

Regular Meeting  
November 20, 2025 6:00 PM  
Board Room  
Marshall County Board of Education  
86 High School Rd.  
Benton, KY 42025

**Attendance Taken at : 5:59 PM**

**Present Board Members:**

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

**I. Regular Agenda Items**

1. Call to Order
2. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

**Order #67 - Motion Passed:** Adoption of the Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Mr. Randy Travis.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

**3. Presentations**

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Leadership Students speaking on the Marshall Male Conference
- C. Calvert City Elementary
4. Student/Staff Recognition
5. Public Comments

Kevin Holsapple spoke on concerns for students mental health in the school system. He believes we need to have more focus on social and emotional programs. CASEL is an organization that he has researched and asked that we consider looking into. CASEL will help implement its program into our schools K-12. Mental health needs to be treated with the same respect as physical ailments.

**6. Personnel**

**7. Staff and Informational Reports**

**A. Superintendent Report**

?Met with State Senator Danny Carroll (Standards 3,5,7)  
?Met with local economic development (Standards 1,3,5)  
?Attended WKEC superintendent monthly meeting (Standards 5,6)  
?Attended MSU bi-annual superintendent meeting (Standards 5,6)  
?Visited schools on Halloween to pass out candy dressed as minions (Standards 3)  
?In discussion with U.S. economic grant opportunities (Standards 1,2,3,4,5,6,7)  
?Attended JAG ribbon Cutting (Standards 1,3,6)  
?Watched several Veteran's Day programs (Standards 3,6)  
Hired a new High School principal (Standards 1,4)

**B. Student Representative Report**

\*We are the student liaisons to the Board of Education. we represent the student body and cooperate with the Board of Education to bring concerns to the board. We also collaborate together on issues we think need to

be addressed. We were selected through an interview process after submitting essays to Mr. Thorpe.

\*We created the criteria for the underclassmen members of the advisory board and sent it to teachers. We have also met with newspapers to advertise our board. Today we met with Mr. Merrick about future plans or mental health in high school.

\*We want to foster an environment for academic excellence, improve mental health and decrease stigma, increase student involvement with decisionmaking and much more.

## C. Instructional Report

a. 2025 KSA Districtwide Data

D. Personnel Report

E. Attendance/Safety Report

F. Transportation/Facilities Report

## II. Consent Items

**Order #68 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Consent Items as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Amy Waggoner.

### 5 Yeas - 0 Nays

1. Prior Meeting Minutes

2. Payment of Claims

3. Approve Trips and Fundraisers

Trips:

BES - Cheri and Mr. Gattis - 12/11/25

BES - Marshall County Public Library - 11/24/25

BES - Badgett Playhouse - 12/16/25

BES - Marshall County Public Library - 12/09/25

BES - MC Arts Commission - 12/19/25

JES - Cheri Theatres - 11/25/25

MCHS - Owensboro Health Park - 12/06/25

MCHS - Paris Civic Center - 12/08/25

Fundraiser:

SES - 5th Grade Toy Shop - 12/01-12/05/25

SES - School Store - 09/07/26-09/14/26

4. Approve the submission of the 21st Century After School Program Grant Application for Calvert City Elementary School, Sharpe Elementary School, and South Marshall Elementary School.

5. Approve the submission of the Casey's Cash for Classrooms Grant on behalf of South Marshall Middle School, Central Elementary School, and Marshall County High School.

6. Approve the submission of the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries Grant application on behalf

of South Marshall Elementary School, South Marshall Middle School, and Benton Elementary School.  
**7.** Approve the submission of WHAS Crusade for Children grant application on behalf of Marshall County School District.

**8.** SMMS Yearbook 3 year contract with Jostens

**III.** Action Items

**1.** Recommendation to Approve Treasurer's Report

**Order #69 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Randy Travis and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

**2.** Recommendation to approve Fall Break, Christmas Break, and Spring Break for the 26-27 School Year

**Order #70 - Motion Passed:** Approve Fall Break, Christmas Break, and Spring Break for the 26-27 School Year passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Mary Beth Riggs.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

**IV.** Old and New Business

**V.** Adjourn

**Order #71 - Motion Passed:** Approval to adjourn the meeting at passed with a motion by Ms. Darla Doss and a second by Mr. Randy Travis.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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Chairperson

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Secretary