

KERICHO COUNTY ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

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(The House met at 9.30 a.m.)

[Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Let's proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honorable members we received a petition this morning by the ECDE Teachers Association Kericho branch. This is a petition to the County Assembly and it reads; we undersigned, The ECDE Teachers Kericho County draws the attention of the County Assembly to the following;

Confirmation of all ECDE teachers below 50 years by the County Public Service Board who missed the criteria on employment on permanent and pensionable terms.

Teachers over 51 years and above to be given fixed contract until their mandatory retirement age of 60 years.

Teachers who are already serving in their respective stations be given first priority in terms of recruitments unless if they are not qualified.

Teachers whose salary was stopped because of not meeting requirements should be compensated in the duration they were in the field and be given befitting send off as is required by law.

The department of education together with the service board should implement a scheme of service in accordance with SRC within a short time since our teachers have suffered for a long period of time.

The department concerned to issue comprehensive report as to why the allocation of 25% of the county budget has not been realized as was agreed by ECDE stakeholders at KICD.

Inhumane transfers which has been so far subjected to teachers in gross violation of human rights and labor violations act.

We hereby confirm that the issues in respect to which the petition is made are not pending in any court of law, constitutional, or legal body. Therefore we humbly pray that the Kericho County Assembly resolves if it deems fit to have the Kericho County Government to implement the above mentioned prayers.

We are writing to formally request the review of our current salary as you are aware we have been earning a stipend of Ksh 8000 for seven years down the line from 2014. We have not been able to sustain our livelihood with the meager salary that we earn. We are paid at a uniform rate of Ksh 8000 despite the facts that the levels of education defer.

In reference to the meeting that was held on Wednesday March 2014, His Excellency the Governor, Professor Paul Chepkwony said that ECD teachers have a reason to smile for his endeavor was to establish the foundation of pupils and establish the standard of county education.

They are also saying that we have not been able to realize the promise made by His Excellency the Governor and our situation has been so desperate for we cannot make ends meet.

We therefore lament our desperate situation due to underpayment which has remained a stipend of Ksh 8000 since 2014. The stipend cannot afford the following, the school fees, NHIF, basic home needs and emergencies.

We are almost the only ones underpaid in the county considering other counties are paid fairly while ours has remained stagnant at Ksh 8000. Kindly see what other counties pay their ECD teachers.

Mandera County salaries certificate holders are paid ksh28000, diploma holders are paid ksh30000, and untrained ECDE teachers in Mandera are paid ksh20000.

In Kajiado certificate holders are paid ksh24000, diploma holders are paid ksh27000, ECDE degree holders are paid ksh35000.

In Turkana county ECDE teachers diploma holders are paid ksh43000, certificate holders are paid ksh37000.

Kericho County Government still pays their ECDE teachers ksh8000 up to now.

This is a petition by ECDE Teachers' Association Kericho branch. The petition is signed by various officials and I therefore commit this petition to Justice and Legal Affairs Committee to have a look and respond within 7 days. Thank you

The other communication honorable member is that we have received the county Annual Development Plan for 2022 and 2023. The communication reads; the Constitution of Kenya 2010, article 2020 (2) states national legislation shall prescribe structure of development plans and budget of counties. When the plan and budget shall be tabled in the County Assemblies and the form and manner of consultations between national government and County Government in the process of preparing plans and budget further the Public Finance Management Act of 2012

section 1 (2) (6) (3) states the county Executive Committee Member responsible for planning shall not less than 1st September each year submit the development plan to the County Assembly for its approval and send the copy to the Commission of Revenue Allocation and the National Treasury. Pursuant to the above, please find the Kericho County Annual Development Plan for 2022/2023. So I commit this to the Budget and Appropriation Committee for purposes of processing. Thank you. Next order!

(Adjournment)

The Speaker (Hon. Dominic Rono): Honorable members, there are no statements this morning therefore the Assembly is adjourned until 2:30 pm in the afternoon. Thank you.

(The House rose at 9.40 am)