

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MACHAKOS

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 7th November, 2023

The House met at 11.44 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

MESSAGE

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINEE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ROADS TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I have the following messages from H.E Hon. Wavinya Ndeti, the Governor of Machakos County Pursuant to Standing Order 39. Hon. Members, Article 179 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that the Executive authority of the County is vested and exercised by County Executive Committee. The County Executive Committee consists of the County Governor and the Deputy Governor, Members appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Assembly from among persons who are not Members of the Assembly.

Section 35 of the County Governments Act 2012 provides for the procedure of appointment of County Executive Members by the Governor. Hon. Members, in this regard, I have received message from H.E the Governor nominating Hon. Rita Ndunge Ndunda of Nation Identity No. 11767355 as the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Department of Roads Transport and Public Works.

This is after the exit from office Hon. Philip Kilonzo. Pursuant to Section 7 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) 2017, the nominee is hereby committed to the Committee on appointments for vetting and reporting within 21 days. Thank you very much, Hon. Members.

PAPERS LAID

COUNTY BUDGET REVIEW OUTLOOK PAPER (CBROP) 2023/2024 AND KONZA TECHNOPOLIS BUFFER ZONE INTER-COUNTY PHYSICAL AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2033

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Nicholas Nzioka to come forward and lay down the Papers.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I wish to lay the following Papers on the table of the Assembly today, Tuesday, 7th November, 2023; the 2023 County Budget Review Outlook Paper (CBROP) and the Konza

Technopolis Buffer Zone inter- County physical and land use development plan (2023-2033). Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. The 2023 County Budget Review Outlook Paper (CBROP) is committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee. The Konza Technopolis Buffer Zone Inter-County physical and land use development plan (2023-2033) is committed to the Lands and Energy Committee.

(The Papers were laid in Table)

NOTICE OF MOTION

DISBURSEMENT OF BURSARIES AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY SCHOOL TERM

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Raphael Lucky Nzau; MCA, Matungulu West Ward to come forward and give a notice of Motion. Welcome Hon. Lucky.

Hon. Lucky Nzau (Matungulu West, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Article 43(1)(f) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that every person has the right to education and aware that Section 116 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 provides that the County Executive Committee Member of Finance may establish other Public Funds with the approval of the County Executive Committee and the County Assembly; Acknowledging that pursuant to the provisions of Section 116(1) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 the CECM for Finance has established the Machakos County Bursary Fund;

Further aware that, the County Assembly of Machakos enacted the Machakos County (Bursary Fund) Regulations, 2019 whose object and purpose is to provide for a bursary scheme for the provision of financial assistance to needy students; Noting that the disbursement of bursary is usually done once in a financial year whereas the school calendar runs from January to December with a three term period of three months per term where students are expected to pay school fees at the beginning of every school term; Aware that the Machakos County (Bursary Fund) Regulations, 2019 do not limit the number of times bursaries can be disbursed in a year;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the County Government of Machakos disburses bursaries at the beginning of every school term.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Next order.

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 7TH NOVEMBER, 2023

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Majority Leader, MCA, Machakos Central Ward to come forward and put the statements.

Hon. Nicholas Nzioka (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on Tuesday 7th November, 2023 to prioritize business for the House as forwarded by Committees and Hon. Members pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151(6)(d). The Committee balloted business as follows:

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Morning at 10.00 a.m.

- (a) Statement on status of beneficiaries on the distribution of seeds to farmers in Masinga Ward by Hon. Joshua Mwonga.
- (b) Statement on the lay off and employment of Community Health Promoters by Hon. Raphael Lucky Nzau.
- (c) Motion on Bursary fund disbursement in Machakos County by Hon. Raphael Lucky Nzau.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

- (a) Motion on Bursary disbursement in Machakos County. Continuation of Debate Hon. Raphael Lucky Nzau:
- (b) Adjournment of the House to resume on Wednesday 15th November, 2023 by Hon. Nicholas Nzioka.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, very much, Hon. Member. May I invite Hon. Joshua Mwonga, MCA Masinga Central ward to come forward and give another Statement?

