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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

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The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

MOTION

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE VETTING OF MR. JAMES MWANGI MBUCHO

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT, this Assembly adopts the report for the vetting of Mr. James Mwangi Mbuco, nominee for Chief Officer Education and Social Services by the Education and ICT Committee and Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services Committee dated 24th November, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the preface is on the establishment and mandate of the Education and ICT Committees. The Sectoral Committee on Education and ICT was constituted by the House on 28th September, 2017, during the First Session of the Second Assembly in Laikipia County. The committee is established pursuant to Standing Order 191 and the functions shall be to;

a. Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments.

b. Study the programme and policy objectives of departments and effectiveness of the implementation.

c. Study and review all county legislation referred to it.

d. Study, access and analyse the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives.

e. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the Assembly.

f. To vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 184 (Committee on Appointment).

g. Make reports and recommendations to the Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of the proposed legislation.

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The Sectoral Committee on Education and ICT is mandated to consider all matters relating to pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centres and childcare, children and youth welfare.

The committee as currently constituted, comprises of the following Members; Hon. Mutahi Muritu as the Chairperson, Hon. Catherine Kibue as the Vice Chairperson, Hon. Daniel Mugweru, Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo and Hon. Jacob Endom as Members.

There is the establishment and mandate of the Labour, Social welfare and Community Services Committee. The Sectoral Committee on Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services was constituted by the House on 28th September, 2017. Mr. Speaker, you can see that this report is composed by two committees.

Vetting of the nominee for the position of the Chief Officer- Education and Social Services

In conducting the vetting process, the joint committee examined the nominee against the following criteria, amongst others, in accordance with the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017, the County Governments Act, 2012, and the Constitution of Kenya.

a) Academic qualifications.

b) Employment record.

c) Public office, political activities and affiliations.

d) Professional affiliations.

e) Potential conflict of interest.

f) Knowledge of the relevant subject.

g) Overall suitability for the position.

h) Tax compliance.

i) Integrity.

During its sitting held on Thursday, 19th November, 2020, at the County Assembly Chambers, the joint committee interviewed the nominee for appointment as the Chief Officer for Education and Social Services.

Mr. Mwangi Mbuco appeared before the joint committee on Thursday, 19th November, 2020, and was informed by the Chairperson;

a. That after inviting memoranda from the public, on his suitability or otherwise for appointment to public office, none was received.

b. That the vetting process was strictly guided by the law and more specifically, the Constitution of Kenya, the County Government Act as well as the public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

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Committee findings

The committee having considered his Curriculum Vitae and his oral submissions during the vetting exercise, made the following observations;

i. Personal background. The nominee stated that he was born in 1984 in Marmanet and is married.

ii. Educational background.

- He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Design at Nairobi University in 2009.
- Diploma in Adobe Design Suite in Zetech College in 2006.
- Kenya Certificate of Education at Njoro Boys High School and got a B+ in 2003.
- Kenya Certificate of Primary Education at Amazing Grace Academy in 1999.

iii. Work experience.

- Advisor on County Development in Laikipia County Government from July 2019 to date.
- Brand and marketing Manager at Aguaridge Limited from 2018 to June 2019.
- Youth Board member (sports, arts and culture) at Nairobi City County from May 2014 to 2017.
- Sports coordinator at EK Centre from May to November.
- Organizing Committee for the Annual Safaricom Sevens Rugby Tournament from 2012 to 2014.
- Kenya National Football team, Harambee Stars Marketing Team in 2010.
- Campus Events Manager with Homeboyz Entertainment Limited from October 2008 to March 2010.

iv. Some of the nominees achievements include;

- Under the EK (Evans Kidero) foundation, they sponsored AFC Leopard and the national team Gor Mahia to participate in the regional and premier leagues respectively.
- In the year 2011 he facilitated the Safari Sevens (under 13 years) from the grassroots level.

