

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MACHAKOS
OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 22nd February, 2023

The House met at 1.15 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Kiusya) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Point of Order, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes Mheshimiwa.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Hon. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention that we have four Hon. Members including a ranking member and a leader of this Assembly who are improperly dressed in this House. Considering that your office and through the Office of the Clerk facilitated these members and paid monies for them to be trained on etiquette and ways of dressing in this House. Madam Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Minority Leader.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Our Standing Orders are very clear and even a Member rising on a point of order should be able to cite the specific Standing Order. Secondly, I do not know what Standing Order he is using to say that some Members are improperly dressed. Hon. Speaker, the issue of wearing a suit does to go ahead and say once you get into the House and the temperatures are very high, you cannot remove your coat. So, if there is anywhere in the Standing Orders, let the member show us.

Hon. Speaker: I do not want to give you an opportunity to reply Hon. Member, simply because no one in this House is dressed improperly. When the temperatures are this high, we all should understand that it is impossible to wear coats in the suggested way because even the manner in which Hon. Members are dressed is in order to the best of my knowledge.

(Applause)

Let us proceed with the work.

NOTICE OF MOTION
MARKING BOUNDARIES OF ALL ACCESS ROADS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Speaker: May I call Hon. Peter Kilonzo, MCA Mbiuni and give the notice. Anyone holding brief for Hon. Peter Kilonzo?

Hon. Boniface Katiti (Muthetheni, UDA): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides for land surveying, mapping and boundaries and fencing as a function of County Government;

Aware that pursuant to Article 62(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, public land shall vest in and be held by a County Government in trust for the people resident in the county;

Informed that the exercise of surveying, beaconing and mapping of rural access roads in most part of the County was done way back in 1970s;

Further aware that since that time and with increasing demand for land for farming and settlement, the said access roads have been encroached and their sizes drastically reduced;

Considering that Article 62(4) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 provides that public land shall not be disposed of or otherwise used except in terms of an Act of Parliament specifying the nature and terms of that disposal or use;

Cognizant that accessibility is the driving factor for rural development and that H.E the Governor, during her speech in this Assembly on 27th September, 2022, vowed to improve access to roads and mobility and that this mobility cannot be achieved before undertaking fresh marking of boundaries of rural access roads; Noting that from the same speech, the County Government is soon entering into an intensive road grading program and that fresh marking of boundaries of rural roads in the County is critical for the purpose of preparedness and meaningful grading work;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion THAT this House resolves that the Department of Lands and Physical Planning:

- a) Facilitates public participation to the residents bordering areas of all rural access roads to sensitize them on the boundaries of access roads across the County
- b) Undertakes the exercise of marking boundaries of all access roads in the County.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLUTION TO CONVENE ON 27TH FEBRUARY, 2023

Hon. Speaker: May I call upon Hon. Nicholas Nzioka to proceed and bring that motion.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Standing Order 27 provides for the days and hours of plenary sittings being Tuesdays and Wednesdays with the morning sitting starting at 10.00 am and the afternoon starting at 2.30pm;

Aware that Standing Order 27(3)(c) provides that notwithstanding the set days and hours of plenary sittings, the House may resolve to meet on any other day in order to transact business;

Further aware that the nominees for the County and Ward Bursary Committees have been forwarded to the Assembly and there is urgent need to have them considered to facilitate the process of issuance of bursaries;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion THAT this Assembly resolves to sit on Monday, 27th February, 2023 to consider the nominees to the County and Ward bursary Committees.

I call upon my good friend the Leader of Minority to second the motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP) seconded.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Majority Leader and Minority Leader.

(Question proposed)

I now invite Members to debate this motion. Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes. Where is it coming from?

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): From this side.