STATEMENTS SOUGHT

MODALITIES OF SEED DISTRIBUTION IN MASINGA CENTRAL WARD

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K):

Hon. Speaker, aware Article 43(1)(c) of the Constitution recognizes that every person has a right to be free from hunger and to have adequate food of acceptable quality.

Hon. Speaker, further aware that one of the objectives of the Machakos County Agricultural Development Fund Act, 2014 as provided for in Section 5(b) is to support growth and development in agriculture and enhance productivity in the agriculture sector by facilitating the provision of farm inputs to farmers including fertilizers, seeds, agro-chemicals, animal breeding, animal drugs, and feeds, artificial insemination services and fishing equipment and supplies. This clearly mandates the County Government to ensure that every resident of Machakos County is provided with certified seeds;

Acknowledging that the Department of Agriculture and Food Security was allocated a budget of Ksh. 38 million in the FY 2023/2024 for the purchase of certified crop seeds;

Further aware that H.E the Governor launched the distribution of seeds in Masinga Central Ward on 26th October, 2023.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to seek a statement on the following from the Chairperson, Agriculture Committee:

1. A list of beneficiaries from Masinga Central ward.
2. The criteria used to identify the beneficiaries in Masinga Central ward.
3. How many Kilograms were given to each beneficiary?

Madam Speaker, I want to seek your permission to just have two minutes to ventilate on these matters.

Hon. Speaker: It is in order.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the reason I am seeking this statement, as the statement is that it is true on 26th of October, that is last month. Her Excellency the Governor was in Masinga Central Ward where she launched the distribution of seeds to the people and the residents of Masinga Central Ward. Madam Speaker, I was not invited but I have no bad feelings on having not been invited to the launch of the seeds. But Madam Speaker, I have traversed the ward; it is true I have gone to each and every sub-location in my ward and what I am facing, it is residents of Masinga asking when they will be receiving these seeds yet we are being told the seeds were launched and distributed.

Madam Speaker, I don't want to say the seeds were not launched and distributed on the same day but it is unfortunate the beneficiaries were not from Masinga Central ward Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, that day, we had people varied from different wards and when time came for issuing of the seeds, we all the people were present and some had come from as far as Ekalakala ward, Kivaa ward and all of them had to queue so that they can get a pack or two packs of the seeds.

Madam Speaker, Masinga Central Ward, and where the exercise took place, we have a Technical Training Institute and I am saying it here without the fear of contradiction; Majority of these kids who are students in the training college also lined up to get the seeds and it is true they were given these seeds. The men who attended the launching of the seeds, were told you; you are not going to get seeds, it is only the female attendees who were to get the seeds. I want to tell you, at the night it was booming business; these seeds were being sold by the kids who have nowhere to plant them at a throwaway price of Ksh. 150.

So Madam Speaker, as I seek this Statement, I am not just seeking it doing politics; I am not doing any politics but my people are still waiting to be given seeds. The rains have started and I want to tell you, even if that the committee goes to Masinga, what they will find and what they will get from the voters of Masinga and the residents of Masinga is they did not get the seeds. Yes, they saw the Governor there, they were told that seeds are here but immediately after the Governor left, something else took place. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Member. When, I committing this matter, to the Agriculture Committee and I will ask the Agriculture Committee to investigate or check into the allegations made by Hon. Mwonga concerning those seeds that were provided and launched by the Governor on that date and bring a report to this House within 14 days. That is to mean that you bring a report on or before the 22nd of November, 2023. Thank you, Hon. Members. I invite as well, Hon. Raphael Lucky Nzau to come forward and lay another Statement.