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- Collaborated with Ghetto Radio to get adequate airplay for the young and aspiring musicians.
- The program coordinator for the pilot civil works programme in Igwamiti Ward in collaboration with the *Kazi Mtaani* to reconstruct 11 kilometres road and drainage works.

v. He had duly complied with the Chapter 6 requirements of the Constitution of Kenya. He was tax compliant and had a clearance certificate form the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).

vi. The nominee was well versed with the duties and responsibilities in the department. He would ensure that the employees perform their duties diligently, prudent use of resources and adherence to the requisite laws as well as regular stakeholder engagement in policy formulation and the budget making process.

vii. To ensure professionalism in his department, the nominee pledged to establish a departmental service charter that stipulates the mission and service delivery timelines as well as undertake constant trainings with his staff.

viii. If nominated to the post of Chief Officer, the nominee promised to expedite the payment of the Ward Bursary Committees as they had not been paid. He will streamline the Bursary allocations for the financial year 2019/20 and financial year 2020/21 as this academic calendar year had been adversely affected by the Corona pandemic. This will ensure that more students are covered by the said fund. The committees will be extended by an additional year.

ix. He observed that he will ensure standardization of furniture in the ECDE centres. The TVETs will be equipped with the appropriate machinery to enable them train effectively in their specific field of study.

x. He noted that the sports sector had been adversely affected due to lack of funds. In order to source for funds from investors, he stated that his planning and marketing expertise will enable him identify potential investors who shall invest in the youth. This will be done by rebranding the existing teams and repackaging them to bigger units that will be sustainable. He reiterated in the previous month that some betting companies had issued 80 playing kits and 150 balls to various teams.

xi. For efficiency. He stated that all sports tournaments will be directly coordinated from his office with full stakeholder involvement from the planning phase up until the completion of the said games.

Mr. Speaker the committee noted that the nominee was born, raised and resides in Laikipia County. His vast experience in the branding and marketing field has adequately prepared him to provide custom made solutions for the service department. The nominee is

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also well versed with the duties and responsibilities that he will undertake and thus well suited for the position. Thus, the committee found the nominee suitable for the appointment as the Chief Officer, Department of Education and Social Services.

Committee recommendation

Pursuant to Section 45 of the County Governments Act, 2012, and Standing Order No. 191/5(f), the committee recommends that this Assembly adopts the report of the Joint Committees comprising of Education and ICT and Labour, Social Welfare and Community Services on the vetting of the Chief Officer for Education and Social Services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Bwana Spika, kulingana na taarifa niliyosoma katika Bunge lako, tulifanya jambo hili tukiwa kamati mbili. Kila mtu yuko na ripoti yake. Naomba kila Mjumbe katika hili Bunge asome, aridhie na tumpitishe huyu kijana. Naunga mkono huyu kijana.

Jana tuliona kuwa tumempitisha Afisa Mtendaji katika Wizara ya Afya. Tunampongeza Gavana wa Laikipia kwa sababu ameona umuhimu wa kuwapa vijana kazi na uwezeshaji. Ninamwomba Mheshimiwa kutoka Marmanet anapotoka, aweze kuunga kijana huyu mkono. Naomba Wajumbe wa Bunge la Laikipia waweze kumpitisha huyu kijana. Ikikumbukwa ya kwamba kama kuna idara ambayo imekuwa na changamoto ni Idara ya Elimu. Tunavyoongea sasa hivi hakuna waziri katika hiyo idara wala Afisa Mtendaji.

Huu ni mwaka wa serikali na kuna mambo mengi sana yanayostahili kufanywa. Tulijadili kuwa kuna madeni kama kwa wenye kandarasi waliotoa huduma lakini hawajalipwa. Tusichukulie hili suala kama jambo la kibinafsi bali kwa maslahi ya Kaunti yetu. Sasa hivi kuna watu waliojenga miundo mbinu katika shule za chekechea za wadi zetu lakini hawajalipwa. Kikwazo ni kwamba hakuna Afisa Mtendaji anayeweza kutia saini ili hawa watu waweze kupata malipo yao.

Ninakiri hapa kuwa tumekuwa na changamoto sana katika hiyo idara. Mheshimiwa Spika, katika hili Bunge lako na wewe ni shahidi wangu, kumekuwa na taarifa nyingi zilizokuwa zikiombwa kutoka kwa wizara hiyo. Kwa sababu huyu kijana ameonyesha wasifu wake wote na yuko na uwezo, basi tumpe hiyo ridhaa. Tukiridhia tutakuwa tumepiga hatua mbele. Namuomba Mheshimiwa Kutoka Marmanet aweze kuunga mkono hii ripoti ili Wajumbe wengine waweze kuichangia. Asante.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the motion. As I second, may I first thank your leadership for having given us a chance to be tested for COVID-19. I am sure that we might be getting our results by tomorrow. Having been tested, I am feeling as though am okay.

