

Regular Meeting
March 19, 2024 5:30 PM
King Middle School Library

Attendance Taken at : 5:30 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Amber Franceschi
Amy Hart
Mr. Billy Montgomery
Mr. Randy Phillips
Mr. Cliff Prewitt

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Amber Franceschi, District 1 Amy Hart, District 2 Billy Montgomery, District 3 Cliff Prewitt, District 4 Randy Phillips, District 5

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Order #202808 - Motion Passed: Approval of agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

The agenda is being presented for approval. Any changes are to be made at this time.

4. Recognitions

1. Superior Titan Award- A student from each school (Mercer Elementary, Mercer Co. Intermediate School, King Middle, and Mercer County Senior High School) will be recognized each month at the board of education meetings for their efforts in the classroom, leadership skills and attitude. The student award recipient must meet the following guidelines: Perfect attendance during the month student(s) are being observed. Completed all homework assignments and tests. Passing grade. No discipline issues. Demonstrates good leadership skills. Exhibits a winning attitude and spirit toward learning and peers. Mercer County Elementary School- Andrew Bottoms Mercer County Intermediate School Chelsie Watts King Middle School Caleb Reedy Mercer County Senior High School Trevor Ellis 2. Other Student Recognitions: MCIS Academic Team, Quick Recall and Written Assessment Isabella Broce - going to Regionals Emmett D'Lugos - going to Regionals Isabel Franks Matthew Jones Hadleigh Dean Aniston Carey J.J. Kinnard Harrison Carlton -going to Regionals Carson Hogue - going to Regionals Laney Sour - going to Regionals Future Problem Solving: Whole team going to Regionals Jaxsyn Webb Jaylee Freeman MacKenzie Sommsich Kessler Wieliczko

5. Public Participation

Pursuant to Board Policy 01.421, persons wishing to address the Board must first be recognized by the Chairperson and stand behind the podium. An individual or group granted the privilege of being heard must give his/her name, address, and reason for speaking. The Chairperson may rule on the relevance of the topic to the Board's Agenda, and will set the time limit to three (3) minutes but not to include fifteen (15) minutes. The Board will only act on/respond to items on the published agenda. If you wish to have an item

placed on the agenda, you must first meet with the Superintendent. At this time the board will receive comments from the public.

6. Reports

This section of the agenda is reserved for reports only, no action will be taken.

A. King Middle School Principal Report

Any principal may report to the board at this time if needed.

B. Finance Officer's Report

Ending GF Cash Balance: o \$ 9.9 million as opposed to \$8.5 million last year at the same time. General Fund Revenue: o Overall revenue was up 2% compared to the prior year at the same time. o Receipts received in the year were 2% lower as opposed to the prior year at the same time. o The district has received 78.7% of the revenue budgeted for the year at 66.7% through the fiscal year. Suggests the district will receive more than what was budgeted. General Fund Expenditures: o Down 3% compared to the prior year at the same time. o Expenses of \$1.82 million in February. o The district has expended and encumbered 55.6% of the expenses budgeted for the year at 66.7% through the fiscal year. Suggests the district will expend less than what was budgeted.

C. Attendance/Enrollment Report

The DPP will report to the board at this time.

D. Instruction Report

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E. Personnel Report

KRS 160.390; KRS 160.38; KRS 160.370 The Superintendent is responsible for all personnel actions including hiring, assignments, transfer, dismissal, suspension, reinstatement, promotion, and for reporting these actions to the board of education (KRS 160.390 (1)). All appointments, promotions and transfers of principals, supervisors, teachers, and other school employees shall be made only by the Superintendent of schools, who shall notify the Board of the action taken (KRS 160.380(2a)).

F. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent will report to the board at this time.

7. Consent Agenda

Order #202809 - Motion Passed: Approval of consent agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Amy Hart.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Consent Agenda items are voted on with one motion and one vote. These are, typically, items that happen on a regular basis, are annual fees, or routine items in doing business. The board may discuss any item they wish. The board has the option to pull any item out for a separate vote.

A. Board Meeting Minutes

B. Invoices

C. Out of State Travel-Band

KMS and HS band reward trip to Kings Island-May 2nd. Students will pay for the cost of the ticket.

D. Out of State Trip-DECA

Trip to Anaheim California. April 25-April 30th. Two students placed top 5 in the state in the marketing event, qualifying them to attend the international competition. Funding provided from LAVEC, PERKINS, and DECA accounts. Grants applied for include: MCCE grant. Additional funds are requested to ease cost on students, but not required for attendance.

E. Out of State Travel-FCCLA

The FCCLA National Meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington, June 29-July 3, 2024.LAVEC, FCCLA, and Perkins funding will be used.

F. March of Dimes

MCES would like to collect money for March of Dimes for our April Kindness Act. All proceeds will go to the March of Dimes. The March of Dimes mission is to lead the fight for the health of all moms and babies. Our goals are to end the preventable maternal health risks and deaths, end preventable preterm birth and infant death, and close the health equity gap.

G. Facilities Request-AJ Field

This company has requested use of AJ Football Field as a back-up location for a movie they are shooting in the area.

