

# COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU

## THE HANSARD

**Third Assembly (Second Session)**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

**Assembly Building**

**The House met at 3:10 PM**

*[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Michael Gathanwa) in the Chair]*

### PRAYERS.

#### PAPER(S)

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAKURU QUARTERLY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2023

**Hon. Alex Mbugua:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker sir. On behalf of the Majority Leader, I wish to lay the Financial Quarterly Report for the Financial Year 2023. I wish to lay.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): I commit the Paper to the Budget Committee. We have another Paper.

#### PAPER(S)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENT ON THE REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE NAKURU WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES COMPANY LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2021.

**Hon. Michael Njenga:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker sir. I would like to lay the Report of the Committee on County Public Accounts and Investment on the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Nakuru Water and Sanitation Services Company Limited for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

I would also want to lay the Report of the Committee on County Public Accounts and Investment on the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Nakuru Rural Water and Sanitation Company Limited of Nakuru County for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. Thank you.

### MATTER OF COUNTY IMPORTANCE

#### BURSARY ALLOCATION

**Hon. Alex Mbugua:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker sir. I wish to rise on Order 36, and I wish to adjourn on definite matter of County Importance. The matter entails bursaries.

I wish that the House have a discussion on this very important matter on the previous bursaries, how they were given out and also how the current bursaries will be given out, entailing details of previous records of any balances and how that money has been utilised.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Honorable Members are you in support that we adjourn and discuss the matters of County importance. Those who are in support, show by standing.

*(Members stood up in support)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): I allow the Debate; Hon. Alex.

**Hon. Alex Mbugua:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker sir. We come to a time when we realise that the importance of education within our agenda as a Government. These Members increased their bursary allocation from a total of Kshs. 100 Million to a tune of Kshs. 322 Million.

In the previous bursary allocation which happened in one tranche, it so happened that some of the monies that had been allocated; for instance, in my Ward, have not been delivered to my people. There was a mode on how the bursaries were allocated and in one instance, this House remembers Hon. from..., I do not get his Ward very well but I see the Honorable Member within the House, and he rose in this House and requested for a Statement on the matters that surround the bursaries last time.

We are also in a very tight position because even when you look at the amounts that were allocated, Members have increased the money but we used a system of Electronic Fund Transfer to transfer money to the schools. This Financial Year, we need to discuss and have a sober discussion that come January of next year, we shall not be getting excuses here that *De la Rue* has not printed enough Cheques so that we be definite on what we have.

I think the Report on Education Committee on this Bursary has been delayed for long. We need a proper discussion because each and every Member who has been elected or even nominated has something to do with these bursaries and if we do not get it right, we shall not have any excuses to the people. Let us know how the system will run each and every part of this bursary and I would request that Members agree that if you come from Murindat Ward, let the cheques of Murindat Ward come from Murindat Ward cheques and no cheque to remain within the offices with the Executive. If you come from Bahati Ward, go with the Cheques of Bahati Ward and deliver them to the people in one day whereby it will be impactful.

I wish to ask the Members to consider this as a matter of County Importance.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Hon. Rose from Kiptagich Ward.

**Hon. Rose Chepkoech:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker sir. I am here to support the Motion on the issue of bursary and I really support every Ward with its bursary for easy management and easy following. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Hon. Francis Kuria from Malewa West.

**Hon. Francis Kuria:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker sir. I rise to support this Motion, noting that education is the key to success. This is a lot of money that we are allocating to our Children so that they can proceed with their education. We do not want a mistake where the allocation is being directed to a certain Institution yet you find it by name but there is no money. I want we discuss as a House so that we can come to a conclusion and the way forward where we do not want to be failures. I therefore rise to support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Hon. Mwathi

**Hon. Grace Mwathi:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker. *Nimesimama kuunga mkono Mswada huu kwa sababu wahenga walisema sio kosa kufanya kosa lakini ni kosa kurudia kosa. I would request what we did last time, should teach us what to do now. For example, kwetu Bahati kuna watoto wengi sana hata sasa wanaenda shuleni wanapata bado bursaries hazijaingia mpaka unachukua “Cheque Number” unamtumia lakini akienda hapati pesa. Hiyo inatufanya hata sisi wenyewe tuonekane kama waongo maana Wanjiku huko nje anajua kuwa haukupatiana na ilhali ulipeana.*