The young man, Mr. Mwangi Mbuco, is from Marmanet. I know him very well, he fits the job and I have known him for some time. He has been involving himself in games in my area. It is one of the parts that are in that docket. Given the task in Education Department, I am sure that he is capable. He will guide the Governor on how we will improve in engaging the youth there by him being a young man who is very interactive. I am happy for him being given

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the opportunity by His Excellency the Governor. We will support him to ensure that work is well done.

I have seen that by the time he was completing form four, I had even joined politics two years earlier. Being a young man, we need to encourage our youth to engage in all activities that will benefit our county. The young man is capable, I wholly support. Not only that he comes from my area but he is also very engaging with the youth in the other wards. I have heard that he has been very active in Nyahururu, Rumuruti and all other corners. I beg the Hon. Members to support him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuchangia na kuunga mkono ripoti hii ya kumpitisha James Mwangi Mbuko.

Speaker: Mbuco.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mbuco, Bwana Spika. Mbuko ama Mbuco, lolote ninaloweza kushika. Kuna mtu tunayeita Mbuko na ninaona kama ni mmoja. Ningetaka kusema kuwa kwa heshima ya Bunge hili na kumpitisha huyu kijana, ni vizuri tunapoelekea mapumzikoni kama Bunge, utumie busara zako na uweze kuita Kamukunji tukimaliza.

Wajumbe hawa wanapoenda mapumzikoni wakati wa Krisimasi, waweze kuelewa na kujua vile kazi ya Wanalaikipia inavyofanywa. Ningeomba tukimaliza hili tuweze kukaa kwa Kamukunji. Tujadiliane mambo muhimu yanayohusu watu wa Laikipia kuanzia mwezi wa Desemba hadi mwezi wa Februari. Hapo kuna muda mrefu ambapo Bunge halitakuwa kazini. Tungeomba kuwe na mikakati ambapo tutaweza kuona mambo yanavyoendeshwa na serikali kwa wakati huo wote. Serikali haiwezi simama.

Nafikiri hilo ndilo lingekuwa la kwanza lakini ni kwa heshima ya kijana kama huyu aliyehitimu. Tutampitisha. Mimi kama Memba aliyekuwa katika kikao cha uteuzi, tuliweza kumteua kwa njia inayofaa. Nashukuru kamati ya Kazi na Elimu. Tulifanya hiyo kazi kwa utaratibu wa sheria na kufuata Kanuni zote za Bunge.

Huyu ni kijana aliyeletwa siku ya leo kuwa Afisa Mtendaji katika Wizara ya Elimu. Tuliweza kumpitisha Donald Moghoi tuliyeona alizaliwa mwaka wa themanini. Huyu amezaliwa mwaka wa themanini na nne. Hii ni kumaanisha kuwa serikali iliyo mamlakani imeweza kuona uwezo wa hawa vijana katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Huu ni uwezo wa kuingia katika kazi ya Wanalaikipia na kufanya kazi kwa njia inayofaa.

Nilipokuwa nikiangalia hii ripoti nimeona ya kwamba Mwangi ameweza kushikilia nyadhifa mbalimbali. Ni mtu aliyesoma na kuhitimu. Yeye yuko na Shahada katika Kubuni katika Chuo Kikuu cha Nairobi. Hii ni shule inayotambulika na serikali. Amekuwa katika Serikali ya Kaunti ya Nairobi iliyotangulia iliyokuwa ikiongozwa na Evans Kidero. Aliweza kuwa katika huo serikali wa Evans Kidero na kufanya kazi nyingi. Ameweza kuwa memba wa Bodi la Vijana, michezo na utamaduni, katika Kaunti ya Nairobi. Tunajua kuwa hiyo kaunti iko na kazi nyingi na idadi kubwa ya watu.

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Huyu kijana ameweza kuhitimu na kufanya kazi katika hizo kaunti. Tuko na imani ya kwamba atakapoingia katika hiyo nyadhifa, atasaidia vijana na Kaunti ya Laikipa. Atahakikisha ameshughulikia mambo yote ya michezo na yanayohusu vijana. Hii ni nafasi mwafaka ya vijana kushangilia na kujua ya kwamba wako na mwenzao.