Hon. Speaker: Okay.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): I do not know if I am in order to inform the Hon. Speaker that she keeps referring to my good friend Minority Leader as the Majority Leader. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information taken but what I meant was 'thank you, majority Leader and Minority Leader respectively.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Well-informed Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good things start like the way they are starting. Since morning, I have been referred to as Majority Leader three times and that is a sign that maybe next time, I will be in charge of this House.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, before I give my views on the motion before the House, I want to inform you that the Hon. Member who was trying to kick out other Members because of lacking coats is now without that coat. I do not know what he is trying to imply.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker, the matter before the House to me is very urgent and valid. As each and every Member is aware, our kids have been sent home because of fees and without approving the committee, the County Bursary Committee Board and for the ward we call it committee, whatever they will be doing will be null and void and we do not want to subject ourselves to court battles. So, Hon. Speaker whoever came up with these ideas of us convening on Monday I want to say *heko* to him or to her because we need to do what is required of us.

(Applause)

So, Hon. Speaker, I request the Hon. Members present here to agree and because I know you are assigning members to do some other task on the same day, I am requesting that we convene we have morning sitting and if possible we approve that we convene on Monday. It is good that we state time, we say we convene on Monday 9.30 a.m. so that by 11.00 a.m. we will be through and Members will be free to undertake the other tasks that you are about to give us. So, Hon. Speaker, I support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Maitha.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I support this motion to resolve to hold the Assembly sitting on Monday off the calendar, I just want to bring to your attention that Madam Speaker, that list needs to be relooked into before we pass it in this Assembly for very simple reasons. Madam Speaker, in the presence of the Clerk, I visited his office last week to have a nod of the people who have been appointed to represent my ward---

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi- WDM-K): Point of order, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Member.

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am rising on a point of order for you to guide us, the Hon. Dominic Maitha is discussing of a list of committee members that we adjourn it we discuss the list on Monday. Is it in order Madam Speaker for him to start now discussing about the list which we do not have in the House? Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Member, restrict yourself to the discussion here; we do not have the list before us.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Hon. Speaker, we were told to proceed to the office of the Clerk to get to know the names that have been forwarded to this Assembly. When a document has been forwarded to this Assembly and received by the office of the Clerk, it becomes a document of this Assembly. What I am saying is this; I am just giving a guidance so

that this House does not get embarrassment on Monday because once the list is brought here and it is rejected, it will not have helped us because there is a mix up in the names on that list--

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. As far as I am concerned, I have never missed any sitting in this Assembly since we started this Session and the alleged list has not yet been brought here and it has not yet been committed to the committee. When we were in Mombasa the last training, we were cautioned about anticipating debate so since there is that business for Monday, why don't we wait until Monday then we talk on a point of information.

Maybe the list that you saw changed; maybe there is something else which is coming. So let us not anticipate debate because the County Assembly spent a lot of resources to ensure that we are well-trained. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, I wish also to inform the member, my friend and my neighbor that the motion before us now is a motion of adjournment and convening on Monday; it is not a matter of the Members who have been nominated to that committee. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think the Hon. Member is just trying to guide what should be done before Monday arrives. So, is that the way? Take the shortest time possible.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Matuu, WDM-K): Well-guided Madam Speaker. As per the wishes of the Members let the list land in this Assembly, I support the motion that we adjourn and reconvene on Monday when the list lands on the floor of the House we shall deal with it as at that time. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. I wish to invite the mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the Hon. Colleagues and despite our tight schedule next week, they have seen it fit we have the plenary on Monday morning to resolve this very emotive issue of bursary. Once again, I thank you Hon. Members.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

APPROVAL OF REPORT ON EIGHTH ANNUAL EDUCATION SUMMIT BY
COMPETENCE BUILDING SOCIETY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR KENYA

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Grace Bahati, Chairperson, Education and Social Services Committee to take the stand and proceed.

Hon. Grace Bahati (Kyeleni, IND): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution distributes functions and powers between the national and County Governments and Part 2 of the Schedule as read together with Section 5 of the County Governments Act, 2012, elucidates specific mandates of County Governments.

