

Regular Meeting
April 16, 2026 5:30 PM
Central Office

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 #203157 - Motion Passed: Approval of agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt 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

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- River Mathews Mercer County Intermediate School James Morris King Middle School Logan Lewis Mercer County Senior High School Mox Floro 2. Other Student Recognitions: Amber Williams- Third place at the Rotary Speech Contest Emerson Daniels- First place at the Rotary Speech Contest MCES and MCIS Fine Arts Showcase Piper Gilvin Scarlett Armstrong Everlee Bryant Lincoln Kord Lucy Osborne Haley Whitenack Bristol Cocanougher Lincoln Wilson Collier Butler Aurora Price Brook Raley Oliver Pike Thea Tucker Carter Woodward Harlee Woodward Ellie Arnold Brayden Maggard Kenlee Peach London Anderson Silas Baker Thea Tucker Yashik Karthik Kylie Herring Oakley Mathews Angela Hernandez Adilyn Reed Kaitlyn Browning Dakotah Clark Adam Hudson Sadie Gabhart

Andrew Serrano Harley Queen Jaddyn Hitcher Bella Deets Clay Toth Devin Wiley Jacqueline Gunkel Joseph Weatherly Keeley Baker Leah Anderson Scarlett Rice Emmy Million Adalynne Mobley Zaydee Anness Brylee Cocanougher Juliet Maynard Kale Broberg Lucy Murphy Karley Wethington Grace Woods Campbell Ward MCIS Band Performance

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

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. New Elementary School Update

F. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent will report to the board at this time.

7. Consent Agenda

Order #203158 - Motion Passed: Approval of consent agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi 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

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. Continuation of partnership with FRYSC AmeriCorps Program

The MCES FRC would like to continue the partnership with the FRYSC AmeriCorps Literacy Tutor program to employ (no cost to the district) a full time AmeriCorps Literacy Tutor in the MCES Family Resource Center for the 2026-2027 school year. The tutor will assist with 1st and 2nd grade students not on grade level in reading and have individual reading plans required by HB240. They will also assist the FRC Coordinator with programs and daily duties in the Family Resource Center. The cost of a 40 hour per week AmeriCorps Literacy Tutor is \$8,000 and would be paid entirely by the Mercer County Elementary Family Resource Center grant. No cost to the district.

D. Surplus Equipment

Please see a list of equipment from the band that is being requested to be deemed as surplus. The hope is to sell the equipment.

E. Update Job Descriptions: Speech & Language Pathologist

The primary reason for this update is to differentiate between certified and classified speech language pathologists for KDE reporting. During this process, we also took the opportunity to modernize outdated language throughout the document.

F. Sealing Bids

8. Action Items for Discussion

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

A. Waiver Request for the District Facilities Plan

Order #203159 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Waiver Request for the District Facilities Plan 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

The LPC met on Tuesday, April 7th and unanimously approved to request a waiver from KDE to keep the current District Facilities Plan for another 4 years, through April 2030. Please see the attached District Facilities Plan in order to determine if the board would like to request the waiver as well.

9. Action Items for Roll Call Vote

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

A. Change Order #18

Order #203160 - Motion Passed: Approve Change Order passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Hart 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

Please see attached

B. Change Order #19

Order #203161 - Motion Passed: Approval of change order #19 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	Yes

Please see attached. Change order #19 will result in no cost to Mercer County.

C. Change Order #20

Order #203162 - Motion Passed: Approval of Change Order #20 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

Original contract was for 6 inch trees, and only 3 inch trees are available. This change order reflects the cost difference in 3 inch trees vs. 6 inch. Please see attached for more information.

D. Change Order for Site and Paving Changes

Order #203163 - Motion Passed: Approve Change order passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt 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

Change order to increase traffic flow at the new elementary school

10. Adjournment

Order #203164 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting 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	Yes

