

Regular Meeting  
September 17, 2024 5:30 PM  
Mercer County Senior High School

**Attendance Taken at : 5:35 PM**

**Present Board Members:**

Ms. Amber Franceschi  
Ms. Amy Hart  
Mr. Billy Montgomery  
Mr. Randy Phillips

**Absent Board Members:**

Mr. Cliff Prewitt

**Updated Attendance:**

Mr. Billy Montgomery was updated to present at: 5:30 PM  
Mr. Cliff Prewitt was updated to absent.

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Amber Franceschi, District 1 Amy Hart, District 2 Billy Montgomery, District 3 Cliff Prewitt, District 4  
Randy Phillips, District 5

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Order #202923 - Motion Passed:** Approval of agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent

The agenda is being presented for approval. Any changes are to be made at this time.

**4. Recognitions**

1. Superior Titan Award- A student from each school (Mercer Elementary, Mercer Co. Intermediate School, King Middle, and Mercer County Senior High School) will be recognized each month at the board of education meetings for their efforts in the classroom, leadership skills and attitude. The student award recipient must meet the following guidelines: Perfect attendance during the month student(s) are being observed. Completed all homework assignments and tests. Passing grade. No discipline issues.

Demonstrates good leadership skills. Exhibits a winning attitude and spirit toward learning and peers.  
Mercer County Elementary School- John "Jay" Rider IV Mercer County Intermediate School Ainsley Savage King Middle School Mackenzie Somssich Mercer County Senior High School Aubrey Morris 2.  
Other Student Recognitions: National Merit Semifinalist: Sydney Putnam Kate Carlton

**5. Public Participation**

Pursuant to Board Policy 01.421, persons wishing to address the Board must first be recognized by the Chairperson and stand behind the podium. An individual or group granted the privilege of being heard must

give his/her name, address, and reason for speaking. The Chairperson may rule on the relevance of the topic to the Board's Agenda, and will set the time limit to three (3) minutes, but not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board will only act on/respond to items on the published agenda. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda, you must first meet with the Superintendent. At this time the board will receive comments from the public.

**6. Reports**

This section of the agenda is reserved for reports only, no action will be taken.

**A. Finance Officer's Report**

Current Fiscal Year Last Fiscal Year Percentage Change General Fund Cash Balance \$8.77 million \$6.73 million 23.3% Increase General Fund Revenue (Including Beg. Balance) \$7.5 million \$7.7 million 2% decrease General Fund Receipts (excludes Beg. Balance) \$2.5 million \$2.1 million 21% increase Expenses \$2.3 million \$2.4 million 4% decrease Ending Balance \$5.2 million \$5.3 million 1% decrease

**B. Attendance/Enrollment Report**

The DPP will report to the board at this time.

**C. Personnel Report**

KRS 160.390; KRS 160.38; KRS 160.370 The Superintendent is responsible for all personnel actions including hiring, assignments, transfer, dismissal, suspension, reinstatement, promotion, and for reporting these actions to the board of education (KRS 160.390 (1)). All appointments, promotions and transfers of principals, supervisors, teachers, and other school employees shall be made only by the Superintendent of schools, who shall notify the Board of the action taken (KRS 160.380(2a)).

**D. MCSHS Principal Report**

Mr. Tatum will report to the board at this time.

**E. Student Board Member Report**

**1. Action Items for Discussion**

The following items require board action, but do not require a roll call vote for approval.

**a. Holidays and Annual Leave Draft Policy Update 03.122 (First Reading)**

The current annual leave policy needs to be updated for alignment purposes. Due to the recent salary schedule change of certified administrators and head principals moving from a 235 day contract in 2023-2024 to a 240 day contract in 2024-2025, alignment is necessary. Attached is a draft of the policy update to 03.122 for a first reading. This change aligns with the salary schedule for Certified Administrators and Head Principals.

**b. Option 9 Agreement with University of the Cumberlands and ECU**

**Order #202924 - Motion Passed:** Approval of MOU to implement Option 9 program with ECU and University of the Cumberlands passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Ms. Amber Franceschi.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent

Memorandum of Understanding between Mercer County Schools and Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) to formalize Mercer County Schools participation in the ECU Advantage program. This shall provide a

pathway to educational advancement for Mercer County Schools employees.

**c. Bus Purchasing Rotation Update**

Please see attached.

**d. Amendment 2: School Vouchers**

Please see attached.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent will report to the board at this time.

**7. Consent Agenda**

**Order #202925 - Motion Passed:** Approval of consent agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Ms. Amy Hart.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent

Consent Agenda items are voted on with one motion and one vote. These are, typically, items that happen on a regular basis, are annual fees, or routine items in doing business. The board may discuss any item they wish. The board has the option to pull any item out for a separate vote.

**A. Board Meeting Minutes**

**B. Invoices**

**C. Out of State Travel-King Middle School**

KMS will travel to Chicago to participate in the Night at the Museum put on by Freedom Tours. Cost is \$387, and it is student paid.

**D. Out of state travel-KMS Spring Trip to Charleston**

March 13-16 KMS students will travel with Lasting Impressions Tours to Charleston, South Carolina. The trip will be student paid.

**E. Out of State Trip**

Mercer County FFA is seeking approval to attend the National FFA Convention In Indianapolis Indiana in October. Mercer County FFA will cover the cost of the trip.

**F. Surplus Equipment**

The following items are being requested to be deemed as surplus: -Chevy Malibu -Bus number 101 -Bus number 103

**G. Partial Day Waivers**

Confidential documents attached.

**H. Campbellsville MOA**

Please see attached

**8. Action Items for Roll Call Vote**

The following items require board action and a roll call vote for approval.

**A. Leave Report**

**Order #202926 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve leaves of Paige Lewis and Lewis Jones passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Ms. Amber Franceschi.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent

Documents attached.

**B. Working Budget**

**Order #202927 - Motion Passed:** Approval of working budget passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Ms. Amy Hart.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent

Please see attached document for information on the 2024-2025 working budget

**C. BG-4 for Energy Savings Project**

**Order #202928 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the BG-4 for the Energy Savings Project passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Ms. Amy Hart.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent

Please see attached BG-4 for the Energy Savings Project. This is a part of the close out of older construction projects. The BG-5 will be presented at the October board meeting to completely close out this project.

**D. BG-5 for District Improvements Project**

**Order #202929 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the BG-5 for 19-065 District Improvements Project passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Hart and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent

Approval is needed to close out construction project 19-065 District Improvements. Please see attached document.

**E. PR #08 Sinkhole Remediation**

**Order #202930 - Motion Passed:** Approval for up to the amount listed passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Hart and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
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Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent

Please see attached documents on sinkhole remediation

#### F. Health Department Drug Testing Contract

**Order #202931 - Motion Passed:** Approve the contract with Mercer County Health Department for our drug testing services. passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Hart and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent

#### G. Checkpoint

**Order #202932 - Motion Passed:** Approve the contract with Mercer County Health Department for our drug testing services. passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Hart and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent

**Order #202933 - Motion Passed:** Approval passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Hart and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent

<https://youngdriverparenting.org/home-2/welcome-to-checkpoints-kentucky/> The district receives money for implementing the program

#### 9. Adjournment

**Order #202934 - Motion Passed:** Approval to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Ms. Amber Franceschi.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Absent