

Regular Meeting
September 19, 2024 6:00 PM
Board Room
Marshall County Board of Education
86 High School Rd.
Benton, KY 42025

Attendance Taken at : 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mr. Will Coursey
Ms. Darla Doss
Ms. Mary Beth Riggs
Ms. Amy Waggoner

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Randy Travis

I. Regular Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

In the absence of Board Chair Randy Travis, Vice Chair Mary Beth Riggs called the meeting to order. Riggs then announced that she preferred not to preside over the meeting. Board member Will Coursey then made a motion to allow board member Darla Doss to serve as chair for the meeting. That motion was seconded by Mary Beth Riggs. The motion was passed (4-0) by all members present signifying "Aye".

2. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Order #55 - Motion Passed: Adoption of the Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Waggoner and a second by Mr. Will Coursey.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

3. Presentations

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Student/Staff Recognition**
- 5. Public Comments**

No public comments

6. Old and New Business

7. Personnel

8. Staff and Informational Reports

A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Thorpe reported on activities and standards since the beginning of the school year, including school visits, district walkthroughs, and first meeting with rising administrators. He also reviewed his 30-60-120 day plan and indicated he has completed several tasks. These include meeting with each school staff, analyzing student data, pinpointing areas of strength and weaknesses from data, and working with staff to set educational goals.

B. Instructional Report

a. Marshall County GSP, GSA, and CHA Student Recognition

Students who were chosen for three programs, GSP (Governor's Scholars Program), GSA (Governor's School for the Arts) and CHA (Commonwealth Honors Academy), were introduced to the board by English teacher John Clayton. Clayton told the board Marshall County has always performed very well in these programs, and this group is no exception.

Clayton thanked the board, the administration, the families, and the community for providing such a supportive school climate that prioritizes time and resources to help these scholars be prepared and successful.

Each student then stood and spoke about their experience in the programs this past summer.

b. STAR Universal Screening Data

Jackie Reid presented this at the Monday, September 16 Work Session.

C. Attendance/Safety Report

Brent Lovett presented this at the Monday, September 16th Work Session

D. Transportation/Facilities Report

Fuel Report: We purchased \$19,185.71 of Diesel fuel and \$5,158.07 in unleaded this month.

Projects:

Danny has attached the percentage of completion for our projects.

Jonathan Door and Roof Project – The roofing contractor has completed most of the roofing project. We are waiting on materials before starting the door portion of this project.

Preschool Fire Damage – We will take possession of the Old UK Extension office on June 23rd .

MCTC Project – The contractor completed the concrete work on one canopy and is working to complete the two new classrooms. I think we will see a lot of progress over this next month.

II. Consent Items

Order #56 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Items as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

1. Prior Meeting Minutes

2. Payment of Claims

3. Approve Trips and Fundraisers

4. Approve the Revised Supplemental CTE Funds Memorandum of Agreement from the Kentucky Department of Education

5. Approve Request from Good Neighbor Night Committee to Use the Calvert City Elementary School Gymnasium for “Good Neighbor Night” October 22, 2024 and Waive all Fees.

6. Approve an Additional Coach for the Boys and Girls High School Basketball Teams to be Paid for by the MCHS Basketball Booster Club.

7. Approve Live Big Research Proposal

There is no funding to be approved. It's all still part of the grant. They are just using data from our schools to tie in to the continued research they are doing for the program.

8. Approve the 2024-2025 Master Bell Schedule

9. Approve Superintendent Mr. Bill Thorpe to Sign the Insurance Settlement for the Preschool Fire Insurance Claim

III. Action Items

1. Recommendation to Approve Treasurer's Report

Order #57 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Waggoner and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

The MUNIS Cash Balance at the close of the month totaled \$19,919,660.44. The Special Events monthly financial report was included. Also, the MUNIS monthly report for August, which shows the detail of revenues and expenditures (by function) was presented and will be posted to the finance website for the public to view.

2. Recommendation to Approve FY24-25 Working Budget

Order #58 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve FY24-25 Working Budget passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Amy Waggoner.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Details on all major funds were discussed. The most recent KDE SEEK calculation report was last updated on April 25, 2025, so an estimate was used with actual assessments and a clawback provision for AADA for this budget. It contains the following information: a guaranteed base of \$4,386, AADA of 4,130.56 and property assessments of \$3,611,867. A real estate property tax rate of 44.8 cents is reflected in this budget. Property assessments have increased at an unprecedented rate. AADA has decreased significantly during the last four years. The combination of those two components yields a substantially higher per pupil assessment which has greatly reduced state funding. Our district has an inflated AADA this year due to the “Claw Back” provisions of HB1 (2022 special session)* for tornado districts. When this assistance goes away, the per pupil assessments are projected to be much higher, further reducing state funding. Additionally, the ARP ESSER federal funding spending deadline is September 30, 2024. Discussions are taking place to address alternate replacement schedule dates and funding sources due to purchases having been made earlier with one-time grant funding (see forecasting.xlsx). Beginning balances are constant but are not expected to be going forward. GASB54 Committed fund balances are at a high point and will be helpful going forward.

