

Regular Meeting
May 19, 2026 5:00 PM CT (6:00 ET)
Board Room
Marshall County Board of Education
86 High School Rd.
Benton, KY 42025

Attendance Taken at : 4:56 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 #152 - Motion Passed: Adoption of the Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Amy Waggoner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

3. Presentations

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance
- B. CES African Drumming Ensemble
- C. WKEC PBIS Recognition
- D. MCEA Contract Information
4. Student/Staff Recognition
5. Public Comments
6. Personnel
7. Staff and Informational Reports
- A. Superintendent Report
- B. Student Advisor Report
- C. Instructional Report

- D. Personnel Report
- E. Attendance/Safety Report
- F. Transportation/Facilities Report

II. Consent Items

Order #153 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Items as presented The board tabled item #6, the school fee schedule for 26-27sy for further discussion. Board approved all other consent items. passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Waggoner and a second by Mr. Randy Travis.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

1. Prior Meeting Minutes
2. Payment of Claims

3. Approve Trips and Fundraisers

Trips:

MCTC - HOSA International Competition - 06/17-06/21/2026

SMMS - Beta Club Nationals - 06/24-06/27/2026

4. Approve Amended 2025-2026 calendar

5. Approve Capital Funds Request

The Capital Funds Request (CFR) Form was approved in the amount of \$585,570. The purpose of this request is to allow the use of excess capital funds toward the purchase of school buses and building insurance.

6. Approve the Maximum School Fee Schedule for FY26-27

The maximum school fee schedule for FY26-27 was tabled until the next meeting.

7. Approve Bids for Instructional/Office Supplies for FY26-27

The FY26-27 local instructional/office supplies bid was approved as presented. Multiple bids were awarded.

8. Approve FY25-26 Audit Contract

The independent auditor's contract (and engagement letter) with the audit firm of Shad J. Allen, CPA, PLLC, was approved. This agreement is entered into for the audit period ending June 30, 2026.

III. Action Items

1. Recommendation to Approve Treasurer's Report

Order #154 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Treasurer's Report as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Randy Travis and a second by Mr. Will Coursey.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

The treasurer's report was approved for the month ending on April 30th, 2026. The MUNIS Cash Balance at the close of the month totaled \$13,225,170.02. 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 March 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 Tentative Budget for FY26-27 (including F-SA-3 Principal's Combining Budget)

Order #155 - Motion Passed: Approve Tentative Budget for FY26-27 (including F-SA-3 Principal's Combining Budget) passed with a motion by Mr. Randy Travis and a second by Mr. Will Coursey.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

The Board approved the FY26-27 tentative budget as presented. During the discussion, projections were reviewed along with key components of the FY26-28 biennial state budget approved during the legislative session, including SEEK base funding, statewide equalization, transportation funding, and full-day kindergarten funding. The district discussed several factors impacting the budget, including decreased state

funding caused by lower Average Daily Attendance (AADA), increased property assessments, rising operating costs, and uncertainty surrounding future federal funding. These factors were considered when developing the budget strategy for FY26-27. The Board was also informed that property insurance premiums for FY26-27 have generally stabilized. Additionally, the district approved a 3% salary increase for all employees. The September 2026 working budget will reflect actual staffing and salary amounts based on employee positions at that time. The employer contribution rate for KPPA/CERS for FY26-27 has decreased again this year. This reduction will positively impact the district funds that cover salaries, including the general fund, special revenue/grant funds, and food service fund.

3. Recommendation to Approve FY26-27 Salary Schedule

Order #156 - Motion Passed: Approve FY26-27 Salary Schedule passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Mr. Randy Travis.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

The FY26-27 salary schedule which includes certified salaries, classified salaries, extra service stipends/rates, extended days and substitutes was approved as presented with a 3% raise across the board.

4. Recommendation to Approve Insurance Renewals for FY26-27

Order #157 - Motion Passed: Approve Insurance Renewals for FY26-27 passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Waggoner and a second by Mr. Will Coursey.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

The Board approved renewal with Obisidian (HUB/Peel and Holland) for property, GL, Auto Crime, Law, SLEO, and Cyber for \$1,200,001. This bid came in around \$836,000 less than Liberty Mutual. KEMI will have Work Comp insurance at \$122,968, but could increase based on payroll amounts. Premiums may change throughout the year as property (e.g. buses) is added and/or deleted.

5. Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Superintendent Evaluation Discussion

Order #158 - Motion Passed: Approve entering into Executive Session for the Purpose of Superintendent Evaluation Discussion passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Amy Waggoner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

6. Motion to return to open session

Order #159 - Motion Passed: Approve motion to return to open session Motion approved at 7:58pm passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Amy Waggoner.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

IV. Old and New Business

V. Adjourn

Order #160 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting at Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm passed with a motion by Mr. Will Coursey and a second by Ms. Darla Doss.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Chairperson

Secretary