

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 10th September, 2024

The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2.30 pm

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen) in the Chair

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, I wish to recognize the presence of our deaf community at the public gallery, having employed our sign language interpreter; Mr. Lekukuu Jacob who is here to do interpretation.

Hon. Members, I take this opportunity to warmly welcome you back from the short August recess. I trust you all had a restful break and ready to resume the important work that lies ahead for this Assembly and the people of Samburu County.

As we reconvene, I wish to remind you of several critical matters that will require our focused attention and deliberation in the days ahead:

Number one; Annual Development Plan 2025/2026: The Annual Development Plan (ADP) for the upcoming fiscal year is now before this Assembly for consideration and approval. Your input will be crucial in aligning our County's development priorities with the needs and aspirations of our people.

Number two; Annual Progress Report 2023/2024 from the Department of Finance, Economic Planning, and Information Computer Technology (ICT): This report, which details the implementation of County projects and financial performance over the past year, is ready for review. I urge Members to scrutinize this document closely, as it provides an essential benchmark for our future planning.

Number three; The Samburu County Monitoring and Evaluation Bill, 2024: Having been taken for public participation in August, this Bill is now due for finalization. It is a vital piece of legislation aimed at enhancing oversight, transparency and accountability in the implementation of County projects and programs.

Number four; Liaison Committee Report on the Apportionment of Annual Operating Budgets for Committees Financial Year 2024/2025: This report, which outlines the budgetary allocations for the various Committees, is set for debate. I urge the respective Committees to

engage fully in this process to ensure equitable and effective distribution of resources for Committee operations.

Number five; Fourth Quarter Progress Report on Roads for Projects Financial Year

2023/2024: This report provides an update on the status of Completed and ongoing roads projects across the County. Roads are critical to the socio-economic development of our County and this progress report will inform our deliberations on resource allocation.

Number six; Pending Statements: A number of statements have been tabled before this Assembly and are awaiting responses. I encourage all Members to follow up on these matters to ensure timely responses and the continuation of our oversight functions.

Number seven; Committee on Selection: The Committee on Selection will be tasked with reconstituting Committees to fill the position of the late Paul Leshimpiro. This process will be conducted with diligence and respect for the late Hon. Member's contributions to this Assembly.

Hon. Members, the business before us is significant and demands our collective effort and dedication. Let us work together with focus, integrity, and in the best interests of the people we represent. Once again, I welcome you all back and look forward to a productive session, thank you.

We can have one or two Members to welcome the deaf community with us. Hon. Lenamparasio.

MCA, Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Hon. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to welcome our deaf community to the County Assembly of Samburu for the first time. We are so happy seeing them here, they are part of our community, they are our parents, and they are our kids, our brothers and sisters.

We feel so happy being here, we take this opportunity as well to thank the County Assembly Service Board for employing sign language interpreter so that each and every other time the deaf community want to come to this Assembly they can just follow the proceedings as they unfold.

It has been a challenge before having a sign language interpreter here for them to follow the proceedings, like they just come here and look using their eyes but they may not hear what we are conversing. Now having a sign language interpreter here, I think it will be prudent now and each time our deaf community comes here they understand and know what is going on here, they are part of us. As well maybe whenever we have a public participation we should also be calling them so that contribute because we now have somebody translate to us what they are saying because some of us may not know how to read signs, so now that we have a sign interpreter he can interpret for us what we are saying and what they are saying to us.

Thank you Hon. Speaker, once again I welcome the deaf community to this Assembly for the first time and we wish that each and every time they get time they just be free to come and interact with us and follow the proceedings like any other person, thank you Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Thank you, so as I said; you are all welcomed; that is the deaf community and always feel free to be here now that we have one of you who is interpreting what we are saying, welcome.

PAPERS.

Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriation, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Hon. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to welcome our Hon. Members back here, we went for a short recess and we thank God that all of are back again to our duties. I am happy for seeing a number of them that have seen for some time; like Hon. Stacy.

Hon. Speaker I have three papers to table:

The first one is, I have The Fourth Quarter Progress Report on Roads Projects for Financial Year 2023/2024

The second paper I want to table is Annual Progress Report for the Financial Year 2023/2024.

I have The **Annual Development Plan 2025/2026**. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, I want to commit these papers to the following Committees:

The Annual Development Plan 2025/2026 to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation

Number two, is the Roads Projects for Financial Year 2023/2024 I want to commit to the Committee on Roads

Number three, Annual Progress Report for the Financial Year 2023/2024,

Which, I will commit to the Committee on Finance, Economic Planning and ICT.

STATEMENTS.

MCA, Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker Pursuant to Standing Order 45(c), I hereby request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training regarding Bursary disbursement and administration of the bursary fund

Hon. Speaker, it has come to my attention that students studying in Secondary Schools outside Samburu have not received their bursary disbursements for the Financial Year 2023/2024, contrary to expectations.

