

## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



### *THE HANSARD*

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 9.30 am**

*The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Steve) in Chair*

### **PRAYER**

## **MOTION**

**The Speaker,** (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lenamparasio

**MCA Loosuk Ward,** (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you so much Hon. Speaker, pursuant to standing order No. 47 I beg to move the following Motions.

**AWARE THAT** the concerns have been raised by various members through request of statement regarding the management of the bursary funds including issues related to the issuance of bouncing cheque, qualification of bursary coordinator and failure to disburse bursary to students studying in secondary schools outside Samburu County. Further aware that there are Ward funds bursary that were located in the budget in the fiscal year 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 respectively which have not been distributed exacerbating existing concerns noting the critical roles that the bursary funds plays in supporting the education of students from Samburu County and ensuring equitable access to educational resources. Considering that, the lack of effective oversight and timely response to the issues may hinder education aspirations of many deserving students. Therefore, this Assembly resolve to form an *Ad Hoc* committee to investigate and address the following issues.

1. Evaluate the current management practices and propose necessary reforms that is on management of bursary funds.
2. Investigate the causes of this issue and recommend solutions to ensure reliable financial transactions, that one pertains the Issuance of bouncing cheque
3. Assess whether the current bursary coordinator meets the qualifications stipulated in the bursary Samburu County bursary act 2015. Hon. Speaker this one relates to the qualifications of bursary coordinator as stipulated in the Samburu County bursary act 2015.
4. Investigate the reasons for the non-disbursement of bursary funds to students studying in secondary schools outside Samburu County as well as unallocated Ward funds bursaries for the fiscal year 2022/2023 and 2023/2024. Provide recommendations for correctives actions, that one falls under the failure to disburse bursary, further resolves that the *Ad Hoc* committee shall consists of the following Members;
  1. Hon. Phelix Lenamparasio

2. Hon. Esther Lenolkulal
3. Hon. Patrick Leerte
4. Hon. Osman Dube
5. Hon. Francis Lemartile
6. Hon. Christopher Lentukunye
7. Hon. Silapia Lenamatiyo

Thank you so much Hon. Speaker, I kindly ask Hon. Esther to second the Motion.

*(Hon. Lenolkulal Esther bows to second the Motion)*

**The Speaker,** (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members I now propose the Motion that aware that concerns have been raised by various Members through request for statement regarding the management of bursary funds including issues related to the issuance of bouncing of cheque, the qualification of the bursary coordinator and the failure to disburse bursaries to student studying in secondary schools outside Samburu County. Further aware there are Ward funds bursaries that were allocated in the budget for the fiscal year 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 which have not been distributed exacerbating existing concerns noting the critical roles that the bursary funds plays in supporting the education of students from Samburu County and ensuring equitable access to educational resources. Concerns that, the lack of effective oversight and timely response to the issues may hinder the educational aspirations of many deserving students. Therefore this Assembly resolves to form an *Ad Hoc* committee to investigate and address the following issues.

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6. Hon. Christopher Lentukunye
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**The Speaker,** (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Lenamparasio

**MCA Loosuk Ward,** (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you so much Hon. Speaker, Hon. Speaker, the reason as to why I have moved this Motion to have this *Ad Hoc* committee being formed to investigate to the issue were highlighted in this Motion is that during our first Assembly, the Hon. Members then saw the importance of having the bursary funds to cater for our kids from very needy families who at the end of the day failed to finished their education due to financial constraints.

And then it is very important to note that the allocations that we do as this Hon. House to have our students, our kids to benefits need to be utilized properly and effectively. A number of times, we have seen Members asking statements if I can vividly remember I know two Members who have asked for statements regarding g the same bursary, Hon. Lemartile and Hon. Leitoro and there was no response that we got regarding the same.

The other biggest issue here is that, the last financial year, we allocated 134 million to bursary, both the department bursary and the Ward fund bursary and then having 134million no managed properly is a waste of resources and that one brings to the attention of this House whether the person managing these funds is competence to manage the same funds. I think I got the opportunity last week but one to go through the office of the controller Report on Samburu County for the financial year 2023/2024 and if you see the issues highlighted by the office of controller of budget regarding this bursary, it is very grave.