*Tumeenda kwa kiwango cha kuwapa nambari ya Director wa Elimu ndio waweze kumpigia wajue kile ambacho kinaendelea na hilo sio jambo nzuri. Kwa hivyo naunga mkono Mswada huu ya kwamba wakati huu tufuatilie bursaries kwa uangalifu maana kwa sasa watoto wako nyumbani na ninajua hawa waheshimiwa wamepigwa simu nyingi sana na wazazi ambao wako kwa Ward zao kuhusu watoto kufukuzwa nyumbani. Tuna faa tuketi, tujadiliane na tutoke na jambo ambalo ni la busara kama vile Mheshimiwa Alex amesema kwamba kama cheque ni za kwangu ama kwa Mheshimiwa yeyote acha kila mmoja abebe cheques zake, aende atayarishe mkutano na wazazi wake na Principal wa shule na wapeane hizo cheques kwa njia ambayo inafaa. Tuna jua ya kwamba masomo ni kitu cha muhimu sana Lakini inafika mahali unaona hata kuna watoto wanakosa shule kwa sababu hawana bursary na hawana karo za shule. Ninaunga mkono huu Mswada ili tuweze kufanya hii kazi kwa njia ya ufanisi kabisa. Asante.*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Hon. Bernard Kirui.

**Hon. Bernard Kirui:** *Asante sana Bwana Spika wa Mda kwa hii nafasi ambayo nimepata. Pia nami ningependa kujiunga na wenzangu kuunga mkono Mswada huu wa bursaries. Kusema kweli bursary ni kila kitu pale mashinani; inaweza kukurudisha kwa kiti ama ikumalize kabisa. Ukiangalia zile bursary ambazo tulipewa juzi, haya mambo ya Electronic Fund Transfer yameturudisha nyuma kama Waheshimiwa, mpaka sasa hivi wazazi wanalalamika kuwa pesa hazijafika kwa mashule na ukienda pale kwa Kaunti wanasema pesa imekuwa disbursed. Tunaomba kujitua hapo na tuingie kwa cheques. Juzi tulipewa za form one in form of cheques na hakuna kesi yeyote, kwa hivyo tunaomba tutoke kwa EFT na twende kwa cheques.*

*Jambo la pili ni kwamba kuna zile balances ambazo tulikuwa tumepewa, mimi mwenyewe kama MCA wa Barut nilipatiwa balance ya shilingi 89,000 nikarudi kwa ground nikajaza, wazazi waka apply bursary na nikazirejesha. Miezi minne imepita sasa na hazijawahi toka na zingine tunaambiwa tupeane forms. Tunaomba Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Elimu ashughulike ili zile za kwanza zilipwe zote tukielekea kupeana zile zingine za 2023-2024. Asante sana.*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Hon. Nickson Morogo.

**Hon. Nickson Morogo:** *Asante Bwana Spika wa Mda. Nimesimama pia kuunga mkono Mswada huu nikisema kwamba mambo ya bursary yaweze kuangaliwa vyema kwa sababu yametupatia madhara makubwa kuliko mazuri ambayo yangefaa kusaidia watoto wetu. Ninaunga mkono kuwa kila Wadi iweze kusimamia mambo yake.*

*Katika Wadi yangu ya Solai ninachangamoto kwamba Ward Committee, Mwenyekiti na Katibu hawajalipwa zile pesa ambazo walikuwa wanastahili kulipwa ilhali kuna watu ambao walilipwa. Kama kila Wadi ingepewa jukumu la kujifanyia mambo yake haya hayangefanyika. Kwa hivyo naunga mkono.*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Hon. Member for Kapkures.

**Hon. Robert Ruto:** *Asante sana Bwana Spika wa Mda. Nasimama kuunga mkono huu mjadala wa bursaries kwenda kwenye Wadi. Hii bursary inasaidia sana wale watoto wanatoka kwa familia ambazo ziko chini kifedha na ningependa sana iendelee hivyo ndio watoto wetu waweze kusoma. Kapkures kuna slums mingi na watu hawana uwezo wa kupeleka wanafunzi shuleni kwa sababu financial status yao iko chini. Itanisaidia sana kwa Wadi yangu ya Kapkures. Asante sana.*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Hon. Member for London Ward.