Hon. Speaker, The Samburu County Bursaries Act, 2015, Section 5(3)(a), (b) and (c), specifies the qualifications required for the position of Bursary Coordinator, which plays a critical role in ensuring that the bursary funds are managed properly and disbursed timely to all eligible students.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

One; failure to disburse bursaries:

Why did the Department fail to disburse bursaries to all secondary school students studying outside Samburu County for the Financial Year 2023/2024?

That is the first question the Chair should inquire into.

The second question is; I want to know current, who is the Bursary Coordinator responsible for administering the bursary funds, and what are his/her qualifications as per the requirements of the Samburu County Bursaries Act, 2015?

The Chairperson has to inquire into that.

The last question which I have broken into two is that I want the Chair to highlight the total amount the bursary account has received from the County Treasury for the Financial Year 2023/2024 and under that he should provide a breakdown of the amounts disbursed to schools, including the current balance in the bursary account and this should be supported by relevant bank statement not a mere figure a typed figure. So Honorable Speaker, those are the three questions I wanted the Chair to inquire into. Hon. Speaker, to add a few, during the opening of this third term a number of students came to my office in Loosuk inquiring their bursary. All these students studying outside Samburu County in Secondary Schools have not received their bursaries as per expectations. We saw that the bursaries for other students studying within the Samburu County, those in colleges and universities had received their bursaries.

That prompted me to request this statement because it is so unfair seeing other students benefitting from the same bursary and leaving others out. That bursary was supposed to benefit all our kids equally and without discrimination. For the two years we have been in this house we have been in this house we have had problems with the bursary. Each and every time a number of members have requested statements regarding this bursary issue and this revolves around the person administering this fund.

Personally, I have seen a lot of incompetence in that administration and that is the reason why I have requested the qualifications of the person administering this fund. The incompetence in the distribution and management of that fund is at a high level. I hope this time round the Chair Education and Vocational training Committee should bring a very intensive response to this statement. Otherwise, we have been asking for these statements a number of times and I hope this will be the last time so that we can figure out the problems that surround this bursary fund.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

MCA Porro Ward, (Hon. Leerte Patrick): Asante sana Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi.

Nashukuru Service Board ya County Assembly kwa kuajiri sign language interpreter. Viziwi pia ni wakaazi wa Samburu County na wanastahili kujua yanayojiri bungeni. Baada ya hayo, kabla sijaenda kwa hoja, ningependa kushukuru County Assembly kupitia wewe Spika. Nilipompoteza mamangu niliona Bunge la kaunti ikiongozwa nawe. Nilipata msaada. Kwa hivyo nasema asante na Mungu awabariki.

Nikirejea kwenye mjadala kuhusu bursary, sijui tutaauliza hadi lini kwa sababu mimi mwenyewe niliuliza na members kadhaa waliuliza kuhusu bursary. Bursary imekuwa donda sugu katika county hii. Kulingana na vile naona ikiwa bursary imegawanywa kwa mapendeleo. Kila member alipewa nafasi ya kupeana bursary kwa Watoto wa ward yake. Kila mmoja aliweka pesa kiasi flani. Mimmi niliweka pesa milioni mbili. Nilipeana list tarehe tano mwezi wa tatu.

Leo ni tarehe kumi mwezi wa tisa. Kama alivyosema mheshimiwa Lenamparasio, sijui kama msimaizi wa hiyo ofisi anafanya kazi kulingana na sheria ama anafanya vile anavyotaka.

Wanafunzi kutoka ward yangu wameenda kuuliza na jibu wanalopewa ni kwamba MCA hajawahi peleka list kwa hiyo ofisi ya bursary.

Kupitia hiyo statement ya mheshimiwa Lenamparasio ningependa huyo msimamizi aje na sio kwa kamati ya elimu pekee bali aje bungeni pia ili atueleze anataka list ya aina gani ndipo atume pesa? Ningependa pia kujua pesa zilizotengewa wodi yangu za mwaka ulioisha tarehe thelathini mwezi wa sita zilienda wapi?

Ninavyoelewa fedha hizo zilitengwa na zinafaa kuwa kwenye account ila nikiuliza naambiwa hazipo. Ningependa administrator aje atueleweshe zaidi kwa sababu tumeenda mpaka tumechoka. Ukienda ofisi yake mapema wanafunga unabisha hadi uende. Hashiki simu zetu. Tunauliza kama yeye hufanya kazi ya County ama kazi za watu fulani? Ningependa mwenyekiti wa kamati ya elimu amwite huyo administrator atuelimishe kwa sababu kuna kitu ambacho hatuelewi.

Kunyimwa bursary imekuwa kitu cha kawaida. Kuna kitu wanasema “tutawafinya hawa.”