PAYMENT OF ARREARS OF LAID-OFF COMMUNITY HEALTH

PROMOTERS AND TERMS OF NEWLY-RECRUITED ONES

Hon. Lucky Nzau (Matungulu West, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, aware THAT Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services including reproductive health care;

Aware THAT Part 2 (2)(a) and (c) of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya provides that the functions of the County government include County health services, including County health facilities and the promotion of primary health care;

Further aware THAT on 18th October, 2023 Her Excellency the Governor Hon. Wavinya Ndeti launched a total of 2,820 Community Health Promoters who have been offered basic training to serve as first responders at the primary healthcare stage, in line with the National Government agenda of universal health coverage;

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order 41 of the Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Assembly Committee on Health and Emergency Services concerning the following matters:

1. We are in the know about the new developments on the Community Health Promoters in our County; what plans has the Department of Health and Emergency Services put in place to ensure payment of arrears of the laid-off Community Health Promoters.
2. How prepared is the Department on the newly recruited Community Health Promoters in terms of their welfare, pay, and capacity building?

Madam Speaker, I wish to add on this two requests or Statements; I am seeking in your permission.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Lucky Nzau (Matungulu West, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, I believe you are aware this exercise has been on for a long time in our County and in our country; before it changed to community health promoters it was community health volunteers and over the years, despite the important function this group has been doing to our society, we could be having a lot of delays and rather pay delays or any acknowledgement or encouragement of this group.

I am asking the outstanding payment as in when are they going to be paid because there are those who have been maintained and we appreciate and we regret that others have been laid off something according to me it is not comfortable because when some were bettering someone is being laid off but we are asking, how and what are the measures about when are these people to be paid? So I request we get a definite answer to inform our members of our society that their pay is coming.

At the same time, looking and fearing that those who have been taken aboard may suffer the same battle that has been going on. Madam Speaker, it is good that this House puts good measures and ask for good measures that this community health promoters will be having their pay in good time, will be having their welfare being taken care of very promptly and that the training will be continuous so that they will be having skills and information on how to handle our patients back at home. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Member; thank you for that Statement. I commit this Statement to the committee on Labour, Public service and ICT to respond to the House within 14 days and that is to mean that we expect the report on or before 2nd November, 2023 and while you are doing your investigations on the allegations of non-payment of salaries to those health promoters, please look into the issue of their welfare, those who were laid off and those who were retained about their welfare. Thank you very much.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes Hon. Member.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): I raise to enquire from chairman of the House Business Committee, in regard to a Statement that was sought by Hon. Douglas Musyoka, MCA Masii in regard to a mishandling of a patient in our general hospital that is Level V and I am finding that Hon. Speaker you are just about to dispense the issue of Statements and that Statement has not found its way to the House Business Committee. Madam Speaker I would want to get explanation as to why this Statement has not found itself in the House business because it is lacking and it is urgent.

I have heard the Statements which have been sought here and they do not even meet the threshold of this kind of Statement which is being sought by Hon. Douglas Musyoka, where one of his residents lost a son in very unclear circumstances and it is this House where we can be able to.....burial is actually slated for this Friday, the family around there are in actually a lot of agony. So Madam Speaker I thought this was an urgent Statement because it has found itself here. I have got a draft of it here but it looks like it is not in the order of the discussion. Madam Speaker, I would ask for your indulgence.

Hon. Speaker: I am not aware of that Statement. Or you would wish to respond. Proceed and respond.

Hon. Stephen Mwanthi (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today I sat in the House Business Committee and I was the Chair and I thought the work that was to be done by the Committee is the one that was done at the plenary. I even do not understand how the Member happened to know that there was a Statement that was supposed to come in the Committee before even the Committee sat. So I think the resolutions of the Committee and the House is supposed to work and move on the resolutions of the House Business Committee. Madam Speaker, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. The Statement did not appear before the House Business Committee this morning then it would not have been balloted. Something else?

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCC): I think, Madam Speaker, it is high time we laid everything bare on the table here. Madam Speaker, it is clear and it is a known fact that this Statement appeared in the House Business Committee yesterday and in the deliberations of the HBC and there arrived a point where a decision needed to be made and the whole committee was divided about this issue here.

The leader of that meeting was Hon. DS; the Majority Minority Leader and the Minority Leader was there and at one time the Members---

(Hon. Ndawa spoke off record)

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Madam Speaker, I seek your protection.

