

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA**Tuesday, 29th March, 2022.

The House met at 3:00p.m.

*[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Raphael Bwire) in the Chair]***PRAYERS**

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Tunaweza kaa Waheshimiwa. Once again welcome Honourable Members to this sitting, Yes Clerk.

STATEMENT

RESPONSE TO STATEMENT ON THE STATUS OF BURSARY IN THE COUNTY BY THE CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MV 2035 HONOURABLE IBRAHIM OMONDI

Yes Honourable Ibrahim Omondi, Chairperson Committee on Education kindly give the response.

Hon. Omondi: Yes Mr. Speaker, I want to respond on the status of bursary. Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to respond to the Statement brought to this House by Honourable Bernard Ogutu on Wednesday 9th March, 2022 at 2:30p.m, during the 20th Sitting seeking to know the status of bursary. The County Chief officer...

[Interruption]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): What is it Honourable Benard?

Hon. Ogutu: Mr. Speaker, I was just standing in for Honourable Fadhili, he is the one who requested for the Statement.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Yes? Order! Honourable Ogutu why are you standing in and the Member was up giving the response to the Statement paid.

Hon. Ogutu: To a Statement raised by Honourable Fadhili Mwalimu, MCA Port Reitz Ward.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): You can only stand for him when giving the Statement and when there is a response you have to listen to the response you do not have to stand.

Hon. Ogutu: Mr. Speaker, you read the response.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Oh he mentioned Honourable Ogutu's name? Thank you Honourable Ogutu, now Honourable Chairperson you are responding to a Statement made by Honourable Fadhili Mwalimu.

Hon. Omondi: Mr. Speaker.

I wish to respond to a Statement requested in the House by the Honourable Fadhili Mwalimu on Wednesday, 9th March, 2022 at 2:30p.m during the 20th Sitting, 2022 seeking to know the status of bursary in the County. The County Chief Officer in the Department of Education on his letter Ref DOEG822B/Vol.1/90 dated 16th March, 2022 responded as follows.

1. That the bursary forms have been designed and are ready for printing, awaiting confirmation on availability of funds to facilitate the payment of bursaries for all Wards in Mombasa County;
2. That the Department has allocated Ks.150Million for bursaries this financial year and is following up on the vouchers in the Department of Finance for the funds to be released into the Elimu Fund Account;
3. That the expected date of issuing the bursary forms is depended on the availability of funds from the Department of Finance.

Thank you Mr. Speaker

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you. Yes Honourable Tobias Samba?

Hon. Samba: Mr. Speaker, I always have issues whenever response is made to matters to do with bursary is always given out and I think this is the same kind of response we have always been given. I do not know whether they copy paste and then they just change dates, because the issue has always been that the forms are ready, they have been designed awaiting confirmation on the availability of funds. So Mr. Speaker I do not know whether we have been running out funds for now two consecutive financial years?!

Because I think the Constituency Development Fund have been issuing their bursaries each and every financial year, but Mr. Speaker we have issues when it comes to our County government. So I do not think whether this response is sufficient to the House because the last time bursaries were given out I think it is 2019, if I am not wrong, if not 2019, 2020. So for these two financial years that have passed, the allocation that been allocating to the education docket more so bursary I do not know where they have been taking them too.

But Mr. Speaker if there is any Department that needs to adjust, and pull up their socks, I think it is the Department of Education more so when it comes to bursary disbursement. So I feel that we have failed our people so much and if you allow me, I would advise the Chair maybe if you can sit down with your Committee and also with the Department so that at least you may know what exactly is the problem, because it now two years without our people seeing bursaries. Thank you Mr. Speaker, that is my greatest concern.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you Honourable Tobias Samba. Yes the Chairperson, the response to issues raised by the Member?

Hon. Omondi: Mr. Speaker, I concur with the Member, indeed it is true that we need to have a meeting with the Members of Committee so that we should go deep into this matter and then we shall respond back to the House Mr. Speaker if allowed.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Am interrogating my calendar, you see Honourable Members. This is an issue that has been raised by so many Members here and we also understand the situation out there.