Tumeona vijana walio na nia njema kwa hii Kaunti. Ninawaona vijana barubaru hapa kama vile Mheshimiwa Matunge, Mheshimiwa Zamzam na wengine wengi. Niko hapo hata kama nimepita umri wao kidogo. Nafikiri niko katika umri wa kufanya kazi. Tukisimama hapa tunafanya kazi kwa njia inayofaa. Nataka kumshukuru Mwenyekiti na kamati yote. Tuendelee vivyo hivyo. Tumpitishe huyu kijana ili aweze kufanyia Wanalaikipia kazi. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Hon. Irene Wachuka: Asante, Bwana Spika kwa kunipa hii nafasi. Nashukuru Kamati ya Kazi na Kamati ya Elimu kwa kushikana na kuteua Mr. James Mwangi Mbuco. Jina tunalojua sana kutoka upande wa Laikipia Magharibi ni *Goodboy*. Ni kijana barubaru ninayejua sana. Yeye huwa katika michezo ya vijana. Baada ya kutoka Nairobi, yeye huleta mashindano Nyahururu kila wakati hata kabla ya kuingia katika Serikali ya Ndiritu Muriithi.

Namshukuru Gavana Ndiritu Muriithi. Ni gavana anayeweza. Ameanza kuamka na kufikiria mambo ya vijana. Tuombapo kura huwa tunasema kuwa vijana watapewa kazi. Sasa tumeanza kuona Serikali ya Laikipia Kaunti imeanza kufikiria. Kuna vijana kama vile kina Chris, Zamzam, Matunge na wengine waliopatiwa kazi na Gavana.

Huyu kijana amefanya kazi kutoka mwezi wa Machi katika eneo la Laikipia Magharibi. Mheshimiwa Spika, najua kuwa ushawahi tembea upande wa Jua Kali ulipokuwa ukiomba kiti cha Naibu wa Gavana ukiwa na Gavana wa kwanza. Palikuwa taabu na hakuna gari ambalo lingeingia. Ameinua Nyahururu na kuonekana pahali pazuri. Ukienda upande wa Maina, mitaro yote imefunguliwa na huyu kijana. Hajali kama yuko na suti. Vijana wanaopewa kazi na hii serikali tunawapitisha katika hili Bunge. Wafanye kazi kama vile huyu kijana amefanya.

Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Elimu, Mheshimiwa Mutahi Muritu, akiwa hapa, tunajua kuwa tuko na shida katika huo upande. *Bursary* ilipeanwa na hakuna kazi iliyofanyika katika sekta ya elimu hadi leo. Wengine wamekimbia kortini kushtaki. Kama hufanyi kazi lazima uondoke na uende nyumbani. Ulipewa kazi ufanyie wananchi. Mambo ya hospitali na elimu ni muhimu sana katika hii dunia. Hakuna mashamba tuliyokuwa tukigawa kama mtoto hutampa elimu. Sekta ya elimu ni muhimu sana kwa kila mtu.

Kamati hizi mbili za Elimu na Leba zilifanya kazi muhimu sana ya kutuletea kijana barubaru. Tutakutana na yeye ana kwa ana na nimwambie kuwa kukupatia kazi ni rahisi na pia kukung'oa ni dakika moja kama hutatii vile hawa wamesema. Hakuna haja ya kuingia katika hili Bunge kupitisha watu wengine wanaoenda kulala. Hao ni pesa na kuitisha magari; hakuna njia. Lazima kazi ifanyike katika hili Bunge.

Mheshimiwa Spika, ukiwa mkubwa wetu tutafanya kazi inavyotakiwa. Hufanyi kazi ilhali ulipewa nafasi hii na watu wengine wakaachwa. Mungu alikusaidia kuingia katika hili Bunge, kupitishwa na kupewa kazi na Gavana Ndiritu Muriithi. Hivyo basi fanyia watu kazi. Hukuletwa hapa kukula mali ya wananchi. Tutapitisha *Goodboy*, kama vile Mwenyekiti wa

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Elimu na Mheshimiwa Ndiritu amesema, tungetaka kuona tumewaachia watoto wetu pahali pazuri. Wasiende kulala wakifiria kuwa kuna mtu aliyeletwa.

Ninashukuru kazi ya Ndiritu Muriithi. Pahali popote Gavana alipo aambiwe kuwa tumeanza kuona hata yeye ameamka. Aendelee vivyo hivyo. Watu ambao hawafanyi kazi wang'olewe mara moja. Katibu wa Kaunti aambiwe kuwa tulimpatia kiti juzi. Akalie kiti na kama watu hawafanyi kazi waende nyumbani.

