

[Marion County Board of Education Regular Meeting]
[April 16, 2026] [5:00 p.m.]
[Administration Building, 755 East Main Street, Lebanon, KY 40033]

Marion County Public School YouTube Channel:
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Attendance Taken at 4:48 PM:

Present Board Members:
Mrs. Carrie Truitt
Mrs. Peggy Downs
Mr. Joey Lee
Ms. Deborah Spalding
Mr. Terry Mills

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Carrie Truitt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

I.A. Approve/Amend April 16, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda

Motion Passed: Approval of the April 16, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda passed with a motion by Mrs. Peggy Downs and a second by Mr. Joey Lee.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Student Ambassador Eli Albright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Communications

III.A. Public Comment

No one was present for public comment.

III.B. Superintendent Report (Attachment #1)

III.C. Student Recognition

III.D. Attendance & Enrollment Report

Director of Pupil Personnel Angie Akers reported that today 2994 students are enrolled district wide in Marion County Public Schools. Attendance for the month of March was 89.98%.

III.E. Finance Report

Director of Operations Scott Spalding gave the financial report for March 2026.

IV. Student Learning Services

IV.A. Consider approval of 2026-27 pay dates and holidays (Attachment #2)

Motion Passed: Approval of 2026-27 pay dates and holidays (Attachment #2) passed with a motion by Mrs. Peggy Downs and a second by Mr. Joey Lee.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

IV.B. Consider approval of shortened school day for students #19-026 and #20-026

Motion Passed: Approval of shortened school day for students #19-026 and #20-026 passed with a motion by Mr. Joey Lee and a second by Mr. Terry Mills.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

IV.C. Consider approval of MCHS graduation date

Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 11:00 am

Motion Passed: Approval of MCHS graduation on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 11:00 am passed with a motion by Ms. Deborah Spalding and a second by Mr. Terry Mills.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

IV.D. Consider approval of Hugh C. Spalding/Marvel graduation date

Friday, May 22, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Motion Passed: Approval of Hugh C. Spalding/Marvel graduation date passed with a motion by Mr. Terry Mills and a second by Mrs. Carrie Truitt.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V. Student Support Services

V.A. Consider acceptance of MCHS surplus weight room equipment bids (Attachment #3)

Motion Passed: Acceptance of MCHS surplus weight room equipment bids (Attachment #3) passed with a motion by Mrs. Peggy Downs and a second by Mr. Joey Lee.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.B. Consider approval to award MCHS surplus weight room equipment bid

Motion Passed: Approval to award MCHS surplus weight room equipment bid to Levi Hayden passed with a motion by Mr. Terry Mills and a second by Ms. Deborah Spalding.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.C. Consider acceptance of special inspections services proposal for the Marion County ATC Renovation & Addition Project BG# 25-341 (Attachment #4)

Solid Ground- \$29,000.00

Terracon- \$53,803.50

UES- \$34,060.00

Motion Passed: Acceptance of special inspections services proposal for the Marion County ATC Renovation & Addition Project BG# 25-341 (Attachment #4) passed with a motion by Mrs. Peggy Downs and a second by Mr. Joey Lee.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.D. Consider the recommendation to award the bid for the Marion County ATC Renovation & Addition Project BG# 25-341 (Attachment #5)

Calhoun Construction - \$7,666,335.00

EH Construction - \$8,437,800.00

Rising Sun - 7,716,273.00

Scott, Murphy & Daniel - \$8,860,384.00

Motion Passed: Recommendation to award the bid for the Marion County ATC Renovation & Addition Project BG# 25-341 to Calhoun Constructions passed with a motion by Mrs. Carrie Truitt and a second by Mrs. Peggy Downs.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.E. Consider approval of Pay Application #5 to McCain Bros for the Marion County Schools Parking Lot, BG# 25-345

Motion Passed: Approval of Pay Application #5 to McCain Bros for the Marion County Schools Parking Lot, BG# 25-345 passed with a motion by Ms. Deborah Spalding and a second by Mr. Terry Mills.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.F. Consider approval of contract with Ross Tarrant Architects for the new Lebanon Elementary School, BG# 24-285

Motion Passed: Approval of contract with Ross Tarrant Architects for the new Lebanon Elementary School, BG# 24-285 passed with a motion by Ms. Deborah Spalding and a second by Mrs. Peggy Downs.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.G. Consider approval of school year 26-27 fees for software and menu support services