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

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Madam Speaker, I seek your protection as I make this Statement.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Madam Speaker, information is very important.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Madam Speaker, this is my matter. Let me just lay the---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunga.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): I am just saying---

Hon. Speaker: I have just given a ruling saying that if it never appeared before the Committee---

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): It did, Madam Speaker. This is a matter that was asked and it found its way in the House Business Committee.

Hon. Speaker: And it is not before this plenary.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Madam Speaker, let us not go this way. We are losing this thing here.

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

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunga, have a seat I want to hear what the Minority Leader has to say.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Firstly, the Hon. Member who is alleging that the Statement appeared before the committee is not a member of House Business Committee.

(Applause)

Secondly, the House deals with matters which have been approved by the House Business Committee so if the matter was not approved, there is no way it can find its way to this House. Thirdly---

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Madam Speaker, it pains me when I see a Member behaving this way when there is a life at stake.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have order, Hon. Ngunga, please have a seat.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Are these parents surely? Am I addressing parents here? It is so belittling when he says---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunga, have a seat.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Surely! *Asi!*

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): The last point Hon. Speaker. it is a normal practice for all the 47 County Assemblies and the National Assembly and Senate, before any document is approved by the House Business Committee, it cannot be a property of the House so since that Statement is not approved, it is not a property of this House and we cannot waste time for this House to deliberate on issues which are not the property of the House. So Hon. Ngunga is just trying to mislead the House and he knows what the House Business Committee has approved. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, let us bring this matter to the end. So long as the matter was never tabled in the House Business Committee and not balloted, it cannot find its way to the House. Let us proceed.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): Before you close this matter here---

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: I have made a ruling. Under Standing Orders, just do as I have said. Just adhere to our Standing Orders.

Hon. Francis Ngunga (Mua, MCCP): I adhere with a heavy heart; I thought this is a matter that was touching on---

Hon. Speaker: I have made a ruling. Let us proceed.

MOTION

APPROVAL OF MOTION ON DISBURSEMENT OF BURSARIES

Hon. Speaker: May I invite Hon. Lucky to come forward and move this motion. Proceed, Hon. Lucky.

Hon. Lucky Nzau (Matungulu West, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Article 43 (1) (f) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that every person has the right to education and aware that Section 116 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 provides that the County Executive Committee Member for Finance may establish other Public Funds with the approval of the County Executive Committee and the County Assembly. Acknowledging that pursuant to the provisions of Section 116(1) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 the CECM for Finance has established the Machakos County Bursary Fund.

Further aware that, the County Assembly of Machakos enacted the Machakos County (Bursary Fund) Regulations, 2019 whose object and purpose is to provide for a bursary scheme for the provision of financial assistance to needy students. Noting that the disbursement of bursary is usually done once in a financial year whereas the school calendar runs from January to December with a three term period of three months per term where students are expected to pay school fees at the beginning of every school term.

Aware that the Machakos County (Bursary Fund) Regulations, 2019 do not limit the number of times bursaries can be disbursed in a year.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion THAT this Hon. House discusses and approves that the County Government of Machakos disburses bursaries at the beginning of every school term.

Madam Speaker, with your permission I will request to expound slightly about this motion.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Lucky Nzau (Matungulu West, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, we are in the field every now and then as MCAs. Madam Speaker, the biggest challenge we get is bursaries. Madam Speaker, bursary is a very critical issue and results to many names when we go to collect or to source from the beneficiaries. More often than not, Madam Speaker, the list that is normally collected---

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

Hon. Speaker: Point of order taken.

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I just wanted to seek your clarification that before the Member discusses the motion he is supposed to get a seconder of the motion before we come to---

Hon. Speaker: He is not discussing. He was just ventilating.

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi, WDM-K): Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Lucky Nzau (Matungulu West, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you, Hon. Ngui for being awake in the House. Madam Speaker, I was giving explanation that when we collect the names in the field they always overflow the figures we are given and it becomes a big problem when you meet these beneficiaries or electorates a year when somebody is waiting for bursary, when somebody is waiting for consideration given that at some point his/her name was collected and at the end of it all due to the small figures we get the name is dropped on the way.