The non-compliance of remittance of physical financial statements has never been done for the two years, that is very dangerous, we may end up having the funds not receiving any Money from the budget because if there is no financial Report that are being submitted to this fund administrator to the offices that are concern like controller of budget Report we may get some bad Report.

**The Speaker,** (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Order majority Leader minority leader, let us respect the Member who is in the floor.

**MCA Loosuk Ward,** (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you so much Hon. Speaker, I think and I will just ask our Hon. Members that they should just go through the office of the controller of budget Reports see how dangerous those Report are especially of these bursaries. So it is high time that we get Ad Hoc Committee through this Hon. House to go and do the investigations bring the Report to this House. We want to know exactly what is happening. This is the first time in history that we have seen and witnessed a government that issuing bouncing cheque. You know it is a critical offence to issue bouncing cheque. Me personally here, I had allocated two students, one from St. Kigari Teachers College, a cheque worth 10,000 and two students at IRADS in Nakuru, I had allocated them 20,000 each and those cheque bounce and these cheque I have allocated my two million as the Ward fund bursary even my students, and by the end of the day these students were again sent home to come and collect fees because of these bouncing cheque and the painful part is that, I know you know that whenever a bouncing cheque is issued, the person in the account issued this cheque has to be fined, the person who took that cheque to the bank.

So you can just imagine giving a student a cheque worth 10,000 and yet 10,000 school balance but at the end of the 3,000 given as fine by the school is gain transfer back to the same student who ends up having 13,000 school balance instead of the initial 10,000. I just want to ask this House to approve this Motion so that we can go and do our investigations, it is soon bad that we have orphans in this County that rely in this bursary to go to school and they are at home.

During the opening of the third term, a number of students from Loosuk Ward came to my office noting that they have not received bursaries and going to the office of the administrator, their names are in the list and just because they are studying outside Samburu County, they have received their bursary. It is so bad that a parent having two kids, one studying in Samburu County and another one studying maybe somewhere like Rumuruti or Nyahururu and one of the receiving bursaries and the other one not receiving. We just want to know the route caused as to why these discrepancies in this bursary allocations. So to be brief I just want to ask this Hon. House to support this Motion so that we form an *Ad Hoc* Committee and then we go and do our investigations and bring a Report here to this Hon. House so that we can debate and see how we can help in this issue of bursary which has become a torn in the flesh. Thank you so much Hon. Speaker so that I can give other Members time to contribute and I just ask them to support the Motion. Thank you.

**The Speaker,** (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Majority Leader.

## WILYS TAKE

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia)..... And Hon. Speaker as the Hon.

Minority Leader said, the other day saw the name Leleruk circulating in the social media that he has given his daughter Kshs. 100,000 which is a false information. The office itself has fallen ill on integrity because you cannot give such information to the media

Mr. Speaker, we want to rest this issue on bursary so that we start another Financial Year while we have completed the issues of the two Financial Years which. Hon. Speaker, on the issue of discriminating the secondary school students studying outside Samburu County is an issue that needs to be solved so that all the students benefit from bursary allocation in this Financial Year whether they study in or outside Samburu County, thank you Hon. Speaker

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Lenolkulal Esther): Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika. Nachukua nafasi hii kwanza kumshukuru Mungu kwa ajili ya uhai na kutuwezesha kuwa hapa. Nasimama kuunga mkono mjadala huu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, wiki iliyopita, kuhusu mambo ya bursary, mambo ya bursary kwa bunge hili imekuwa kama gonjwa sugu. Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi kama mama na mwakilishi wa wamama Kaunti ya Samburu katika bunge hili naonega kwa huzuni kwa sababu shida wamama na watoto wanapitia ilhali pesa ziko lakini hazisaidii mtu wa mama mjane na mwenye mali zake zimechukuliwa na adui na hapa tunasema tunaangalia masilahi ya wananchi wanaotutegemea Sioni kuwa tunafanya kazi vizuri kama bado wanafunzi hao bado wako nyumbani na mama zao kuhangaika. Mheshimiwa Spika, niluliza hapa kama bursary hiyo ilipeanua na kama Waheshimiwa wanaficha na iliyobaki ilikuwa ipewanue jumatano. Kuna wanafunzi wa wadi ya Poro amabapo Mheshimiwa Leerte anapigwa mchana na usiku bado wapo nyumbani mpaka sasa.

Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba kwamba tuwajali waliotuchagua tuwawakilishe katika bunge hili, mimi kama mwakilishi wa wamama katika bunge hili naunga mkono mjadala huu, mimi nazungumza kama mama kwa uchungu kuona kwamba kuna kina mama ambao wanachoma makaa, kupika chang'aa, chota maji au kuwa dobi. Siwaezi nyamaza katika bunge hili nikiona kwamba kina mama wanaumia, tuambiwe kama kuna bursary ama hakuna, ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika.

**Deputy Speaker, (Hon. Lelenkeju Jackson):** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion. Having read and heard the contributions from the Members and aware that a lot of mess is happening at the bursary quarters

Hon. Speaker, to restore the image of this County, to improve service delivery to our students, to improve efficiency, to showcase transparency and also to hold office bearers accountable it is therefore necessary that we move with speed that is necessary to put a clean track on the issue of bursary

Samburu County stands above 70% illiteracy level; that means that bursary is critical if we are to improve the literacy level. We have had a number of request to that noble office but our requests always fell to deaf ears. We respect what the County Executive is doing to our people and we want them to do better for the same people it serves and the only better way to do it is to have services rendered to them in a transparent and accountable manner

I support the formation of an *Ad Hoc* Committee and going forward Hon. Speaker we do not have personal or malicious intentions against anyone, any office or any office bearer but what we are against is the way this service is being delivered.

We want better service delivery, transparency and accountability. For someone to be told by this House to attach a bank statement which can easily be obtained by clicking a button and get the paper copy at the printing end should not be a difficult activity.

We are not against anybody nor re-grouping as divisions in this House, this is something that is eminent and has been all over the social media and even when leaders move around to tour projects all over what is discussed first is the issue on bursary; this means this has become a thorn in the flesh to everybody. Hon. Speaker, I support this Motion and I urge this Honourable House to stand for the Motion and ensure that we get services

Personally, I am a member of the sectoral Committee on Education and Vocational Training and as I stand here, the people of Wamba East Ward that I represent have not got the Ward bursary and the students studying in institutions outside Samburu County have not received the bursary. The committees on ground have forwarded the list of the beneficiaries and have forwarded the list to the Education office and a lot of omissions happened there, I can attest to about 360 students missing from in the original list from my Ward.

I have also counted one hundred misplaced cheques going to different institutions, the names are correct but wrong institution hence causing a lot of havoc and bureaucracy of returning the cheques once received by the institutions is also cumbersome.

To avoid all these; I think we are in a digital era and I remember that when we forward these lists, we forward both hard and soft copies in an excel form according to the way these students have been allocated the amount or portions. I really do not know why anyone managing this cannot correct this mess from the first Financial Year and the second Financial Year since we are beginning the Third Financial Year

Hon. Speaker we want to save the remaining years and serve our people better. We are not and I repeat we are not against anybody; we do not have any person in mind but rather just request the noble office of the Executive to move with speed to get someone who is transparent



*(Applause)*

Someone who is qualified, capable and who can give our people the deserved quality services, I support the Motion

*(Applause)*

**MCA Elbarta Ward**, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Thank Hon. Speaker. I also stand to support the Motion, it is clear and has been clear since the day we started and this is the Third Assembly. Hon. Speaker we have spent a big portion of time discussing this issue on bursary Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker I think it is a high time for this House to take serious measures to make sure that this issue comes to an end Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, it is quite clear that all Hon Members are in support of this Motion Hon. Speaker, the only area of contention is the membership of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, Hon. Speaker, I suggest that it would be good to have a team that all the Hon Members will have confidence with the report that will be brought to this House Hon. Speaker