Motion Passed: Approval of school year 26-27 fees for software and menu support services passed with a motion by Mrs. Peggy Downs and a second by Ms. Deborah Spalding.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
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Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.H. Consider approval of iReady FY27 contract

Motion Passed: Approval of iReady FY27 contract passed with a motion by Mr. Joey Lee and a second by Mr. Terry Mills.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.I. Consider approval of CommonLit Curriculum contract

Motion Passed: Approval of CommonLit Curriculum contract passed with a motion by Ms. Deborah Spalding and a second by Mrs. Peggy Downs.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.J. Consider approval of Phase Four: District Professional Development Plan

Motion Passed: Approval of Phase Four: District Professional Development Plan passed with a motion by Mr. Terry Mills and a second by Ms. Deborah Spalding.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.K. Consider approval of Phase Four: NTI (Non-Traditional Instruction) continuation of District Learning Plan

Motion Passed: Approval of Phase Four: NTI (Non-Traditional Instruction) continuation of District Learning Plan passed with a motion by Mrs. Peggy Downs and a second by Ms. Deborah Spalding.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	No
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.L. Consider approval of Phase Four: English Learner Plan

Motion Passed: Approval of Phase Four: English Learner Plan passed with a motion by Ms. Deborah Spalding and a second by Mrs. Peggy Downs.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt	Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs	Yes
Mr. Joey Lee	Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding	Yes
Mr. Terry Mills	Yes

V.M. Acknowledgement of field trips

MCATC KHSAA State Championship at KY Lake - May 6 - 9, 2026

MCHS FBLA State Leadership Conference at The Galt House - April 27 - 29, 2026

MCHS BETA to Nationals in Nashville, TN - June 16- 20, 2026

VI. Student Learning & Support Consent Items

Motion Passed: Approval of all consent agenda items VI A-K passed with a motion by Mr. Joey Lee and a second by Mrs. Carrie Truitt.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt Yes

Mrs. Peggy Downs Yes

Mr. Joey Lee Yes

Ms. Deborah Spalding Yes

Mr. Terry Mills Yes

VI.A. Approval of minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes - 3/12/26

Special Meeting Minutes - 3/5/26

VI.B. Approval of payment of bills as presented

Payables - 3/17/26, 3/24/26, 3/31/26, 4/7/26, 4/14/26

VI.C. Approval of Driver Approval Agreement

Kara Clark

VI.D. Approval of use of district property

MCHS Alternate Site for Working the Puzzle for Autism Inc Walk on April 18, 2026 from 9:30 -1:00

VI.E. Approval of National School Lunch Program for 2026-27 application

VI.F. Approval of donation from Savion Energy to WMES in the amount of \$2,500.00 and MCMS in the amount of \$2,500.00

VI.G. Approval of 2026 Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) Youth Survey MOU

VI.H. Approval of AP Participation Grant with EKU

VI.I. Approval of leave without pay for Aerial Lyvers on 3/18/26

VI.J. Approval of leave without pay for Crystal Spalding from 3/2/26 through 5/19/26

VI.K. Approval of leave without pay for Abby McCubbin from 4/24/26 through 5/28/26

VII. Acknowledgement of Personnel Actions (Attachment #6)

VIII. Closed Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1) (c) for the purpose of discussing proposed litigation

Motion Passed: Approval to go into closed Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1) (c) for the purpose of discussing proposed litigation at 5:38 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Joey Lee and a second by Mrs. Peggy Downs.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt Yes

Mrs. Peggy Downs Yes

Mr. Joey Lee Yes

Ms. Deborah Spalding Yes
Mr. Terry Mills Yes

IX. Open session

Motion Passed: Approval to go into open session at 6:26 p.m. passed with a motion by Mrs. Peggy Downs and a second by Ms. Deborah Spalding.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs Yes
Mr. Joey Lee Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding Yes
Mr. Terry Mills Yes

X. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Adjournment of the meeting at 6:26 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Terry Mills and a second by Mr. Joey Lee.

Mrs. Carrie Truitt Yes
Mrs. Peggy Downs Yes
Mr. Joey Lee Yes
Ms. Deborah Spalding Yes
Mr. Terry Mills Yes

Chairperson

Superintendent