

Regular Meeting
April 15, 2025 5:30 PM
Mercer County Elementary 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. Approval of Agenda

Order #202994 - Motion Passed: Approval of agenda 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

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Elementary School Presentation

Mrs. Johnson will report to the board at this time.

5. 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- Lynnen Shotts, 2nd grade Mercer County Intermediate School Braydon Walker, 3rd Grade King Middle School William Lyons, 6th Grade Mercer County Senior High School Ava Musick, 9th grade 2. Other Student Recognitions: Aubrey Morris- Crop Ag Public Speaking Superior 1st place Hannah Phillips- Floral Ag Public Speaking Superior 2nd place Tanner Ison- Swine Entrepreneurship Proficiency Superior 1st place Shelby Baker- Outdoor Recreation Proficiency Superior 1st place **These 4 students will compete at the state level in June at the Ky FFA State Convention KUNA Premier Delegation Sage Markham Kylie Mobley Kileigh Gibson - Outstanding Delegate Hannah Phillips - Resolution Team, Outstanding Speakers Kate Carlton - Outstanding Speakers Will Dean - Resolution Team, Outstanding Speakers Logan Yates Alyssa Pittman Monica Ison Abby Woods - Resolution Team Grayson Guerra - Resolution Team Skye Parker Serenity Widdell Alexis Simpson Hallee Ransdell Averee Johns Nevaeh Ader

6. Art Showcase Celebrations

Cannan Cox Gracie Haynes Pablo Sanchez Isabella Pastrana Aubrey Warner Amelia Arnold Brantley Denney Oscar Haralu Sawyer Adkins Damon Naylor Piper Gilvin Shelby Robinson Sadie Payton Lucy Murphy Kenlee Peach Jaylee Freeman Scarlett Taylor Ariana Doolin Saniya Nally Ellie Akopyan

7. 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.

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. District Technology Report

E. Student Board Member Report

F. New Elementary School Update

G. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent will report to the board at this time.

9. Consent Agenda

Order #202995 - Motion Passed: Approval of consent agenda 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	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. Out of State Travel-KMS

Gradient Leadership Training Houston TX, the week of July 14. This conference will focus on the KMS leadership team in their continued HQIR curriculum support with Open Sci Ed, IM Math, Eleducation, and Investigating History. No cost to the district.

D. Out of State Travel

Band will be traveling to NYC to perform and tour during spring break 2026.

E. Surplus Equipment

Please see attached listing of surplus equipment. All items will be sold and funds deposited back in the band account to purchase new items for the new marching season.

F. Leave Report

Please see attached.

G. Shortened School Day Requests

Some students require a shortened school day and/or week, in order to participate in outside therapies or medical services. These requests are made by medical or mental health professionals and parents.

H. Family Resource/AmeriCorp Literacy Partnership Grant

During our MCES FRC audit we were presented with an opportunity for our school and FRC to be a potential host site for FRYSC AmeriCorps workers. After discussing this further with Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hayslett and the AmeriCorps team we decided to apply. I am forwarding the completed application for the FRYSC AmeriCorps program. I have requested/applied for one full time person and one part time person. The cost of the "employees" will be covered by the MCES FRC Grant 100% by matching the cost with the AmeriCorps program. The requirements from the district would be: Give them a space to work - in the FRC or in the classroom when doing literacy groups Give them a school email address for communication with the school Adequately train them on our literacy programs and school expectations Give them access to literacy screening results to report to AmeriCorps for their grant data collection Train them on confidentiality and all district trainings required for school employees What we gain if we get accepted: A part time person who can implement a before/after school program for a limited number of students as well as promote literacy and SEL. A full time person who will be split between FRC program assistant and a literacy tutor. They will work with students who are falling in the GAP and not on grade level. The students will have reading goals of increasing literacy/reading proficiency. They will not qualify for Tiered Interventions and need this additional support. The full time literacy tutor will also fulfill some FRC goals as required by the FRYSC AmeriCorps. What does it cost the district? The FRYSC AmeriCorps members would be paid by the AmeriCorps organization. They will receive all their benefits from their organization. They will also qualify for a small stipend to pay toward furthering their education or paying on existing student loans. They will be like a school employee but will actually be an AmeriCorps employee with all human resource requirements being met through the AmeriCorps organization. The only payment requirement is from the MCES FRC grant, a matching cost of \$8,000 for a full time person and \$4,000 for a part time person. The MCES FRC Assistant is not returning next year and this would fill the need for an assistant as well as many other goals the FRC/school has for literacy and after-school programming. The district posts the job(s) with the posting information provided to us from AmeriCorps. We interview and get to hire our workers. Then we turn all their information into AmeriCorps and they take it from there for employment and their training. Their positions are 10 months, August 1-May 31 and they have a required number of hours that must be fulfilled for their contract with FRYSC AmeriCorps organization.

I. Sealing Bids

Please see attached.

J. Art to Remember Fundraiser

I would like to have approval for my students to participate in the Art to Remember fundraiser for the art

department at MCIS. This will be for the 2026-2027 school year. The fundraiser provides around \$1,400-\$1,600 in profit from sales. Everything is handled through Art to Remember. I have had two successful years of the ATR fundraiser to help supply art supplies for my students. I hope you will give me permission to continue for the following school year. Thank you

10. Action Items for Discussion

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

11. Action Items for Roll Call Vote

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

A. Construction Manager for New Stadium, Tennis Courts, and Paving

Order #202996 - Motion Passed: Approval 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

Trace Creek Architects was the only letter we received for construction manager services. Please see attached.

B. Architect Services for New Stadium, Tennis Courts, and Paving

Order #202997 - Motion Passed: Approval to accept RossTarrant services 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

We received two letters of interest for architect services. RossTarrant Architects and Sherman Carter Barnhart.

12. Enter Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(f)

Order #202998 - Motion Passed: Approval 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

A motion is needed to enter into executive session.

13. Exit Executive Session

Order #202999 - Motion Passed: Approval 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

A motion is needed to exit executive session.

14. Action Related to executive session

15. Adjournment

Order #203000 - 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