Hon. Speaker, the recommendation that I would like to bring to this House is that I see that we have the seven Hon Members representing this Committee and I wish to beg this Hon House to ammend the number of membership to membership of nine Hon. Speaker. If you allow us Hon. Speaker to do some consultation and add two more Hon. Members for purposes of creating trust and also the membership of nine will be a third of the whole House hence meeting the one-third of the House

Hon. Speaker, I want to beg my brother; the mover of this Motion if he Can allow us to ammend the membership of the Committee, that is my contribution. Thank Hon. Speaker

**MCA Lodokejek Ward**, (Hon. Lekuchula David): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I want to appreciate my colleagues who have taken my concern; before you give directives we want to know clearly so that next time we cannot have these issues coming up again. We want to know who proposes the names of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, is it the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader or the House Leadership or just any Member can just wake up and sit down in one of the offices or under a tree and proposes names and bring it to the House, thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Steve): Hon. Lekuchula the names are supposed to be brought by the Minority Leader and the Minority Leader in consultation with their Members.

**Majority leader,** (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker. According to Standing Order number 155/1 I beg to move the following amendment to the Motion for the formation of the *Ad Hoc* Committee to investigate the management of the bursary fund that the Membership of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be amended to include the following Members;

1. Felix Lenamparasio.
2. Esther Lenolkulal.
3. Hon. Patrick Leerte.
4. Hon. Osman Dube.
5. Hon. Francis Lemartile.
6. Christopher Lentukunye.
7. Silapia Lenamatiyo.
8. David Leinas Lekuchula.
9. Hon. Jeremiah Leitoro.

Mr. Speaker allow me to call upon Hon. Silapia to second the Motion.

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to second the Motion as it is. I think Hon. Members are now satisfied with the composition of the Committee and so I second the Motion.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Steve): Hon. Members I now propose the Motion, **That,** the Membership of the *Ad Hoc* Committee shall be amended to include the following Members:

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I now put the question that the Membership of the *Ad Hoc* Committee shall be amended to include the following Members:

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*(Question proposed, put and Motion passed)*

Hon. Members, I now put the question to the following Motion with an amendment, **That, Aware That**, concerns have been raised by various Members through requests for Statements regarding the management of the bursary fund including issues related to the issuance of bouncing cheques, disqualification of the bursary coordinator and the failure to disburse bursaries to students studying in secondary schools outside Samburu County.

**Further aware**, Ward Funds bursaries that were allocated in the budget for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 which have not been distributed exacerbating existing concerns note the critical role that the bursary fund plays in supporting the education of students from Samburu County and ensuring equitable access to educational resources concerned that the lack of effective oversight and timely response to these issues may hinder the educational aspirations of many deserving students, therefore this Assembly resolves to form an *Ad Hoc* Committee to investigate and address the following issues:

1. To evaluate the current management practices and propose necessary reforms/
2. Investigate the courses of these issues and recommend solutions to ensure reliable, Fiscal Financial transactions.

3. Access whether the current bursary coordinator meets the qualifications stipulated in the Samburu County Bursary Act 2015.
4. Investigate the resource for non-disbursement of bursaries to students studying in secondary schools outside Samburu County as well as an unallocated Ward Fund bursary for Fiscal Years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 provide recommendations for corrective action.

**Further**, resolved that, the *Ad Hoc* Committee shall consist of the following Members;

1. Hon.Felix Lenamparasio.
2. Hon.Esther Lenolkulal.
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9. Hon. Jeremiah Leitoro.

*(Question put and Motion passed)*

## **ADJOURN MENT.**

Hon. Members, the time being 14 minutes to four o'clock and there being no other business this Assembly now adjourns until Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 2:30 pm

