

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 15th November, 2022

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Jackson Lelenkeju), in the Chair

PRAYER

STATEMENT

MCA Wamba West Ward, (Hon. Francis Lemartile): Thank you Hon. Deputy Speaker. I stand here to request a statement from the Department of Education on the County Bursary Fund. Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 45 (c), I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Education in regard to the status of the disbursement of the bursary for the financial year 2022/2023 and the recent appointment of the Bursary Co-ordinator by the Governor.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to The Samburu County Bursaries Fund (Amendment) Act, 2016, there is established a fund called the Bursary Fund, and subsequently the establishment of the office of the Bursary Coordinator and other Committees the administration of the said Bursary Fund.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, Section 5 of the Bursary Fund Act, 2016 establishes the Office of the Bursary Co-ordinator, who shall be the Officer administering the fund. It further on Sec 5(3) sets out the qualifications of the said Officer.

Further, your Honour, Section 12 and 13 of the Act establishes a Ward Bursaries Committee in each Ward in the County and their functions subsequently.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, in view of this, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. a) What are the qualifications of the Bursary Coordinator appointed recently by the Governor?
 - b) Has the said Officer attained those qualifications?
2. a) When was the last time Ward Bursary Committees were appointed?
 - b) Has the term limit for those Ward Committees elapsed?
 - c) Why is the bursary for this financial year being disbursed without the establishment of those Committees?

Thank you Hon. Deputy Speaker, as you know the extent of the drought in our County, and totally most of our students will depend on bursary. We are aware the schools will close end of this month, we have only December for students to make application of bursary. So I request the

Chair, to urgently make inquiries of what I have asked before the House adjourns for recess so that we will have a well elaborated answer for the questions so that the bursaries will roll out smoothly. Thank you Hon. Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Jackson Lelenkeju): I now call upon the Chair for Education or the Deputy or any other Member of the Education Committee to respond.

Member, Education Committee, (Hon. Sarah Lekirenyei): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

Tutaweka siku ya kupanga, labda on 1st Desemba itakua sawa. Asante.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube): Mheshimiwa Spika, Mwenye kiti anasema labda, hatutaki jina labda. Tunataka siku Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Jackson Lelenkeju): Mheshimiwa Sarah, inabidi uwaambie Waheshimiwa wa Jumba hili ile siku na tarehe kamili ambayo mtakua tayari. Tarehe 1 Desemba, ni siku gani, karani?

MCA Suguta Marmar Ward, (Hon. James Leleruk): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I request the Committee to see the magnitude of this issue, 1st December will almost be recess time. We need this matter to be concluded so that we settle this matter of bursaries. We urge the Chairperson of the Committee on Education to be serious and give us the response in a weeks' time since it is a straight question, thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Esther Lenolkulal): Nilikua naomba kamati ya Elimu kuwa jambo hili ni kubwa na liangaziwe mapema kuliko muda uliopeanwa na naibu mkuu. Naomba naibu Spika hili jambo liangaliwe kwasababu tunaelewa wote mambo yalivyo kwa sasa na kungazia tarehe lingine, asante.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Jane Nakinyi): Thank you Deputy Speaker Sir. I concur with Hon. Leleruk that the Committee meets before the end of the month or possibly next week to give response. I say this because I see urgency and there was a question that was asked on why is the bursary of the financial year being disbursed without the establishment of those Committees. There is an ongoing disbursement of bursary in the office of the Governor. It is urgent and we need to know as early as possible, thank you.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Osman Dube): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Naunga mkono waheshimiwa na kwa kweli bursary sio kitu kidogo ya kucheleweshwa. Wakati huu ni wakati wa ukame na shida, Tarehe moja December ni mbali na pia ni wakati wamatayarisho ya Krismasi na itakua vigumu mambo kufanyika msimu huo. Naomba kila kitu kiwe tayari kwa muda wa wiki moja. Siku hiyo watoto wanaanza kidato cha kwanza ni itakua vigumu kwa ajili ya ukame. Tunajua mikakati ya serikali na ifikapo December mambo hayatendeki, asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Jackson Lelenkeju): Hon. Members before I give directions I thank the Members who contributed towards this noble matter. I also want to give information that usually in this House we have the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the Speaker's Panel who have been table and approved in this House, for the sake of Members that are here for the first time any person in those categories seated here to moderate over the debate is referred to Speaker Sir or Speaker Madam, that is important for our records in future.

As far as our Standing Orders number 45(c) that a Member may request a Statement from the Committee Chair relating to the matters under the mandate of the Chair of the Committee and the Speaker may either appoint a day for the Statement or direct that the Statement be issued on the same day. Having heard the contributions from the Members I now direct that the Chair of the same Committee gives us a full report on the 29th of the month Tuesday at 2:30 pm.

The time being nine minutes to three o'clock and there being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Wednesday, 16th November, 2022 at 9:00 am.