be reviewing the 2024-2025 school budget. This is an important meeting, and I recommend that we get people to show up. At the last joint meeting between the Education committee and the Budget committee, they allowed questions from the audience. I don't know if that will be the case for this meeting.

To follow the schedule of all county meetings, go [here](#).

Frankling Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA)

The Design and Review committee met on Monday [agenda video](#).

Next week there are a number of meetings including the board work session and board meeting on the 23rd [agenda](#). One interesting item on the work session agenda is the Consideration Of License Application To Install And Operate Law Enforcement Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Cameras On State Highway Right-Of-Way With The Tennessee Department Of Transportation. One more way for our government to surveil us.

What you can do

I am still looking for volunteers to help get our new school board members elected. We have six candidates that we are supporting and if they all get in, we will swing the school board to the right.

Our candidates are:

District 1

Republican Tony Bostic. [instagram](#) Tony@musiccitymtg.com

District 3

Republican Dr. Dennis Driggers [website](#)

District 5

Republican Dr. Margie Johnson. [website](#)

District 7
Republican Angela Beaton [website](#)

District 9
Republican Claire Reeves [website](#)

District 11
Republican Tonja Hibma [website](#)

Blessings to all.

**If not me, who?
If not now, when?**

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11:1)