**HB 1 (2022 special session): for areas named in the presidential declaration of a major disaster, if the AADA decreases by more than 3% (from FY18-19), the AADA for purposes of calculation of program funding for the 2023-2024 school year shall be increased by an amount equal to 2/3 of the decrease in AADA.*

3. Recommendation to Approve Amendments to the Salary Schedule for FY 24-25

Order #59 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve Amendments to the Salary Schedule for FY 24-25 passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs and a second by Mr. Will Coursey.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Approved adding New Teacher Mentor stipend and adding 1 additional for each position, Drama and drama Assistant.

4. Consider approval of a resolution of the Board of Education of Marshall County, Kentucky providing for the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, the proceeds of which will be used to renovate, improve and equip Jonathan Elementary and the Area Technology Center; setting forth the terms and conditions upon which the bonds are to be issued and outstanding; ordering and providing for the levy of an annual tax, to the extent necessary, in an amount sufficient to pay the interest on and principal of the Bonds; providing for a public sale of the Bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof; and approving all other documentation in connection with the issuance of the Bonds

Order #60 - Motion Passed: Consider approval of a resolution of the Board of Education of Marshall County, Kentucky providing for the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, the proceeds of which will be used to renovate, improve and equip Jonathan Elementary and the Area Technology Center; setting forth the terms and conditions upon which the bonds are to be issued and outstanding; ordering and providing for the levy of an annual tax, to the extent necessary, in an amount sufficient to pay the interest on and principal of the Bonds; providing for a public sale of the Bonds and the application of the proceeds

thereof; and approving all other documentation in connection with the issuance of the Bonds passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Amy Waggoner.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Finance Officer Brooke Gibbs reviewed the proposed financing to pay the cost to renovate, improve and equip Jonathan Elementary and the Area Technology Center, and recommended to proceed with the financing by authorizing, selling and issuing the Board's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$3,930,000 (the "Series 2024 Bonds"). The Chairperson then presented and opened discussion of a proposed Resolution of the Board providing for the financing transaction. The terms of and documentation relating to the proposed financing by the Board through the authorization, sale, and issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, were discussed; and after discussion it was moved and seconded

that the Board approve the Resolution, identified by its title as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MARSHALL COUNTY, KENTUCKY PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2024, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO RENOVATE, IMPROVE AND EQUIP

JONATHAN ELEMENTARY AND THE AREA TECHNOLOGY CENTER;

SETTING FORTH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UPON WHICH THE BONDS ARE TO BE ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING; ORDERING AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL TAX, TO THE EXTENT

NECESSARY, IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE INTEREST ON AND PRINCIPAL OF THE BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC SALE OF THE BONDS AND THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF.

Following review and discussion of the Resolution, it was moved and seconded that the Resolution, a copy of which is appended to the agenda, be adopted.

5. Consider Approval of a Municipal Advisor Engagement Contract with Baird

Order #61 - Motion Passed: Consider Approval of a Municipal Advisor Engagement Contract with Baird passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Waggoner and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

This is an engagement contract with Baird to serve as the financial advisor for the issuance of the bonds.

6. Recommendation to Approve First Reading of Policy Update - 05.1

Order #62 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve First Reading of Policy Update - 05.1 passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Waggoner and a second by Mr. Will Coursey.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Henderson stated that under the direction of Superintendent Thorpe and the school board, she looked at adding naming rights within a policy. Henderson contacted KSBA to get advise. Six samples were sent and Henderson, along with board members Mary Beth Riggs and Darla Doss met to reviews those samples and came up with a draft that KSBA also said looked good. The policy update includes criteria for naming rights, the placement of a plaque that will include the official name and other details about the person or geographical area it was named for. A portion regarding corporate sponsorship is also included in the update. Second and final reading of the policy update will take place at the October board meeting

7. Recommendation to Approve Adding Mentor Teachers to the Stipend List

Order #63 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve Adding Mentor Teachers to the Stipend List passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Amy Waggoner.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

8. Recommendation to Approve the BG-5 for the BG17-260 MCHS Renovation Project

Mr. Stokes recommended that this item be tabled. The board agreed.

9. Recommendation to Approve the Bus Purchases for the 25-26 School Year

Order #64 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve the Bus Purchases for the 25-26 School Year passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Waggoner and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Our recommendation is to purchase three conventional buses from Bluegrass International for a total of \$495,408.00. This equals out to be \$165,136 for each bus.

