

Regular Meeting  
February 18, 2025 5:30 PM  
King Middle School

**Attendance Taken at : 5:30 PM**

**Present Board Members:**

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

**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 #202978 - Motion Passed:** Approval of agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt 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	Yes

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** - Forest Wilham

**Mercer County Intermediate School** – Alexander Manzo

**King Middle School** – Cardin Sickles

**Mercer County Senior High School** – Alyssa Pittman

## **2. Other Student Recognitions:**

State Wrestling Finalist (First in Mercer County History): 4th Grader, 93LBS, 10U State Runner Up - Janru Roos

### **MCSHS Academic Team - District Governor's Cup Champions**

Kate Carlton

Grayson Guerra

Sage Markham

Will Dean

Sydney Putnam

Taylor Curtsinger

Cameron Roughton

Daphne Mullins

Aiden Mathews

Henry Lanham

Raegan Daniels

Emerson Daniels

Kileigh Gibson

Hannah Phillips

Sofia Kerr

Tharun Ekambaram

### **National Merit Finalist**

Kate Carlton

Sydney Putnam

### **Mercer County Intermediate School Spelling Bee**

Georgia "Grace" Woods- Winner

Mason Thompson- Runner-Up

### **County Wide Spelling Bee Winner- Jude Cadwell**

## **5. King Middle School Presentation**

Any principal may report to the board at this time if needed.

## **6. 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.**

**7. Approval of Agenda with Addendum to add 2025-2026 Staffing Guidelines Under Item 9**

**Order #202979 - Motion Passed:** Approval of agenda with addendum to add 2025-26 staffing guidelines under item 9 passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

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

**8. Reports**

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

**A. Finance Officer's Report**

The Finance Officer will report to the board at this time.

**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. Student Board Member Report**

**E. Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent will report to the board at this time.

**9. Consent Agenda**

**Order #202980 - Motion Passed:** Approval of consent 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	Yes

“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. International Thespian Festival "Send A Troupe" Grant**

Seeking approval to apply for a "Send A Troupe" Grant to cover the registration costs for students, teachers, and chaperones to attend the International Thespian Festival in Indiana in Summer of 2025. Additional information is attached.

Registration Fees are approx. \$1000 per student/\$900 per adult. If we receive the grant, it would cover this cost to take our entire troupe. The Grant itself will cover up to \$10,000 to send a group.

**D. Out of State Trip**

Seeking approval for the annual reward trip to Kings Island in May for KMS and HS band students.

Students will pay for ticket and transportation.

**E. FFA Week Proclamation**

Mercer County FFA is requesting that Mr. Booher sign the Proclamation that declares Feb 15-22 as National FFA Week in Mercer County

**F. Baseball Spring Trip**

The MCSHS baseball team is requesting to take a trip to Knoxville, TN during Spring Break from April 3-April 5.

Trip will be paid by MCSHS Baseball Booster Club.

**G. FCCLA National meeting in Orlando, FL**

Annual National Leadership Conference, funded by FCCLA.

An estimated 7 students will attend. The conference is July 5-11. Students will fly to Orlando.

**H. Leave Report**

**10. Action Items for Discussion**

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

**A. 2025-2026 Staffing Guidelines**

**Order #202981 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the 2025-26 Staffing Guidelines 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	Yes

Please see the attached proposed 2025-26 Staffing Guidelines.

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

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

**A. 2025-26 Preliminary SBDM Allocations**

**Order #202982 - Motion Passed:** Approve the 2025-26 Preliminary SBDM Allocations passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt 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	Yes

Please see the attached 2025-26 Preliminary SBDM Allocations. After approval, these will be released to the SBDM Councils before March 1st. Final Allocations will be updated in September.

#### **B. Mowing Bids**

**Order #202983 - Motion Passed:** Approval to accept bid from Homescapes LLC passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Mr. Randy Phillips.

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

Recommendation to accept bid from Homescapes LLC.

#### **12. Adjournment**

**Order #202984 - Motion Passed:** Approval to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Hart 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	Yes