



BOBBY COX



BILL ZECHMAN



TEDDY JONES



TANYA BESS



JAMES BENNETT



HELEN MARTIN



LINDA BLAIR

The Warren County Board of Education, commonly called the School Board, governs the county's public school system.

The School Board normally meets once a month on the fourth Thursday of the month. Meetings are usually held at the central office on Morrison Street.

The School Board is composed of six members, who are elected to four-year terms. Half of the board is up for election every two years.

The 2016, Bill Zechman and Tanya Bess were re-elected to their seats, while Teddy Jones was elected to his first term.

In 2014, James Bennett and Helen Martin were elected to their first terms, while Linda Blair was re-elected for a second term. Their

seats are up for election this year in August.

Bennett faces opposition from Andy Link in the 1st District. Martin is running unopposed in the 3rd District. Blair is not seeking re-election in the 5th District. James T. Jacobs and Sue Anderson have qualified and will battle for the 5th District seat in August.

The local School Board was named a Board of Distinction by the Tennessee School Board Association in 2016-17. The award honors only the top boards in the state.

The School Board is in charge of setting school policy and determining the annual school calendar.

The School Board has seven standing

committees. They are listed as follows with the committee chair:

- ATHLETIC COMMITTEE** – James Bennett
- CURRICULUM AND ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE** – Bill Zechman
- FACILITIES AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** – Linda Blair
- FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Helen Martin
- HEALTH, WELLNESS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Teddy Jones
- HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE** – Tanya Bess
- STRATEGIC PLANNING** – Helen Martin

The elected School Board is in charge of hiring one school system employee, that being Director of Schools Bobby Cox, who

reports directly to the board. All other school system employees are the responsibility of Cox.

In addition to Cox, the central office staff is composed of Carl Curtis, who is director of teaching and learning for grades 7-12. Autumn Turner holds that same title for grades pre K-6.

Robin Phillips serves as school system attorney, while Deana Jones is administrative assistant.

Warren County has 11 schools in its public school system and normally has a student enrollment around 6,500 students.

The central office is located at 2548 Morrison Street. The phone number is 668-4022.

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COLLEGES

MOTLOW COLLEGE

Motlow College first offered courses in Warren County through the Division of Continuing Education at the McMinnville State Area Vocational Technical School in 1976.

Following the restructuring of the Motlow service area in 1984, which added Cannon, DeKalb, Van Buren, and White counties, a survey revealed an increased demand for additional course offerings around McMinnville.

In the spring of 1986, the Tennessee General Assembly appropriated \$612,000 matched with \$200,000 funding from the Warren County Commission to construct a 12,000-square-foot building. In April 1987, the State Board of Regents and the Building Commission approved supplemental funding of \$134,000 for an additional 1,992 square feet for an additional classroom and student lounge.

Ivan Jones was appointed as the director and classes began with fall quarter 1986. Classes continued at the temporary location until the Motlow McMinnville Teaching Site was completed Aug. 21, 1988. For Fall Semester 1988, 428 students were enrolled at the teaching site.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission approved center status for the McMinnville site in January, 1990. With center status, students could now complete an associate of arts or associate of science degree in general studies or an associate of applied science degree in business at the center.

In 1994, Warren County committed \$150,000 to match \$150,000 appropriated to expand the facility. To expand the instructional program further, an additional 2,992 square feet, including a 28-station computer lab, a 24-station biology lab, and a second ladies restroom was completed in the spring of 1996.

After Ivan Jones was appointed director of Tennessee Technology Center in Shelbyville in July, 2000, Melody Edmonds was named director of the McMinnville Center.

In the spring of 2005, the Tennessee Legislature approved \$3.2 million for a 20,000-square-foot expansion of the McMinnville Center. This expansion was complete in the fall of 2008 which included a new administrative area, library, nursing lab, student lounge, and additional classrooms.

The McMinnville Center was the first campus to introduce Mechatronics in spring 2010 thanks to generous donations from our local community.

Motlow can be reached at 668-7010. The campus is located at 225 Cadillac Lane.

TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

The Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology serve as the

premier suppliers of workforce development throughout the state of Tennessee. The colleges fulfill their mission by:

- Providing competency-based training
 - Contributing to the economic development of the communities served by training and retraining employed workers
 - Ensuring programs and services are economical and accessible to all residents of Tennessee
 - Building relationships of trust with community, business, and industry leaders to supply highly skilled workers in areas of need.
- The objectives of the programs offered by the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology are to:
- Give students the opportunity to acquire marketable skills for entry into the labor market, or upgrade present skills of persons already employed.
 - Incorporate appropriate work habits and attitudes into the occu-

pational program.

- Meet the present and anticipated needs of the business and industrial community.
- Meet student needs by utilizing open-entry enrollment.
- Permit students to begin on an individual level. Pace and progress will be measured against the curriculum's customary hours, and students will exit when specified competencies are met. Instructional methods are individualized and competency-based.

The programs offered at Tennessee College of Applied Technology in McMinnville include automotive technology, computer information technology, electrocardiography technician, hybrid practical nursing, industrial electricity, industrial maintenance, machine tool technology, phlebotomy, practical nursing and welding.

The phone number is 473-5587. The campus is located at 241 Vo-Tech Drive, McMinnville.