I am seeking that we have more times to issue these bursaries so that we can accommodate the names we collect in January or in that given time. If we spread them over the year for the three terms, it also gives a better reference and better chances to keep in touch with our electorate. Madam Speaker, it is also evident that school fees is paid beginning of every term and even if we gave bursaries at one term and the second and third terms are not given it is human that we will forget and at some point we belabour explaining that we gave out bursaries in January yet we are in December and our electorates still need bursaries.

I am asking this House to make it that we will be giving bursaries every beginning of the term. The names we collect in the beginning of the year, more often than not they are enough to spread in the remaining two terms. So, Madam Speaker, at this point, I will call a seconder from the Leader of Minority for this motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker. Thank you, Hon. Member.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP) seconded.

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

(Question proposed)

I now invite Members to debate this motion. Members, the floor is yours. It is your time. Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the motion is good because we are going to benefit our kids. The only thing that we are supposed to be concerned about is the budget. If we talk of giving bursaries every term it means we have to increase the budget for bursaries. I can see what Mheshimiwa is seeking to achieve is exactly what is happening. Hon. Speaker, as you recall H.E the Governor Hon. Wavinya Ndeti promised to increase the amount that was proposed as we were collecting the names that would benefit.

Every Member had information that each ward would get Ksh. 2 million so we went with that figure of 2,000 (??) each, the number went up. For instance in my ward, I had over 900 beneficiaries added which I identified but when it came this side, the Governor saw it wise to give Ksh. 3,000 instead of Ksh. 2,000 with an increment of Ksh. 1,000 per beneficiary which was very okay because Ksh. 3,000 is greater than Ksh. 2,000 and if one had a balance maybe Ksh. 5,000 and is given Ksh. 3,000 then he or she is left with a less amount.

So, Hon. Speaker, the reason why I am supporting the motion and I have already..... (inaudible) on education. From the list that we had collected we gave the first disbursement of

about Ksh. 300,000 and something. We gave the second disbursement of about Ksh. 300,000 and something so there is a balance of about 300 beneficiaries in my ward and I believe it is also happening in other wards. If we can go with what the motion seeks to achieve, I have already talked to the officer in charge at the department of education and they have confirmed to me that they are not going to pick new beneficiaries until they have cleared those names that had already been picked.

So I support that we increase the budget and once we pick the names either in the beginning of the first term, we feed all the names then we spread the way he is seeking to achieve. Disbursement No 1, 2 and then the third one so that all the names are---

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, I am wondering whether the Leader of Minority is ahead of the Education Committee. I am a Member of that Committee and the CECM, Chief Officer and the Directors were before the Committee and what he is telling us here is not what they told the Committee. We asked them about the names which did not receive the Ksh. 3,000 and I agree with him because increasing from Ksh. 2,000 to Ksh. 3,000 means there were beneficiaries who were left out.

We asked them what is going to happen and their answer was; we are waiting to be told on what to do and yet we have somebody here telling us other stories. It is unfortunate. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member for that.

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for that information but as a Hon. Member representing the great people of Matuu, I have a right to go to any office or any department within the County and get information. What I am telling this House is exactly what is going to happen. Whether you like it or not, we cannot work on new names when we have pending names.

Hon. Speaker: You are ahead of us?

Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP): I am always ahead of others; I lead, others follow.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Paul and Hon. Ndwiki in that order.

Hon. Paul Wambua (Kibauni, PTP): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to ventilate on this matter. First of all, I do not like what is going on because we are digressing from today's motion. The motion seeks this House to approve the education department to award bursaries three times a year but what we are getting into is not part of what I heard Mheshimiwa Lucky present in his motion today. His idea is very noble, Madam Speaker, that every beginning of the term we support parents and our children who are needy with bursaries.

However, this will depend on availability of resources from the county government because for instance; our financial year begins in July and the earliest we get funds from experience after July is about September. When we get these funds, they may not be committed to the education department entirely and my suggestion is that we leave the issue of these bursary

issuance to the department concerned aided and guided by the committee of education which represents Members in this House.

