

Regular Meeting
March 20, 2025 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

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Randy Travis

Ms. Amy Waggoner

I. Regular Agenda Items

1. Call to Order

2. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Order #175 - Motion Passed: Adoption of the Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

3. Presentations

A. The Pledge of Allegiance

B. Student Advisory Committee Presentation

MCHS Student Maggie Ralph presented her proposal to the board for a student advisory committee that would be actively involved in school board meetings.

4. Student/Staff Recognition

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments

6. Personnel

Attached

7. Staff and Informational Reports

A. Superintendent Report

- SEEK Roadshow WKEC (Standards 1,4,5,6)
- Allocations wish list meeting (Standards 1,2,4,5)
- Summer feeding planning meeting (Standards 1,3,7)
- BAC meetings in preparation for KSA testing (Standards 1,2)
- Budget workshop WKEC (Standards 1,6)

- Spoke at the Lions Club (Standards 3,7)
- KHSAA Sweet 16 girls tournament (Standards 3)
- Met with Health Department to renew emergency procedures (Standards 1,5,7)
- Attended Task Force meeting at the HS (Standards 1,2,3,5)

B. Instructional Report

a. NMMS PLC Model School Selection

NMMS Principal Aimee Lepisto and two teachers spoke to the board about the school being selected as a Model PLC at Work School.

b. Agriculture Education Week

March 17-21 is the first state-wide Agriculture Education Week in Kentucky.

To highlight this week, members of the Marshall County FFA touting the accomplishments of the district's Ag Ed Department and FFA in the school district.

II. Consent Items

Order #176 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

1. Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes from February 20, 2025 Public Hearing

Minutes from February 20, 2025 Regular Meeting

Minutes from March 17, 2025 Planning Meeting

2. Payment of Claims

3. Approve Trips and Fundraisers

BES 4th Grade to Corvette Lanes and Mr. Gatti's in Murray, KY April 3, 2025

BES 4th Grade to AG Day in Benton, KY April 4, 2025

BES 5th Grade to MC Arts Commission April 18, 2025

BES 1st Grade to Maggie's Jungle Golf & Mike Miller Park in Gilbertsville KY May 5, 2025

BES 1st Grade to Universal Athletics/Murray Park in Murray, KY May 12, 2025

CCES 4th Grade to Discovery Park of America in Union City, TN April 3, 2025

CCES 2nd Grade to Homeplace Farm in Dover, TN April 25, 2025

CCES 5th Grade to Discovery Park of America in Union City, TN May 14, 2025

JES 3rd Grade to Discovery Park of America in Union City, TN May 19, 2025

MCHS Girls Basketball Team to State Basketball Tournament in Lexington, KY March 11-15, 2025 (this was approved and signed by Supt. Thorpe on 3/10/25)

MCHS Cheerleaders to State Basketball Tournament in Lexington, KY March 13-15, 2025 (this was approved and signed by Supt. Thorpe on 3/10/25)

MCHS Band to State Basketball Tournament in Lexington, KY March 13-15, 2025 (this was approved and signed by Supt. Thorpe on 3/10/25)

MCHS FBLA to State Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY April 14-16, 2025

MCHS FCCLA to State Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY April 22-25, 2025

MCHS Band to Holiday World in Santa Claus, IN May 30, 2025

MCTC Skills USA to State Competition in Louisville, KY March 24-27, 2025

SES 1st Grade to Discovery Park of America in Union City, TN April 14, 2025

SES 5th Grade to State Capitol and Veterans Memorial in Frankfort, KY April 14, 2025

4. Approve the Submission of the Carson Myre Foundation Fund Request on Behalf of Marshall County High School

5. Approve the Submission of the School Nutrition Foundation and AmTab Manufacturing Grant on Behalf of Marshall County High School

6. Approve the Submission of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Youth Literacy Grant on Behalf of Benton Elementary and South Marshall Elementary Schools

7. Approve Two Buses and One Box Truck to Transport Students to Camp Currie

8. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Marshall County Health Department for a Closed Point of Dispensing

We have had this agreement in place since 2018. The Health Department just felt it would be good to have you vote on it again. They will be using the elementary schools if they ever had to dispense anything.