The devolution of ECDE to County Governments resonates with Section 26(1) of the Basic Education Act No. 14 of 2013, which further explains that County Governments are responsible for funding the development of required infrastructure for institutions providing ECDE services as well as the VTCs; Cognizant that the Competence Building Society of Early Childhood Education for Kenya (CBSECE Kenya) is responsible for the spirit of promoting quality services for children by overseeing the adherence of standard and quality assurance guidelines in Early Childhood development and Education at the Counties;

Noting that Machakos County Assembly Committee on Education is a member of the Competence Building Society of Early Childhood Education (CBSECE Kenya) and that members participated in the 8th Annual Education Summit which took place from 5th to 9th December, 2022 at Karen Christian College, Nairobi Kenya;

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the motion THAT, this Hon. House adopts the Report of the Education and Social Services Committee on the eighth Annual Education Summit by Competence Building Society of Early Childhood Education for Kenya (CBSECEK), laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 21st February, 2023.

I hereby call the Vice-Chairperson of the Education Committee, Hon. Phoebe to second.

Hon. Phoebe Koki (Nominated, M CCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker and the Hon. Members. I second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Phoebe.

(Question proposed)

May I call upon the mover of the motion to.....before I call the mover to. I think there is confusion in this Paper. Before I invite Members for debate, let me call the mover Hon. Bahati to give highlights of the report.

Hon. Grace Bahati (Kyeleni, IND): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You can just go to the recommendations straight away and conclude.

Hon. Grace Bahati (Kyeleni, IND): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) globally and Kenya in particular has been recognized as a

child's holistic and integrated education that meets the cognitive, social, moral, spiritual, emotional, physical and developmental needs of a child. Article 53....apologies, Madam Speaker.

THE 8th ANNUAL EDUCATION SUMMIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. That the government must develop a scheme of training for technical training institutions. This will enhance technology transfer from the industry to the training institutions with the aim of equipping trainees with market driven technical skills.
- ii. That the County governments must upgrade the current equipment in the technical training institutions to enhance quality training.
- iii. That the TVET programmes should focus on entrepreneurship that can be introduced at school level to encourage youth to innovate and become their own employers.
- iv. That the government prioritizes the training of the Jua Kali sector which is a key economy driver.

COMMITTEE CONCLUSION

Early childhood development education (ECDE) globally and Kenya in particular has been recognized as a child's holistic and integrated education that meets the cognitive, social, moral, spiritual, emotional physical and developmental needs of a child.

Article 53(b)(c) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 stipulates that every child has a right to free and compulsory education, basic nutrition, shelter and health care which are fundamental to the child's holistic development.

It is important to note that early childhood development education interventions are significant to the social and economic development of a county as they provide children aged between 3years and 5year with a strong start in life. It is noteworthy that ECDE centres are critical for the long-term progress of the county in terms of laying a solid foundation for education success. Better policies and legislations should be developed to streamline the operationalization of the ECDE programs across the County.

Lack of proper policy and legislation to guide Education Department has left most of the Vocational Training Centres as well as the Early Childhood Education Centres in deplorable condition despite the ECDE and VTCs programs being a fully devolved function of the County Government, the department of Education should advocate for adequate budgetary allocation to enhance proper management of the sector. The sector is not only under resourced but has also failed to grow at a sufficient rate to cater for the increasing number of young pupils in need of learning.

This Assembly has a huge responsibility to motivate and expedite development of policy and legislation that will enable efficient management and growth of this important sector. These policies should include policies on the harmonization of teacher training, curriculum assessment and other ECDE aspects, to ensure children get a firm learning foundation.

The County Department of Education needs to plan more ambitiously for the sector and thus the County Government needs to increase the financial allocation to the sector to help reduce school dropout rates in the county.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hon. Speaker, the Committee extends its appreciation to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support accorded to it in the execution of its mandate and the opportunity accorded to its Members to develop this report. Hon. Speaker, on behalf of

the Education Committee, I now wish to present this report to this Hon. House for consideration and adoption. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Bahati. May I now invite Members to debate the motion? Hon. Deputy Minority Leader.