Hili Bunge linalalamika kila wakati kwa sababu *Executive* hawafanyi kazi tunavyotaka. Tunapitisha maneno hapa na yanaenda kulala. Unasikia kila mtu anayesimama hapa kusema kuwa alileta maneno na hakuna pahali yaliyopo. Upande wa Executive haufanyi kazi. Tungeuliza Gavana Ndiritu Muriithi atuletee Chief Officer waliobaki lakini hakuna haja ya wao kuletwa hapa kama hawafanyi kazi. Tutakuwa tumekuambia ukanyage mlango saa moja.

Ningetaka Waheshimiwa wasimame na vijana wetu tunaolea kisiasa na kimwili. Tupitishe kijana huyu ili aende kufanyia wananchi kazi. Mtaona kuwa atazunguka Laikipia nzima. Tutampatia ushauri kama wazee wa siasa. Mimi ni kigogo wa siasa na mnajua hivyo. Nitaendeshana na hao vijana. Mheshimiwa Mutahi, tutashikana bega kwa bega na tuone kuwa kazi imefanyika.

Akipata kiti, kutoka leo pesa za *bursary* tulizopatiana na kuwekwa kando zipeanwe. Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nawashukuru Waheshimiwa na ninajua kuwa mtapitisha kijana barubaru. Asante sana na Mungu awabariki.

Hon. Salma Zamzam: Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa hii nafasi ili nichangie kwa uteuzi wa ndugu yangu James kama Afisa Mkuu wa Elimu katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Ninashukuru Gavana Ndiritu Muriithi kwa kusikia malalamishi ya viongozi wa Laikipia. Ameona kuwa kuna umuhimu wa kutuletea Afisa Mkuu hata kama alichelewa kwa miaka mitatu. Kongole kwa kuweza kuleta kijana huyu Bungeni.

Tulikuwa na Afisa Mkuu wa Idara ya Afya jana, Daktari Moghoi. Tulishukuru Gavana kwa kuweza kutupilia mbali ukabila katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Tumeona kuwa ametuletea kijana barubaru, anayechapa kazi na mwadilifu. Siku hizi hatuangalii mambo mengi kwa karatasi ilhali tunaangalia mtu anayechapa kazi. Nilijua kijana *Goodboy* alipokuwa akitafuta kiti cha Gavana katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Hakujiweka nyuma kwa udogo wake ilhali alisimama hadi kiti cha Gavana. Tunakuja sasa kumpitisha kama Afisa Mkuu wa Idara ya Elimu.

Bwana Spika, tuko na changamoto kubwa sana kama viongozi wa Laikipia la kuuliza maswali upande wa Executive na hakuna jawabu tupatalo. Hawa watu walikuwa kaimu. Hawakuwa wamepitishwa. Sasa tunaona kuwa Gavana ameanza kuwaleta mmoja kwa mmoja. Amekagua na kuona kuwa hawa wanafaa Laikipia. Wasiofaa tunaambia Gavana awachane na hao na alete wanaochapa kazi katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia.

Tumesikia changamoto la *bursary* lakini sio hilo tu. Tumesikia kuwa kuna pesa zilizopitishwa Laikipia Kaskazini. Madarasa yalipitishwa kwa Idara ya Elimu na hayajaweza kutengenezwa. Tunajua kuwa ni kwa sababu ya kuvutana katika Wizara ya Elimu. Tulipokuwa tukimwapisha Gavana, alitoa hotuba yake na kusema kuwa ataleta vijana. Kama vijana wa

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Laikipia tunajivunia kuletewa *Goodboy* katika hili Bunge. Tunajua kuwa Wajumbe wataweza kumpitisha ili aweze kufanya kazi kwa mwaka uliobaki katika Serikali ya Ndiritu Muriithi.

Tunaona kuwa ameimarika kwa spoti sio tu Laikipia bali pia katika Kaunti ya Nairobi. Aliweza kukaa kama Mwenyekiti wa Vijana Nairobi katika uongozi wa Gavana Kidero. Tunajua kuwa vijana wetu hawataingia kwa dawa za kulevya na anasa za dunia. Watajiweka katika mchezo wa kadanda unaoongozwa na James. Tumeona kuwa alikuwa na hiyo hamu kutoka kitambo lakini sio leo alivyoweza kupitishwa katika Bunge la Kaunti.