Sielewi maana ya oversight ikiwa hatutauliza kinachotuhusu kwa jumba hili. Kiini cha oversight ni sisi kujua kwanini Watoto wa wodi zingine hawapewi bursary. Wengine hawapewi eti kwa sababu wanapinga mtu flani kisiasa. Hata nikipinga ni haki yangu. Ni haki yangu kuongea yale

nataka bora sijatusi mtu wala kupiga mtu lakini haki yangu kupinga. Hata kwa serikali kuu Raila alipinga Ruto. Ni haki yake ya kikatiba.

Sasa kuwa kwetu upinzani unasababisha kunyimwa bursary? Mheshimiwa Spika mambo haya yamesababisha twende Zaidi ya kuitisha statement. Tunamwita kirasmi aje humu. Tuliambiwa qualifications zake ni hii na hii lakini tuligundua kuwa hana hayo mabarua. Ningependa huyu mwenyekiti atakapomwita huyo administrator aje na hizo cheti. Aje atueleze kinagaubaga kwanini ward zingine zinapewa bursary na zingine hazipewi.

Tunasubiri bursary ya 2024 – 2025. Hatujapata ya 2023 – 2024. Tuna uhakika gani kuwa tutapata hii? Ni kwa sabau gani hatupati? Mheshimiwa Spika ningependa mwenyekiti wa kamati ya elimu amwita administrator aje atueleze shida iko wapi. Kama ameelekezwa na wakuu wake pia tunataka kujua. Sikuja hapa kufungwa mdomo nisiseme ninachotaka. Nikiona kitu amabcho hakifanyiki kwa Porro Ward hakuna mwingine atakaye kuja kuuliza ila mimi. Hilo ndilo jukumu langu nikiwa mwakilishi wa Porro Ward. Bora niongee kulingana na taratibu za assembly. Asante sana bwana Spika.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenolkulal Esther): Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Nachukua fursa hii kuwakaribisha jamii ya viziwi hapa. Wajue pia tunawapenda na tunawadhamini. Namshukuru Mungu kwa sababu ya wakati huu ambao ametufikisha tukiwa salama, ametulinda na kutuwezesha kuwa hapa. Ningependa kumuunga mkono mheshimiwa wangu Mheshimiwa Leerte.

Mimi kama nominated MCA, sina bursary wala Ward Fund. Hata hivo niko pale mashinani ambapo najua changamoto Mhshimiwa Leerte anapitia. Si mara ya kwanza kwa mheshimiwa Leerte kuuliza maneno ya bursary. Nikiwa nimeketi hapa nimehuzunika kabisa sababu nikiwa kule mashinani ninajua shida ambazo anapitia. Tunahitaji msaada wako kama Spika wa County Assembly. Mimi mwenyewe niliuliza kama kuna watu walipata bursary. Nimeona kuwa Mheshimiwa Leerte anafinyiliwa sana.

Mimi kama mama wa Porro Ward nataka kujua kwa sababu kuna wakati Vijana walivamia kwake wakimshutumu kuwa hapeani bursary, hafanyi hii, hafanyi kile. Mim nimekuwa shahidi huko mashinani. Pale ambapo tumefika tunataka kujua ukweli wa Leerte. Kupitia hiyo statement ya mheshimiwa Lenamparasio, naomba kujua mheshimiwa Leerte amechukuliwa aje? Ikiwa ana

makosa Mahali sidhani kama hiyo inafanya bursary ya watoto ya ward ya Poro ikose mpaka sasa hivi, Bwana Spika mahali tunaelekea sasa hivi sijui ni niini tutafanya kwa sababu tulikuwa na mkutano ya siku mbili juu ya bursary. Mimi mwenyewe nimekuwa na tatizo kwa sababu ninatetea kila siku waheshimiwa kuwa hawajapata na watapewa hadi ikafika siku mkutano ilikuwa Porro na ikasemekanan kuwa pesa za Porro zinalala kwa akaunti na hakuna mtu ambaye ameenda kuulizia, uongo saa zingine ni mbaya hatuwezi danganyana ikifika pahali pa ukweli kila mtu aseme ukweli.

Ikisemekana pesa zinalala pale na wanafunzi wanafukuzwa kila siku Mheshimwa Leerte anasumbuka kila wakati kwa sababu ya hii Bursary. Kwa hivyo, tunataka kuiripoti kwa hii statement pia yake ijulikane ni nini shida na kama hapewi tuambiwe hapewi ndio twende tuwaambie wanafunzi wasimbumbue tena Mheshimiwa, kwa kuwa hamna bursary. Hata kwa hii ripoti ninaona ya barabara, kuna yetu ninaona inawekwa imelipwa na haijalipwa, si hiyo pekee kuna nyingine ya mbele pia, kwa hivyo tunataka kujua kuwa ni nini inaendelea tuambiwe kwa sababu inafika mahali tunasema ukweli, na mimi kama mwakilishi wa wadi hata kama sina hizo lakini ninma macho na niko ndani ya community. Lazima tuseme ukweli ikiandikwa kwa karatasi hizi uongo itafika mahali tutaanikana.