Hon. Francis Kavyu (Kinanie, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the report fully. On the importance of the County to develop a policy and framework that will ensure our young kids are well taken care of because the basic foundation that we are going to give to our kids will form an integral part in their academic life. Apart from the few recommendations that have been given by the Education Committee based on the training that we underwent, also, as a House in the next budget-making cycle, we need to review and give the education sector some priority because as a County, we cannot say that we are focussed in ensuring our children have access to quality education while in terms of budgetary priority, education ranks number eight out of 10.

There is a need for that to be reviewed and also ensure that the sector is allocated enough funds to accommodate the current system which has three levels of ECDE. If you go to most of our ECDE centres today, either those children are forced to learn in congested classroom because the County is only providing a single classroom then you will find a school has three categories; the baby class, the PP1 and the PP2 before they proceed to the primary level.

On the issue of the TIVETs, I think as highlighted by our Governor, there is need for us to focus more on that because slavery has been transformed in the modern world. People are being enslaved because when you do not have the right skill, when we do not invest in our people, it means a child in America or in other parts of the world are being trained to come and manage our economy then we end up being the workers. So, there is need for us to empower our people so that they have the necessary skills to drive the economy of this country and by extend Machakos County. It is time for us to ensure that the TIVETs that we have around are empowered so that they can produce quality members of the society who can innovate and make impactful contribution to this county.

Not forgetting the issue of our teachers, I think the ECDE teachers despite them not being enough to cater for the demand for education to our young kids, they are also underpaid. So, I will request the House that we review that to ensure they are motivated by getting the right remuneration in the next financial year. I support the motion. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will start by congratulating our most able Chair Education, Mheshimiwa Bahati together with the Committee of Education. They have done a commendable job; the report is brief and self-explanatory.

If you look at the recommendations and the conclusions, they have summed everything. What I would request; the committee has done a commendable job but those who were doing the printing are giving us things which are illegible. So, I am requesting your office together with the

table office, we do not like this kind of work because if the report is good but not visible, it means we are not serious with our work.

Hon. Speaker, coming to the report, the issue of ECDE, the only devolved education is the ECDE and vocational training centres. As you are aware, in every primary school there is an ECDE centre and we have others which are stand-alone; they are not under any primary school but they are used as feeder stations. If they are not supported, this stand-alone ECDE centres may not be able to offer quality education to our young learners.

Hon. Speaker, education is provided for in the constitution of Kenya and it says that every Kenyan is entitled to the highest standard of education. So, if we do not take care of education for our kids, we will be going against the rights that have been provided for by the constitution.

Most of the ECDE centres that are within the primary schools and I want to cite and example of Matuu primary school because that is where I schooled; as we talk now and as I contribute now in this House, the ECDE centre in Matuu Primary has 138 learners and we only have one employed teacher by the County. Some of the learners are learning under trees because we do not have classrooms. So I would request the House, as we come up with the next financial year budget, we also consider the issue of constructing classrooms for learners.

Then those who are stand-alone centers and some are learning without even a latrine. The parents cannot construct the classroom and also the toilet. So if the public health officers were serious with their work they would have closed some of the centers. Even in primary schools there are those latrines but the latrines which are used by the older students are the same latrines which are used by these learners. We need to have separate latrines for the ECDE and the primary school.

Coming to the vocational training centers, Hon. Speaker, Members will agree with me, any graduate from a vocational training center and another graduate graduating from a university; the one who is graduating from a vocational center will get job before the other one gets job. I want Members to do their own research because this particular person coming from a vocational training center has the skills. He or she can start his or her own business he or she has the skills. The one learning from university will move and start what we call tarmacking to look for job.

So I am requesting that we also set aside funds to ensure that our vocational training centers are well equipped and well-staffed. Most of the training centers you will just find there is only one instructor who is paid by the County and others are being paid by the students. From the previous regime, it was alleged that vocational training in Machakos is free but as things are now that is not true. Hon. Speaker, there is what we call *de facto* in law and there is what we call *de jure*. The truth of the matter is that as things are on the ground, students are being sponsored by their parents. As per books in Machakos the learners are learning free.