Waswahili husema kuwa kizuri chajiuza na kibaya chajitembeza. Kijana amejitembeza na ndio maana leo hii anacheza katika hili Bunge. Amekuja kwa sababu ya heshima ya Serikali ya Ndiritu Muriithi na watu wa Kaunti ya Laikipia. Tupitishe watu ambao wakipelekwa kortini wataweza kusimama na kuijibu maswali yanayowahusu.

Tunajua kuwa tuko na hili janga la COVID-19. Tunaenda katika mapumziko marefu. Naungana na ndugu yangu AKA Kagondu kwa alivyoweza kuelezea. Mheshimiwa Spika, ni vizuri tuwe na kikao kidogo ili tuweze kusemezana kama viongozi wa Kaunti ya Laikipia. Tuambiane mawili ama matatu kabla ya kuenda mapumzikoni. Covid iko na mahali ninapotoka hakuna masharti yaliyowekwa na serikali. Hata Bungeni hatujaona mipango yoyote mliyotupatia kama Serikali ya Kaunti.

Naungana na wenzangu na ni kwa heshima ya ndugu yetu ambapo tumeweza kuendelea na mswada. Tuangalie miradi na maendeleo ya Laikipia. Bwana Spika, wacha tukutane kama viongozi na uweze kutusikiza ili tuweze kuendelea kama viongozi wa Kaunti ya Laikipia. Naungana na mswada mia kwa mia. Naomba Wabunge wenzangu waweze kupitisha ndugu yetu kama Afisa Mkuu wa Wizara ya Elimu katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Asante, Bwana Spika. Mungu apatie *Goodboy* kazi ili tuweze kuchapa kazi.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this chance to give my contribution and support to James Mwangi Mbuco to be the Chief Officer for Education and Social Services. Before I get into my contribution, I wish to raise my concern on the same issue that some of the Members have just raised. This is about having a Kamukunji, were it not for having this gentleman being brought in the House and I from the word go, I do not want to swallow the words of my mouth.

We are marginalised in this department as men. I do not know whether it is marginalised or what. Those names are well known by Hon. Matunge. In Education Department, I have been fighting up and down because 99.9 % are all women. We feel neglected as men. We are out of that department. We need our energy to be in the department. Were it not for me fighting for that, I would have raised the issue of Kamukunji before going ahead with this deal.

I am so happy to have a gentleman as the Chief Officer. I therefore swallowed that. I feel that immediately after this we need to have a Kamukunji. You cannot be a leader without the people that you are leading. You cannot make decisions for the people that you lead. You give your opinion, go to the people you represent and ask them. I have seen this as the way, do you think that it is the right way. You then come into a consensus and do the right thing.

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Mr. Speaker, we really need that Kamukunji. It will help us move forward from here. As the Assembly heals and moves forward, we really need that. Kindly, consider that immediately after this motion.

James Mwangi Mbuco is a young man of this county. He is very ambitious, full of respect and humility. The people who have come across him working can attest to this that he is very humble and full of respect. He being 36 years, three years ago means that he was 33 years old. He was vying for the Governor's position in this county then. He moved around the whole county having faith and hope to get that position. I believe that he can go to the highest height possible in this land.

As I had said yesterday, we must develop this habit. These big files and papers are not important to us. We have come across so many people who are giving us big files talking of how qualified they are. This is only to get frustrated on the way. It is not about the files or those papers. It is about how you coordinate, handle yourself and how you work for the people of Laikipia. That is what matters most. It is not about the schools that you passed through.

In this country we have found so many people with big files and titles; professors and doctors, only to find them misbehaving and doing unexpected things from a learned person. We support this man because of the few months that we have been with him in this county. We have witnessed what he can do and what he cannot do.

We have expectations as Members, the people of Laikipia and as the representative of Umande. This is on things like VTCs in this county that we shout about and say that we have. I feel ashamed to some extent to call them VTCs. An example is of Nanyuki Polytechnic. We have a mechanical class but the vehicles there to train people to be good mechanics in this county neither does it have an engine nor a steering. You are training somebody using a vehicle which has no engine to become a mechanic who will come and repair a moving vehicle.

We have so many issues in the same VTC. We have students who had paid for school fees a year ago to get uniforms. Until today they do not have uniforms. Those are some of the issues that we expect him to get in and handle.

