**Williamson County Board of Education Meeting January 21 2025**

**Date**: January 22, 2025  
**Duration**: 1:10:13  
**Participants**: Participant 1, Participant 2, Participant 3, Participant 4, Participant 5, Participant 6, and Participant 7

**Action Items**

* [ ] Superintendent Golden - **Present proposed budget to board** Present the proposed budget for next year to the school board, including projected pay increases and funding needs, one month earlier than last year

**Overview**

* School board approved open/closed school zoning for 2025-26 with **8** yes votes, **1** no vote
* DECA program highlighted success with **1,400** members across **8** high schools in Williamson County
* Franklin High School athletic facilities concerns raised regarding facilities not updated since **1980s**
* ACT scores for 2024 seniors ranked #1 in Tennessee
* Open zone enrollment window set for **February 4th - April 15th, 2025**

**DECA student leadership program overview**

* Program operates in **8** high schools across Williamson County Schools
* Over **1,400** members currently participating district-wide
* More than **500** members qualified for State Career Development Conference next month
* **91%** of DECA members report program prepared them for college and career
* Program activities include:
  + Local, state and international competitions
  + Community service projects
  + Leadership development through officer roles
  + Field trips to Tennessee Titans and Dollywood for career exposure

**Franklin High School athletic facilities concerns**

* Nate King presented concerns about outdated athletic facilities from **1980s**
* Current issues identified:
  + Inadequate shower facilities in boys' football and basketball locker rooms
  + Press box needs replacement, not just new roof
  + Baseball and softball facilities need new bleachers
  + Parents currently fundraising for basic equipment like **$5,000** scoreboard
* **$650** million allocated in five-year capital plan for new schools despite having **12,000** available seats

**School lunch improvement proposal**

* Cara Winburn presented data on student dietary needs:
  + **5%** of students are vegetarian
  + **2%** of students are vegan
  + **55%** of Trinity Elementary students buy lunch
* Tennessee ranks **17th** out of **50** states for healthy school lunches
* Proposed healthy lunch options with protein content:
  + Egg sandwich wraps (**11.8g** protein)
  + Egg wraps (**15g** protein)
  + Lentil spaghetti (**13g** protein)
  + Spinach pasta (**7.2g** protein)
  + Bean burgers (**9g** protein)
  + Tomato and cheese sandwiches (**19g** protein)
  + Edamame side (**17g** protein)

**Superintendent update on special education and budget**

* Approximately **25%** of students have either:
  + Individualized Education Program (IEP)
  + 504 plan
  + Gifted education services
* Budget funding breakdown:
  + County Commission funds **~67%**
  + State funds **~33%**
  + Federal government funds **1-2%**
* Proposed budget presentation moved up one month earlier than last year
* Science textbook adoption review ongoing with community input
* New budget will include proposed pay increases and supplements for arts, athletics, and academics

**Student and staff achievement recognition**

* National awards:
  + Michael Graskowski and David Ward (Brentwood High) won national commercial video production award
  + Anna Ray Jones (Franklin High) won best sports story award
* Athletics achievements:
  + Eric Hazard (Page High) - Class 5A Mr. Football
  + Donovan Star (Ravenwood) - Class 6A Mr. Football
  + Fairview Middle School - State Wrestling Champions
* Multiple students recognized for All-State Band and Orchestra across various schools
* Rachel Lida Little (Brentwood High) named Tennessee Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year

**Open/closed school zoning for 2025-26**

* Enrollment window: **February 4th - April 15th, 2025**
* Key details:
  + Only open to Williamson County residents
  + Students can apply to multiple schools
  + Applications only accepted through district website
  + Lottery required if more applications than available seats
* Brentwood Middle School approved for **100** open zone spots
* Construction impact considered for Brentwood High School and Brentwood Middle School zoning decisions
* Mill Creek Elementary has **185** open spots but restricted due to middle school at **117%** capacity