Haiwezi semekana Lodungoro barabara imewekwa na imelipwa milioni nne na mimi mwenyewe ni mkaazi wa huko na sijawahi ona, kama Siambu hakuna mtu amefungwa macho raundi hii tunasema ukweli. Kwa hivyo, tunataka kujua hiyo bursary ya Mheshimiwa Leerte kama anapewa kama haepwi tujue, asante Bwana Spika.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Lenamatiyio Silapia): Thank you Mr. Speaker I also stand to welcome the deaf community to this House that you are welcome and feel free. I also take this opportunity to thank God and to welcome our Members in our session, since we have been to a short recess, you are welcomed.

I would also like to echo the sentiments of the Hon. Members, who talked before me on the issue of bursary has become a very big problem within our county. When you look at the bursary Department then it has become a big problem just because Mr. Speaker when n you look at the County Bursary they have only catered for students who are studying within the county but the secondary students who are studying outside the county they have not distributed bursary for

them then we are asking what criteria did they use or what guidelines gives them that chance to let the students who are studying outside this county to do without bursary.

I think it is not fair that we have past bursary to cater for all students around the county and at long last you get that other students are benefiting without to any reasonable answer to give and Mr. Speaker I stand here also to support he Honorable Member for Porro. You remember very well when we were in Baragoi during the Madaraka Day when Department of Education were told to come before the Honorable Members and the Members of the community and telling the community that the MCA's are the ones who have not brought the list to the office and yet all the Members have already submitted their lists to the office of the bursary, and they are not telling us the monies are not there or what are they doing?

Mr. Speaker with your permission and guidelines, let us only give one month for the Department of Education to tell us what is happening that some of the wards are not receiving their ward fund Bursary and let them also tell us what is happening that the students who are studying outside the county are not getting the bursary, I think it has become a culture since the beginning of this year that everybody is talking about the bursary. People are not getting bursary, I think it's very shameful if the Honorable Members are the ones who are begging the executive, I call upon the Members of the committee for Education to take such issues seriously because we are ending in a very wrong direction and yet we are now in another Financial Year.

The Honorable for Porro was allocated 2 Million and he did not even receive a single coin then what are they trying to tell us just because of political lines, making other students to suffer because of one Hon. Member, Mr. Speaker even the Governor was there and the day before he was in Porro, it was on Saturday then I wonder if you go there and you have already undermined the Hon. Member for Porro Ward not giving him his share that he has put in the budget I think it is so shameful.

The administration work let us not also take the administration work in a political line, let us play politics outside the administration because we are heading to a wrong direction, thank you Mr. Speaker and we will stand with Hon. Leerte. Let the Department of education give Leerte his allocation or else come and tell us what is not happening, thank you.

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): The Chairman for Education Department is not present, Vice Chair?

Any Member from the committee on education? None.

So Hon. Members since none of the member on education committee is present and we know the weight of the Matter, is a very serious issue that needs to be solved urgently.

I direct that tomorrow morning the same Statement will be in the Order Paper then Hon. Lenamparasio will raise it again and then we give directions from there because the Chairman must have to respond and gives us the guideline and therefore let it appear in the Order Paper tomorrow morning at 9.00 a.m. when the chairman or the Vice chair or any other Member who will be around, that is the time that we are going to give direction, Hon. Lenamparasio I think that one will be in order.

MCA Loosuk Ward, (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Mr. Speaker as much as I concur with sentiments but Mr. Speaker I do not think it will be so wise because maybe even tomorrow in the morning none of them will be present, so what will happen? Should we be again postponing this Statement until such a time that the committee Member should be around?

So let me just agree to have it tomorrow morning but if tomorrow morning none of them will be here then I will just have to get some direction from you kindly because this is a serious matter that needs to address and I do not think we will just be working in a way that there is no committee Member, we will be postponing this Statements.

Let me agree to tomorrow morning no problem but I think the committee should again be so serious it is even be maybe the same reason as to why we have this problems maybe because of the committees are so relaxed, it may be the same thing that it is contributing to these problems, so thank you Speaker I leave it to tomorrow morning God willing, but if none of them will be here I just need to have a very direct clear direction from you, thank you Mr. Speaker

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): I think maybe if none of them will be here then we can have the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader then now we can task them so that because there is also the House leadership, but I assume that we can get them here tomorrow because they are seven we cannot miss all of them, thank you.

ADJOURNEMENT

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon Members the time being twenty seven minutes past 3 O'clock and there being no any other business, this Assembly now adjourns until Wednesday 11th Sept , 2024 at 9.00 a.m.