There is a Hon. Member who has said that he is good at moving round to the communities and talking to the young people. We need him to get into that more seriously. I can confirm that there are some VTCs in this county with four teachers and two students. I do not know how that ratio works. He needs to use that energy, which he has been using to move round the county, to talk to our young people. He shows them the importance of getting trained in our polytechnics and VTCs in this county. We have high expectations in him. He needs to transform this department.

There is somebody who has mentioned about bursaries. It has been a problem in this county. I am certainly sure that this House will adopt this report. There are those backlogs in bursaries and bills that have never been paid. I am sure that when he becomes a substantive CEO he will clear all those pending bills and issue the bursaries.

Mr. Speaker, as we are talking of the form fours who are already in school. They will be out of school in the next three months. The committee approved and said that some of the

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students in form four are in the list as beneficiaries. How will they benefit when they are out of school. We already have university and college students in school. How will they benefit and some of them are graduating. Will we be giving money to people who are already out of school?

We expect a lot from him. He will move swiftly and make sure that these bursaries are disbursed. In his submission he said that he loves education so much. Were it not for the EDCE teachers we could not be where we are. We need him to handle this. That is part of our expectation. I support this report. I am sure that the Hon. Members will adopt the report. James Mwangi Mbuco will be the Chief Officer Education and Social Services. Having completed my contribution, just a reminder, we do not forget that we need a Kamukunji immediately after this.

[The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) left the Chair]

[Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) took the Chair]

Deputy Speaker: We will consider the said Kamukunji. I call upon the Members who will contribute to try and take a shorter time. We have other programs that were in the course of the day. We have now got a new Kamukunji that has been slotted in and we will run short of time. Those who will contribute, please take less time possible. Thank you.

Hon. Wilson Wakahiu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the shortest time possible. As a matter of fact, I want to thank the Hon. Governor as well as the Joint Committee for Education and Social services. They have brought this report for Mr. James Mwangi Mbuco as the Chief Officer Education for adoption.

It is very important that the businesses of the House are transacted through the committees. It is important that we support the report as it is now that it has been done by the Education and Social Services Committee. They have found that the man is qualified to lead that department as a Chief Officer. I believe that he will spearhead that education and sports sector as required because of the rich background in youth development programs that Mr. James Mwangi has. He will serve the youth with whom he has a passion for. This is to make sure that they enjoy what the people in Laikipia are supposed to enjoy. I believe that they did the best.

It is also important that the Hon. Members and the respective Sectoral Committees work closely with him. They support him during his time of tenure as a new Chief Officer. It is not a must that we are making noise because of not working together. We need to work together to support him in a way that he will improve the education sector in this county.

There are many contractors and suppliers who are being paid for services that they provided to this county. As we are speaking, other departments are paying their suppliers but the Education Department is not paying. This is because they do not have a Chief Officer who is the Accounting Officer. Once it is adopted, I believe that the suppliers in the Education department will have a paved way. This is so that they may also be paid. An Accounting Officer is supposed to approve.

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Approving James Mwangi will be the best thing that we can do to the people who did buildings and other things in that sector. They will have a chance of receiving their pay. I am in support of this. We are all supporting this person as I have seen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to also support the committees' resolution. This is that we approve James Mwangi Mbuco to be the new Chief Officer for Education and Social services. I want to congratulate the two committees. They have done their work as required.

I also thank the Hon. Governor because this is his role to ensure that performance in all departments is there. I support the Members who have said that the Education Department has been in problems. I can stand here and say that the Education Department today is as good as dead. It neither has a Chief Officer nor a CECM. This means that nothing is moving on at the moment.

I support the two committees that we approve James Mwangi Mbuco. He is a good person who has been in this county. He has shown interest by having the people of Laikipia at heart. Vying for the Governor's position means that he likes Laikipia. He is after Laikipians. We are not going to play around. We are going to give him this position. We expect him not to let this House and the Committees down. He works to satisfy all.

The Governor works on people's performance contract. The CECM who has been told to step aside should adhere to that. He should stay aside. Performance contract shows that she is doing nothing even with running to court. I support the Governor that the person should stay aside. She was given time to work. If she did not work, the authority has now seen that she does not deserve to be there.