Madam Speaker, probably what we need to look at in the issuance of bursaries is the issue of giving equal amount to every student who is in high school. My five fingers cannot be of the same size; this applies to the parents out there and it also applies to how blessed each one is in terms of resources. I would propose that in as much as we want to give a uniform figure, the bursary committee allows members and the community to identify students who are more needy than others because we cannot be all equal.

Personally, I will not support as it is but I will propose that this becomes an internal process of the education department guided and aided by the education committee. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Member. Hon. Ndwiki, will proceed and the rest of the Members who want to debate I will give you an opportunity in the afternoon because we are continuing with this matter in the afternoon because time is almost up. Proceed.

Hon. Daniel Ndwiki (Mlolongo/Syokimau, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to contribute on this noble motion about the distribution of bursaries. Madam Speaker, as I support the motion, I propose for an amendment on the motion because if we pass that we give bursaries at the beginning of every term, consider now we have two terms remaining for this financial year and that means we will not be able to issue the bursaries for the three terms because financial year start at June and ends at the ending of June and as we start the financial year 2023/2024, we will give the first bursaries in January.

So, the second and third terms will not be within this financial year. So, there are some technical gaps in this motion, Madam Speaker. What I would also suggest for the mover of the motion to add is to consider the distribution of the bursaries. We come from different wards with different populations, Madam Speaker. Like in my place, I have more than 10,000 parents who need the bursary and we have some wards with about 5,000 parents, others with 7,000 so in future we may need to consider---

Hon. Speaker: What is your point of information?

Hon. Paul Wambua (Kibauni, PTP): Madam Speaker, what the Member is alluding to that his ward has 10,000 parents who need bursaries. In as much as he has 10,000 parents who need bursaries, it is also worth noting that where he comes from is a cosmopolitan area where people who support the ones we support in the rural areas live. Furthermore, some of the people who live in your ward Mheshimiwa Ndwiki, also ask us for bursaries. So, we can discuss that outside this discussion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. I was actually asking, what is the amendment you are seeking to be added in terms of distribution?

Hon. Daniel Ndwiki (Mlolongo/Syokimau, WDM-K): I was seeking an amendment for the bursaries to be distributed as per the population because Madam Speaker.

(Loud consultations)

Even the distribution of bursaries in the NG-CDF is not equal. Like in Mavoko constituency, Mlolongo/Syokimau got Ksh. 13million, Athi River for Ksh. 11 million and Kinanie got Ksh. 9 million in NG-CDF distribution of bursaries. It is my proposal I am; not just--

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Hon. Boniface Katiti (Muthetheni, UDA): Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: It is not taken. Let him just say his proposal.

Hon. Daniel Ndwiki (Mlolongo/Syokimau, WDM-K): It is a proposal not a ruling, protect me, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi, WDM-K): The Member is misleading the House. I also have a point of information.

Hon. Boniface Katiti (Muthetheni, UDA): Madam Speaker, point of information.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information taken. Proceed.

Hon. Boniface Katiti (Muthetheni, UDA): Thank you, Madam Speaker. What I can see from the Member who was standing now is behaving like Abraham because when he was asked where she is, he gave this kind of answer; the woman that you gave me, gave me the holy fruit and we ate.

(Laughter)

Adam. I am talking about Adam.

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Point of information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Boniface Katiti (Muthetheni, UDA): Let us stick to the question.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Joshua Mwonga (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Point of information, Madam Speaker. We cannot joke around with the Holy Scripture.

Hon. Boniface Katiti (Muthetheni, UDA): The matter that is before us is about the increase of terms that we should be giving our students; the bursaries. So, we should stick with what is in the motion that is on the Table. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member.

Hon. Felix Ngui (Katangi, WDM-K): More information, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Can we continue with this debate in the afternoon, Hon. Members. Now that this matter will continue in the afternoon, Hon. Ndwiki you will start in the afternoon and say what it is that you wanted to say at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: At this point I wish to adjourn the business for the morning and we proceed in the afternoon. The House adjourns to Tuesday, 7th November, 2023 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you, Hon. Members.

The House rose at 12.35 p.m.