I think by the end of April the students will be opening school again. So Honourable Chairperson I think after the recess if time allows you God willing, kindly bring a comprehensive response over the same issue on 18th May and kindly note that we need the specific dates on when this will be ready. We cannot be operating on other availability of money, we all understand the situation yes, but again we are also acting on the people we represent. So I know it is also affecting you as a representative of the people, so you also have to push the department over the same. So kindly after we resume after the recess, kindly make an effort of having a meeting with the Department and insist on having the specific time lines on when our people should be expecting these bursaries. Thank you.

Hon. Omondi: Most obliged.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you. Yes, Clerk?

MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY CALENDAR BY THE LEADER OF MAJORITY
HONOURABLE HAMISI MWIDANI

Yes Honourable Hamisi Musa Mwidani, Chairperson and Leader of Majority Party.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwidani): Mr. Speaker I wish to move a Motion. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion;

THAT, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 25(4), this Assembly resolves to alter the Calendar of the County Assembly and adjourn today, Wednesday, 30th March, 2022 until Tuesday, 10th May, 2022.

Thank you and I call upon Honourable Samba to support the Motion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Yes Honourable Tobias?

Hon. Samba: I second Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Yes Honourable Members. I now propose a question that the Motion moved by Honourable Hamisi Musa Mwidani, on adjournment of the County Assembly be considered by this Honourable House in the same terms as moved.

[Question proposed and agreed to]

Yes Honourable Majority Leader.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwidani): Bwana Spika nimeleta hii hoja kwa sababu kuanzia tarehe sita Waheshimiwa wanatakiwa kuenda mjucho wa vyama, kwa hivyo tumeona ni vizuri pia tuwapatie Waheshimiwa wakati mzuri wa kuweza kujiandaa kwa hizi *nominations* na ndipo tukajaribu kuona tuikebishe kalenda yetu ambayo ingelikuwa tumeanza mapumziko tarehe 14 lakini tumeisongeza tuanzia tarehe ya leo kwa sababu kuanzia tarehe sita kunakuwa na mchijo wa vyama. Kwa hivyo Waheshimiwa ningewaomba tukubaliane kwa sauti moja tuweze kupata huu wakati tuweze kujitayarisha kwa sababu ya uchaguzi zetu. Ahsante Bwana Spika.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you. Honourable Members this is a Procedural Motion and we all know there is no much debate on it, however the Motion itself says that we are adjourning and as the Motion mover has said we are heading to Party primaries so maybe I will just allow few or three to five minutes to allow Members to contribute then we wind up. Yes Honourable Mwamwiri?

Hon. Athuman Mwamwiri: Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Mheshimiwa Spika binafsi nishukuru tu ushirikiano wenye tulikuwa nao katika Bunge hili lakini pia tunapokwenda katika likizo hii na vilevile kwenda katika kura ya mchujo juma lijalo kwangu ni kujiombea na kuombea Waheshimiwa wote ambao wanaenda kupitia kisu hiki, Mwenyezi Mungu atufanyie sahali iweze kuwa na neema na baraka kwetu. Mheshimiwa Spika tutakaporudi kutoka likizo turudi na tabasamu ya kwamba tunajiandaa na kura kuu ya tarehe tisa mwezi wa nane. Mheshimiwa Spika pia nihimize na *kuhasa* waheshimiwa wenzangu *nikijihasa* na ma binafsi ya kwamba siasa sio mwisho wa maisha yetu, tujiandae pia na matokeo ya mchujo, vyovyote itakavyokuwa lakini uzima wetu, uhai wetu na uwajibikaji wetu kutumia jamii hauwezi ishilia kwa kukosa fursa ya kuwakilisha katika Bunge hili ama kuwa viongozi chaguliwa.