**Hon. Bernard Gatuso:** *Nachukua nafasi hii kukushukuru Spika wa Mda kwa kunipatia fursa hii pia mimi niweze kuungana na wale wengine kuunga mkono hili jambo la bursary. Kwanza kabisa ningependa kusema kuwa nataka kushukuru Mwenyekiti ambaye anatuongoza katika Kamati yetu ya bursary kwa kuwa ameweza kutupangia mikutano mingi tukaweza kupatana na ile Department ya Education na tuliweza ku streamline yale mambo ambayo hayakuwa sawa kulingana na ile bursary ya kwanza ambayo tulipeana.*

*Kuna yale tuliweza kupunguzia wazazi wetu ndio wasiwe na kazi nyingi za kufanya wakati ambapo wanafanya mambo ya kujaza bursary kama vile kuhakikisha kwamba kama mtoto yuko shule ya mbali ataweza ku scan zile documents na ziletwe kwa ofisi zetu ili ziweze kushughulikiwa. Naunga mkono kwa sababu ninajua mambo ya masomo ni mambo muhimu. Na ndio tuweze kutoshanisha watu wale ambao wako sawa na wale wako chini ni kuhakikisha kuwa tumesomesha jamii na wakiweza kusoma wataweza kutusaidia hapo mbeleni na pia masomo yatawawezesha watafute rasilmali kwa njia moja au nyingine kama wale wengine. Watakuwa very competent kama wale wengine.*

*Nachukua nafasi hii kusema kuwa haya mambo ya bursary tukiweza kupitia ile njia ya kupeana cheques ziende shule badala ya kutumia haya mambo ya Electronic Fund Transfer ambayo mpaka wa leo kuna familia ambazo bado zinalia pesa hazijafika shule na pia wanafunzi wanarudishwa nyumbani. Mimi naunga mkono mMswada huu na kusema ya kwamba tukubaliane kuwa zile pesa zipaanwe kwa shule ili watoto wetu waweze kusoma kwa njia ambayo inastahili. Asante.*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Hon. Mercy Kilel.

**Hon. Mercy Kilel:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker for giving me this opportunity. The Members that have spoken before me have spoken in Kiswahili so I do not know whether while I was away a Motion passed that the afternoon session should be purely conducted in Kiswahili but I will continue in English because I know the Members understand well.

I should commend them for speaking eloquently. I also wish to thank this House because as you are all aware in the past like two weeks I was bereaved and the Members in this House stood with me physically, financially and emotionally, so Mr. Temporary Speaker if I would not say this it will be a great disservice to the House. Thank you Members for standing with me when I was bereaved.

In regards to the Motion of the day, they say education is the passport to the future and as you know the Members that have spoken have said that in their Wards, for example Barut, I have heard Kapkures mentioned several times, but us the nominated Members do not have a specific Ward that we represent but that does not mean that we do not have students who are needy that might need our help, so I do not know whether the Chairperson of Education has any plans or an allocation that I had mentioned sometimes back. That we the nominated Members of the County Assembly will have something to support the needy students that we represent in our various

jurisdictions. So that is it Mr. Temporary Speaker, and I wish to commend the Members for supporting this Motion and speaking eloquently; thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Hon. Muraya from Flamingo Ward.

**Hon. David Muraya:** *Asante sana Bwana Spika wa Mda kwa kunipatia nafasi ili niweze kuchangia huu Mswada ambayo umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Alex. Mimi ningetaka kusema ya kwamba mimi naunga mkono kikamilifu kabisa; 100 percent na ningetaka tutumie njia ambayo tumesema tutakuwa tukipeana cheques direct to the students because we assume hii njia ya kutumia EFT Mheshimiwa Spika wa Mda, ni njia ambayo ilikuwa na utata sana.*

Even today as we are speak *naopa mimi nimepigiwa simu na mmoja kuniambia ya kwamba pesa zake ambazo tulimgawia hazijafika shuleni. Na pia ningeomba ya kwamba tuwe na majadiliano ambayo ni ya kina so that in future tusifanye mistake ambayo tulifanya awali tena ili tuweze kuhakikisha we give quality leadership katika wale watu walituchagua, so that even in future wanaweza kutuamini ya kwamba sisi ni watu wale ambao waliwekwa kwa Bunge ili kuweza kuwakiklisha vizuri.*

*Kwa hivyo ninaunga mkono kikamilifu. Hata hivyo naunga mkono juhudi za Chairman wa Elimu katika Bunge kwa sababu kwa mara ya kwanza tulikuwa na transition hii ya serikali kutoka ile ingine; amejaribu sana. Hata hivyo sasa amesikia vile tumeongea na ninajua in future mambo yatakuwa sawa. Asante sana Bw Spika wa Mda.*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): I see that we have the Chair Education sitting elsewhere or the Vice Chairperson do you have a response for the Members?