III. Action Items

1. Recommendation to Approve Treasurer's Report

Order #177 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

The MUNIS Cash Balance at the close of the month totaled \$25,304,955.55. Also, the following reports were included: (1) monthly payroll totals (2) monthly Special Events and (3) monthly MUNIS (by fund). The monthly MUNIS (by fund) report for February shows the breakdown of revenues and expenditures (by function) and will be posted to the finance website for the public to view.

2. Recommendation to Approve 2nd SFCC Offer of Assistance for Technology

Order #178 - Motion Passed: Approval of 2nd SFCC Offer of Assistance for Technology passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

The second FY25 SFCC Technology offer of assistance was presented. Accepted offers must be matched equally by the Board of Education (or can be escrowed for up to three years). \$34,381.00 will be transferred from the general fund to KETS. The Board unanimously agreed to accept and match the entire offer.

3. Recommendation to Set MCHS Graduation for Friday, May 23, 2025

Order #179 - Motion Passed: Approval of Friday, May 23, 2025 as MCHS Graduation Date passed with a

motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

4. Recommendation to Approve Reading of Procedure 09.121 AP21

Order #180 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Reading of Procedure 09.121 AP21 passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

Early Enrollment Kindergarten Procedures Update

Supervisor of Instruction Jackie Reid informed the board that we are updating the early enrollment procedures to include an initial paragraph that outlines who is part of the Child Study Team including school personnel along with anyone the parents feel should be involved (e.g. private preschool teacher). We are also updating the deadline for parents to enroll for early entrance from May 1st to the last school day of the current school year. This will allow parents an extended opportunity to apply for early enrollment for their child. Our school counselors updated the assessment rating scales to be more reflective of attainable goals in the area of academics. This adjustment reflected a slight decrease in the overall entrance assessment scores, potentially allowing students a broader opportunity for entrance into our schools at an earlier age. All changes reflect an increase in opportunity for both the parents and the students to participate in the early enrollment process.

5. Recommendation to Approve the District Allocation Plan for the 2025-2026 School Year

Order #181 - Motion Passed: Approval of the District Allocation Plan for the 2025-2026 School Year passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs and a second by Mr. Will Coursey.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

The only change this year in the district allocation plan from last year to this year is moving up the ratio of 6th grade through 8th grade to "Enrollment divided by 29."

6. Recommendation to Approve the 2025 Revised Marshall County Schools Special Education Procedures

Order #182 - Motion Passed: Approval of the 2025 Revised Marshall County Schools Special Education Procedures passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

Special Education Director Kevin Stephens explained to the board that the procedures haven't been revised in some time, and we needed a more accessible version that could be posted on our website and/or easily shared with all staff.

There were two revisions to the procedures, in consultation with Teresa Combs. The eligibility for "Specific Learning Disability" now lists only the process that Marshall County has and will continue to use to determine eligibility for Specific Learning Disability (Discrepancy Model). The second revision was to change the requirement for short-term/benchmark goals to meet the federal requirements

7. Recommendation to Approve the Industrial Power Contract between West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and Marshall County Board of Education

Order #183 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Industrial Power Contract between West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and Marshall County Board of Education passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs and a second by Mr. Will Coursey.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

Superintendent Thorpe discussed the reasoning for the contract by reading an explainer from WKRECC: West Kentucky RECC has always worked to partner with the local school districts we serve, and it is my responsibility to foster and grow this partnership as a key account. As such, one task I am charged with is to ensure that any required power contracts are current and in effect, when applicable. During a recent audit of the key account portfolio, I discovered that West Kentucky RECC currently does not have any power contracts with Marshall County Schools. Upon further investigation, I was able to determine that the account associated with the service to Marshall County High School was the only Marshall County School District account that currently meets the established criteria for requiring a power contract (>300 kW metered demand). As such, I have attached the draft version of our standard power contract, modified to include account-specific information for the Marshall County High School electric service. Execution of this contract is not intended to change any aspect of the electric service currently being provided to Marshall County High School, but purely as a means to memorialize the business arrangement as required of West Kentucky RECC by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

IV. Old and New Business

No old or new business was presented

V. Adjourn

Order #184 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm passed with a motion by Ms. Darla Doss and a second by Mr. Will Coursey.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

Chairperson

Secretary