I support the committees and the new member. We expect soonest possible to have the name of the CECM in charge of that department brought to this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion on James Mwangi Mbuco as the Chief Officer. I have a lot of faith in the above officer. One thing that I would love to see in the department is that the ECDE teachers are employed on a permanent and pensionable condition and given good salaries.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Lukio, if that microphone is faulty, you can move to the seat where we have one.

Hon. Judy Lukio: Sorry, Mr. Speaker. I wish to repeat what I had said. I do not know whether it was captured or not. I stand to support this motion of James Mwangi Mbuco as the Chief Officer in Education. I have a lot of faith in the above officer. One thing that I would love to see is that the ECDE teachers are employed on a permanent and pensionable condition and given good salaries. As the saying goes, a change is as good as rest. We would expect so much from Mr. James. That is one of the many things among others that I would wish to see him implement. I stand to support. Thank you.

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Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono Bwana James Mwangi Mbuco kwa hii nafasi aliyoteuliwa na Gavana. Kamati ya Elimu imepitia changamoto mingi sana. Tunafika mahali na kuona kama kuna mchezo wa paka na panya. Jambo ambalo Gavana ametenda ni kufikiria na kuingilia kati Ofisi ya Elimu.

Mtu alikuwa amefika kiwango cha kuchoka. Ukienda huko ni vita. Karibu ikuwe ofisi ya *taekwondo*. Huyu anakwambia shida za huyu. Hakuna idara iliyokuwa nyuma kwa kutekeleza kama Ofisi ya Elimu. Waliokuwa wamewekwa huko walikuwa na tamaa kama ya fisi. Taarifa zinaandikwa na huyu anataka kukula hii na hii. Taarifa zimetayarishwa lakini zinafichwa chini ya kiti kwa sababu huyu na huyu wanataka. Kama kuna kitu ambacho Gavana ametenda ni kuingilia kati Ofisi ya Elimu.

Miradi ya Ofisi ya Elimu haitekelezwi. Pesa zao hurudishwa kila wakati kwa sababu ya ulegevu na tamaa. Sio ulegevu kwa sana ilhali ni tamaa kama ya fisi. Tumeona Bwana Mwangi akifanya hapa na pale na ni kijana kakamavu anayeweza kufanya kazi. Tuko na imani ya kwamba akipata hii nafasi ataanza kuangalia miradi na kufuatilia pesa za wanafunzi. Kamati zilizoteuliwa za kuchunguza fomu za *bursary* huambiwa hakuna malipo kila wakati. Huko kile kingi ni *cat walk*. Gavana ametenda na tuko na imani ya kwamba Mwangi ataleta mabadiliko katika hii idara. Tutaona maendeleo. Asante, Bwana Spika.

Deputy Speaker: May the mover make a reply.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nashukuru Waheshimiwa waliochangia kwa maandishi kwa kutoa huo mchango. Najielekeza kwa Mheshimiwa kutoka Umande kwa kuwa sisi ni wanachama wa hiyo kamati. Naamini kuwa atatoa mchango wake. Huyu kijana tunayependekeza ni mdogo. Tuweze kumsaidia. Mzungumzaji wa mwisho amesema kwamba kuligeuka na kuwa chaka la fisi. Naomba Mungu asaidie.

Naamini idara hii ndiyo msingi wa maisha ya kila mwanadamu. Ninaamini kuwa kijana huyu atatekeleza. Tutoe mchango wetu na tumpe ridhaa siku ya leo kuhusu swala la *bursary*. Tunaweza kukutana wiki ijayo na kutoa msaada wa mawazo ili kusaidia. Naomba Mungu sana kuwa lisiwe chaka la fisi ama la wanenguaji kama vile msemaji wa mwisho alivyosema. Naamini hilo litafikia mwisho na tutapiga hatua mbele.

Nawashukuru Wajumbe na ninaamini kuwa watampitisha huyu bwana na tuweze kusonga mbele. Haya siyo mambo ya kibinafsi bali ni mambo ya maisha yetu. Tuangalie majukumu tuliyopewa ili tuyatekeleze. Tusipohukumiwa hapa duniani tutahukumiwa Mbinguni. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

(Question put and agreed to)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

REMINDER ON MEMBERS KAMUKUNJI

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, as we come to the end of this session, we will be having a Kamukunji. This is right after this session. I think that the most appropriate place is at the Chambers where we are at the moment. Probably, at around 10.05 a.m. we will be coming back for the said Kamukunji.

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ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until next week on Tuesday, 1st December, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 10.00 a.m.

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