**Hon. Peter Maina:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I must say that I am quite excited to have the opportunity to address you as Mr. Temporary Speaker for the first time; so I appreciate. As we speak, I just came from a meeting with all the Stakeholders in the Education Sector within the County, and our main agenda was to discuss on how we are going to ensure that the disbursement process in the Financial Year 2023/24 will go smoothly. As we speak, we have already simplified the Application Form, we have considered it fit to expunge the section that has a requirement for beneficiaries to have the Local Administrators sign. We have received various complains from some Stakeholders that at some point beneficiaries have been harassed in those Local Administration Offices and therefore we saw the need to expunge it to simplify the application process.

As we speak I have already updated all the involved Members, the elected Members, with a schedule that clearly outlines in details all the timelines for various activities like for instance Third Schedule shows when the forms should be applied, when the forms should be returned, when the Ward Bursary Committee should do the analysis and when the signing of vouchers and cheques should be done.

We have taken another important step to ensure that this time round we will not have the EFT thing. We have made plans in place to ensure that cheques will be available for the Kshs 330 million that has been set aside for the bursaries. We have also agreed with the Department that before the mega launch that will be done by the Governor in the second or first week of January, all the cheques should be sorted out per Ward so that once we launch, there will not be any delay and immediately the launch is done, all the cheques should be released to various Wards.

We have also been in consultation with elected Members and also the Governor and we have agreed and seen it fit that we put Kshs. 2000 as the minimum amount that should be allocated to either Day Schools or Children in Colleges and in the Universities. I have also had a concern from one of the nominated Member Hon. Kilel and we are going to engage the Governor's Political Office and also the Department to see whether there will be a Special Kitty for the nominated Members as promised earlier by the Governor. Therefore, that one will be checked into.

Lastly, the *Mheshimiwa* from Lakeview has raised some concerns and it is important that the Hon. Member provides and furnishes the Education Committee with the list of beneficiaries that he has claimed have not received their funds so that if there is such a challenge then we are able to take it up to the Department, do a follow up so that his concerns can be addressed. I do not wish to add any other thing unless there is a query I have not addressed; thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Hon. Kirui

**Hon. Bernard Kirui:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, maybe to ask *Mheshimiwa* Chairperson Education. I think we had agreed on Kshs. 3000 for every student and not Kshs. 2,000; you confirm on the figures.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Hon. Chairperson.

**Hon. Peter Maina:** Mr. Temporary Speaker, where possible we would want the minimum to be Kshs. 3000 but you also realise that different Wards have different needs and therefore in areas where the Committee and the area MCA will want to put Kshs. 3000 as the minimum, there is no problem but basically, we would want as many as possible to have Kshs. 3,000 as the minimum.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Thank you Chair, Hon. Morogo do you have something?

**Hon. Nixon Morogo:** Thank yo, Mr. Temporary Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I had raised a concern on the Ward Committees who had not been paid; I have done a lot of follow up through the Office of County Bursary Committee, so I would like to get an assurance from the Chairperson because I am not comfortable being asked a lot of questions from the Ward Committee and we are to take another task to them yet we have not been settled. So, may I have assurance that they will sort out the issue.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Chair Education.

**Hon. Peter Maina:** Mr. Temporary Speaker this is clearly an administrative matter but let me commit for *Mheshimiwa* for Solai that I have noted his concern; I will take up the matter with the Bursary Administrator and see to it that his Bursary Ward Committee Members have been paid in full.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): In that matter I wish to direct the Chairperson Education to also arrange and table a Report in the House on the matter.

**Hon. Peter Maina:** Mr. Temporary Speaker, just a quick one; actually this issue has been pre-empted because basically the Report is ready and we were waiting to be scheduled so that the Report can be tabled. Otherwise the Report is ready. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Michael Gathanwa): Thank you Chair, next order.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Honourable Members this House stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9.30am.

**The House rose at 3.40PM**