Let us be realistic, let us be sincere with whatever we tell our people. If we say this is free then let it be free. If we say it is free then when you send somebody or a child to go and enrol then he/she is told you cannot enter here unless you have given us Ksh. 15,000 for enrolment. So let us be very clear and let us support this vocational training centre.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, we have these vocational training centers that have remained in the same status for decades. A school has been offering certificate courses all though but when shall we elevate them to offer Diplomas. A school like Matuu Vocational Training Center is the biggest vocational training center in Machakos with about 600 learners.

That school started when I was in ECDE and they started offering certificate; I went from ECDE, primary, secondary and I am now an old man legislating in this House. We need also to recommend that some of the vocational training schools can be upgraded at least to offer Diplomas. Hon. Speaker, the report is good is only that the printing has tarnished the good work. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Maitha.

Hon. Dominic Maitha (Muthwani, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. As you put the question, I wish to contribute on this report and recommend the Committee for the good work they did. I wish to bring to the attention of these Hon. Members that there is an ECDE policy that was passed by the Second Assembly that Hon. Minority Leader is very much aware of and that report is under the Committee of Implementation where I seat as a Chair awaiting to get the status of implementation by the Executive.

Unfortunately, Madam Speaker, we have been facing I will not say challenges but technically, it would not be prudent enough Madam Speaker to bring such a report before this House yet majority of the Members in this House are not versed with that report. That policy, we do not understand the details so I have liaised with the office of the Clerk and the Clerk procedural Services here and I request these Hon. Members ECDE being a devolved function. It is one thing that we cannot take any chances about.

I have requested the office of the Speaker that the Committee cannot go ahead and discuss on a report that we were not Members or a policy that we were not privy to its contents. I have requested the office of the Speaker to facilitate Members so that when we go for a retreat, that be treated as an urgent matter so that Members can be taken through the policy and to understand it such that when I bring a report before this House, at least Members are versed with the policy so that now we can take it over from that.

Madam Speaker, our ECDE centers are not in good state. The remuneration of the ECDE caretakers is not really at all pleasing. Yesterday, a good example, with the Deputy Minority Leader, we are accompanied Her Excellency the Governor at Kyumbi at a school called Kiasa. Those who were there can attest to this; very young bright children below five years and if at all they have is about six years.

The kind of presentations they did yesterday, Madam Speaker, if you were there you would even have rewarded them. They were awesome; perfect English, refined, well-structured and set even as I was seated there I told Hon. Bahati even when we were that age, we could not even pronounce a single English word. They could eloquently speak fluent English, sing, articulate issues in English and it really pleased the Governor. In return, the ECDE caregivers are getting nothing in return. They are even pleading before the Governor to build them just a single classroom. Then I imagined if they had the facilities what could be the situation?

Hon. Phoebe can attest to this we have once visited Kisumu County. Madam Speaker, in our benchmarking, we came across ECDE classes that have been constructed by the County Government of Kisumu and I still insist the current Chair can organize for the same and tour Kisumu County and have a look at the ECDE classrooms that have been done by Kisumu County Government. Very nice, properly structured and very cost effective; less than Ksh, 2 million covering two classrooms and with an office for the ECDE caregivers. Madam Speaker, if this County can invest on the same, if we go through the policy and understand the policy and it is implemented in Machakos County then we will have done justice to these kids.

So, I plead with you, Madam Speaker, that these Hon. Members, once we are given that opportunity to go through that policy, I implore you that please let us come out in numbers we listen to this policy such that as I present a report in this House now I have the guts to go ahead and ensure that Executive implements this policy as it was passed.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, it is like the County Governments have never accepted that technical and vocational training institutions are part and parcel of their mandate. To date, if you ask, for the last 10 years what the County Government has done to support these technical and vocational training institutions, you may be surprised no single budget has ever been passed in this House to support the same.