Mheshimiwa Spika, pia kuna nafasi nyingine za kutumikia jamii mbali na hili muhimu ni tunaomba ushindi kwa kila mmoja wetu lakini isiwe sababu tukasikia maeneo kadha watu wameingia viwanjani kukata miti kuhofia ya kwamba kuna Mheshimiwa amepoteza kura ya mchujo huenda akajinyonga. Tunatakiana heri Mheshimiwa Spika. Mwenyezi Mungu atupe subra, atupe utulivu wa nafsi zetu, atupatie amani na upendo na vile vile mahaba na heri tumekuwa nayo kwa wananchi isikatike na kuishia kwa sababu tu ya swala la uchaguzi na siasa. Mheshimiwa Spika lakini pia tuhimizane kama Waheshimiwa tukiwa ni vyeo vya jamii kuweza kuhamasisha watu wetu mashinani kuzingatia sana swala la amani kwa sababu siasa ni mapito baada ya hapo kuna maisha ya kuendelea na watu wote ni jamii moja, watu wote ni ndugu na maendeleo hayaji pasi shikamano na pasi na utulivu na amani katika maeneo yetu. Kwa hivyo Mungu atujaalie kila la kheri na nitakie kila la heri katika miongoni mwetu hapa na zaidi maafisa wetu ambao wamekuwa wakituongoza katika kuendesha shughuli zetu kwa muda wote huo ya kwamba tunawatambua tunawapenda na tunawaambia tunawaombea Mungu awafungulie milango ya heri na baraka muzidi kupanda. Zaidi ya hapa miaka ijayo wengine tukiwa katika Bunge la Seneti na Bunge la Taifa pia kukatana kule tuweze kutekeleza majukumu yetu kwa wananchi wetu Ahsante na Mwenyezi Mungu atubariki.

[Applause]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you Honourable Athman. I really feel your contribution yes it seems Members are okay and Honourable Mwamwiri has contributed on behalf of...

[Applause]

[Murmuring]

[Laughter]

Honourable Members, allow me to wish you well in your Party primaries and I also promise you that my office is very wide open for you guys, I am only a phone call away in case you need my assistance in any way. Yes in whichever aspect I am there for you and I will always be there for you. I wish you well Honourable Members, I pray that you all come out as winners and that you also come back to serve the great people of this great County...

[Applause]

Allow me now to invite the Motion mover to reply.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwidani): Thank you Members for supporting this Motion and actually it has been mentioned here the exercise which is going to take place on April 6th. I wish all the Members the best because mine is a direct nomination, I am not going for nomination you know I am standing as an independent candidate.

So I may say that I wish all of you going through nomination go through well. In fact I will be very happy if things go well for Honourable Mwamwiri to have this seat...

[Applause]

From my presence and actually I will pray a lot to God so that you may succeed. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

[Applause]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you the Majority Leader. Yes Clerk?

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwidani): Okay Mr. Speaker, now I move another Motion, Adjourning of the County Assembly in Accordance with the Assembly Calendar.

THAT, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 28, this Assembly adjourns for Recess until Tuesday, 10th May, 2022, in accordance with the Calendar of the County Assembly (Regular Session).

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Who is your seconder?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwidani): Honourable Mwamwiri will be my seconder?

[Applause]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Yes Honourable Athman Rama Mwamwiri?

Hon. Athman Mwamwiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I hereby do second.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you. Honourable Members I now propose a question that the Motion moved by Honourable Hamisi Musa Mwidani on adjournment of County Assembly be considered by this House in the same terms as moved?

[Question proposed and agreed to]

Yes Honourable Hamisi? Yeah you just have to say something on the Motion you moved.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwidani): I think we have really said a lot and now we are heading to around 4:00p.m you know we have some issues to the ground so Mr. Speaker I don't have much to say because I know Members want to go down to their areas to prepare for the exercise of the 6th April. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you. Honourable Hamisi Musa Mwidani. Yes Clerk?

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, there having no other business this House stands adjourned until Tuesday of 10th May, 2022 at 10:00a.m.

The House rose at 3:22p.m.