10. Recommendation to Approve Invoice # 5 to CMS Architects in the Amount of \$3,047.00 for the Jonathan Elementary Roof/Door Project, BG # 24-260

Order #65 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve Invoice # 5 to CMS Architects in the Amount of \$3,047.00 for the Jonathan Elementary Roof/Door Project, BG # 24-260 passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

This is the 5th Pay Application.

11. Recommendation to Approve Pay Application # 3 to Minter Roofing Co. Inc. in the Amount of \$120,492.20 for the Jonathan Elementary Roof Project, BG # 24-260

Order #66 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve Pay Application # 3 to Minter Roofing Co. Inc. in the Amount of \$120,492.20 for the Jonathan Elementary Roof Project, BG # 24-260 passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs and a second by Ms. Amy Waggoner.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

This is the 3rd Pay Application.

12. Recommendation to Approve Pay Application # 1 to Pinnacle, Inc. in the Amount of \$37,761.01 for the Jonathan Elementary Exterior Openings project, BG # 24-260

Order #67 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve Pay Application # 1 to Pinnacle, Inc. in the Amount of \$37,761.01 for the Jonathan Elementary Exterior Openings project, BG # 24-260 passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Amy Waggoner.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

This is the 1st Pay Application.

13. Recommendation to Approve Invoice # 13 to CMS Architects in the Amount of \$8,746.00 for the Marshall County Technical Center Renovation and Addition Project, BG # 23-067

Order #68 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve Invoice # 13 to CMS Architects in the Amount of \$8,746.00 for the Marshall County Technical Center Renovation and Addition Project, BG # 23-067 passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Waggoner and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

This is the 13th Pay Application.

14. Recommendation to Approve Pay Application # 8 to Pinnacle, Inc. in the Amount of \$535,867.98 for the Marshall County Technical Center Renovation and Addition Project, BG # 23-067

Order #69 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve Pay Application # 8 to Pinnacle, Inc. in the Amount of \$535,867.98 for the Marshall County Technical Center Renovation and Addition Project, BG # 23-067 passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

This is the 8th Pay Application.

15. Recommendation to Approve Pay Application DPO # 8 in the Amount of \$172,818.45 for the Marshall County Technical Center Renovation and Addition Project, BG # 23-067

Order #70 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve Pay Application DPO # 8 in the Amount of \$172,818.45 for the Marshall County Technical Center Renovation and Addition Project, BG # 23-067 passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Waggoner and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

This is the 8th Pay Application.

16. Recommendation to Approve Change Orders #5 and # 6 for the Marshall County Technical Center Renovation and Addition Project, BG # 23-067

Order #71 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve Change Orders #5 and # 6 for the Marshall County Technical Center Renovation and Addition Project, BG # 23-067 passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs and a second by Ms. Amy Waggoner.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Change Order #5 is for the dirt remediation for the two new classrooms on the south side of the building. Change order #6 is for Omitting some galvanizing on the canopies, moving an existing gas line, redesigning steel lintels, adding side light frames to two openings, Paint fire-retardent plywood, leveling concrete for paint booth, Gride concrete for in auto body where the old paint booth was located, and to add additional insulation and wood blocking to Canopies A and B.

17. Recommendation to Approve Invoice # 11 to CMS Architects in the Amount of \$1,716.00 for the Storm Damage Repairs Project (Benton Elementary, Central Elementary, North and South Marshall Middle Schools and Marshall County High School), BG # 23-334, BG #23-335, BG #23-336, BG #23-337, & BG #23-338

Order #72 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve Invoice # 11 to CMS Architects in the Amount of \$1,716.00 for the Storm Damage Repairs Project (Benton Elementary, Central Elementary, North and South Marshall Middle Schools and Marshall County High School), BG # 23-334, BG #23-335, BG #23-336, BG #23-337, & BG #23-338 passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Waggoner and a second by Mr. Will Coursey.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

This is the 11th pay Application.

18. Recommendation to Approve Pay Applications to Pinnacle, Inc. for a Total Amount of \$118,361.30 for the Storm Damage Repair Projects at Benton Elementary School (BG # 23-334), North Marshall Middle School (BG # 23-337) and Marshall County High School (BG # 23-336)

Order #73 - Motion Passed: Recommendation to Approve Pay Applications to Pinnacle, Inc. for a Total Amount of \$118,361.30 for the Storm Damage Repair Projects at Benton Elementary School (BG # 23-334),

North Marshall Middle School (BG # 23-337) and Marshall County High School (BG # 23-336) passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

This is Pay Application # 10 for Benton Elementary School, Pay Application # 5 for North Marshall Middle School and Pay Application # 2 for Marshall County High School combined.

19. Adjourn

Order #74 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm passed with a motion by Ms. Darla Doss and a second by Mr. Will Coursey.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Chairperson

Secretary