At some point it is quite disappointing, Madam Speaker, that for example, those who were studying like automotive and mechanical engineering courses are at times not in a position even to do practical classes for one simple reason; they do not have the physical machines or the physical equipment like vehicles to do practicals.

Ironically, Madam Speaker, if you go round in our County, there are hundreds of County vehicles that are grounded and getting wasted. I recall one day in time in the First Assembly, we recommended instead of letting these vehicles, these resources just go down to waste, we said we pass a resolution and we did that this House gives the County Government of Machakos the powers to send those vehicles to those vocational and training centers so that they can assist in the capacity building of these children.

I gave a practical example of a vehicle of double cabin that is just stone's throw away from here Madam Speaker. When we left this Assembly that double cabin needed less than Ksh. 20,000 to repair but today if you go just behind our Assembly, that double cabin is completely vandalized. If it had been taken to a technical school in Matuu, in a technical school that is in Kyumbi, Kinanie Ward or a technical school that is in Masii, it would have empowered those young brothers and sisters of ours to get the prerequisite technical requirement other than having them vandalized.

We have a County truck that is just behind the Assembly here. When it was parked, it was in good condition and only limited repairs were needed but today, I was there a week ago to see the fire machines but it does not even have an engine. It is a shell but if it had been taken to a technical school in Machakos, it would have helped those students. So, Madam Speaker, I want to implore Members of this Assembly; sometimes we must now rise to the occasion.

We must now ensure that our budget factors those key functions that have been sent to this County Assembly. Yesterday, I did even speak to the Hon. Madam Governor that we need now to transform our budget from a consummative budget to a more productive budget whereby we cannot continue doing budgets every single year. We cannot continue buying new vehicles every year yet the vehicle that we already have we are not servicing them.

So let us staff these departments; monies to do construction, monies to purchase new cars and we pump more monies into those departments that are going to give direct support and direct knowledge to the people that brought us to this House.

So, as I second this Motion, I ask Hon. Members; we need now to re-look into it and say 'those vehicles that are lying idle within the County and that which the County is intending to sell at a disposal price of Ksh. 30,000 or 40,000 can be taken to those technical training institutions and then help our children to get the prerequisite technical skills to come and empower them.

As I finalize, we need to empower those technical institutions. For one simple thing, we do not have to be hiring people from outside with the same skills that we can get from these technical skills because the County Government will have pumped resources then we can even

pass a resolution in this House and saying such like simple jobs like mechanics, electrical engineering, electrical wiring, plumbing we cannot be sourcing from outside yet we already have technical institutions in our County that have trained the same and have been pumped with resources by the County Government.

By so doing we will have motivated others who want to join them and we will have given jobs to our people whom we have invested in them. So, I kindly implore to Members that we rethink on this otherwise I second this Motion. I ask Members that once this report, ECDE policy is tabled for discussion, when we retreat, Hon. Members, let us kindly take time, listen to it such that when we come in this House we already have privy information and understanding of what the ECDE policy entails. Otherwise, I support the Motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Maitha. I am so impressed by that contribution. It has given us very good insights and the concerns are valid. Members, we need to equip or even operationalize our own tertiary and technical institutions. As observed when Hon. Minority Leader said that if you take a student from technical school together with the one who has come out from university, the one with technical skills will be taken first before.

So those are very valid points Hon. Member and I wish we actually take them up. Thank you, Members.

To the issue of the poorly-done photocopies, I wish to apologize most sincerely and ask the concerned staff to improve on that. I hope the Clerk at the Table takes that up. The mover of the Motion to come and reply.

Hon. Grace Bahati (Kyeleni, IND): Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is my humble request and honour for our Hon. Members. We put this matter into consideration and it is a weighty matter as we represent these people of our County Machakos County. So, I look forward to making our education sector better one during our tenure. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: The House adjourns to Monday, 27th February, 2023 at 10.00 a.m. in the morning.

The House rose at 1.40 p.m.