8. Action Items for Discussion

The following items require board action, but do not require a roll call vote for approval.

A. 2023-24 Proposed Calendar Dates

Order #202810 - Motion Passed: Approval passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Ms. Amber Franceschi.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Jan. 16: Canceled for weather Jan. 17: Canceled for weather Jan. 19: Canceled for weather May 16: Make up day for students May 17: Make up day for students (Early Release) May 20: Staff work day May 21: Closing day for staff

B. Building/Construction Fund Bank Account

Order #202811 - Motion Passed: Approval to open the new Construction/Building Fund Bank Account passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Permission is being asked to open a specific bank account with Whitaker Bank to hold the incoming bond funds to generate specific interest from those funds alone. Whitaker Bank has proposed an interest rate of the Federal Funds High Rate minus 50 basis points. The current Federal Funds High Rate is 5.50%,

meaning the district would be generating 5% interest accruing on a monthly basis on any funds in the new account. This rate will be adjusted monthly according to the Federal Funds High Rate. The account will be accessed the same as the current bank account, and funds will be able to be transferred from this account to the Main Account when invoices are due to be paid in accordance with the construction project.

C. Leave Report

Order #202812 - Motion Passed: Approve leave passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Information is attached.

D. Policy Updates-First Reading

Attached draft policies of 03.175, 03.273, 03.1232 and 03.2232 to further define compensation for accumulated sick leave days for certified and classified employees working less than a full contract year.

9. Action Items for Roll Call Vote

The following items require board action and a roll call vote for approval.

A. Amendment to Health Department Agreement

Order #202813 - Motion Passed: Approval passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Amy Hart.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Approval is being sought to amend the attached agreement to include pre-employment physicals in the amount of \$50/employee.

B. Health Services Coordinator/Registered Nurse Job Class 7262 Updated

Order #202814 - Motion Passed: Approval passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Due to recent staff changes, we have had to update the position of Health Service Coordinator/Registered Nurse, Job Class 7262. We are asking for approval of the attached job description. Current salary schedule will be updated under "District Positions" classified salaried stipend for the rest of the 2023-2024 school year for a minimum of \$3,200.00. In addition to the above item, an Interim Contract for a registered nurse until a Health Service Coordinator can be hired is also attached and will be contracted at \$90.00 a day until one can be hired to complete the 2023-2024 school year.

C. Contract Services for District Health Coordinator

Order #202815 - Motion Passed: Approval for Contract Services for District Health Coordinator passed with a motion by Amy Hart and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

In the event the district is unable to hire an employee for the District Health Coordinator position for the remainder of the year, we would like approval to enter into a contract with a Nurse Practitioner or Physician to fill this role. This contract would be valid through June 30, 2024. Minimum payment for services would be \$3,200 for the duration of the year, and could be paid hourly at the minimum hourly rate of \$40/hour. We will post a listing requesting letters of interest for the contract period. The district will pay for liability insurance for the contractor if the contractor does not already have liability insurance in place.

D. Surplus Property Bids

Order #202816 - Motion Passed: Approval to sell one LED Panel to CS2 Electrical Contracting in the amount of \$125 passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

The district received one bid for one LED Panel from the surplus property bid opening on March 6th. The bid was \$125 for one Panel from CS2 Electrical Contracting. The remainder of the LED Panels and School Buses have been put out for bid once again, with bid opening happening on April 11th at 2 pm.

E. KETS 2nd Offer of Assistance

Order #202817 - Motion Passed: Approval of 2nd offer of assistance passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Ms. Amber Franceschi.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Pursuant to KRS 157.655-157.660 and 750 KAR 2:010, the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) made an official FY2024 KETS offer of assistance to Mercer County Board of Education. Acceptance of this offer of assistance commits the Mercer County Board of Education to follow the statutes and regulations of the SFCC and the Kentucky Department of Education governing the Education Technology Funding Program. Based on the statewide ADA figures being used for [ADA Year] SEEK this year, the second offer of assistance in FY2024 is in the amount of \$20,760. Accepted state technology fund offers of assistance must be matched equally by the district or can be escrowed for up to three (3) years. The matched funds are already in the budget for the current year, and help to purchase classroom and staff technology as needed.

F. MCES Special Inspections

Order #202818 - Motion Passed: Approve award of Special Inspections to LE Gregg Associates in the amount of \$162,761.00 passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Ms. Amber Franceschi.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes

Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Please see attached.

G. MCES Construction Contracts

Order #202819 - Motion Passed: Approve award of construction contracts and associated direct purchase orders for the New Mercer County Elementary School project for Base Bid plus Alternates #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Subject to contract changes as requested by the board council. passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Amy Hart.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Please see attached. Approve award of construction contracts and associated direct purchase orders for the New Mercer County Elementary School project for Base Bid plus Alternates #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Subject to contract changes as requested by the board council.

H. MCES Commissioning

Order #202820 - Motion Passed: approve award of Commissioning to ZH Commissioning in the amount of \$42,920.00 passed with a motion by Amy Hart and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Please see attached.

I. Testing and Balancing and Building Air Tightness Test

Order #202821 - Motion Passed: approve award of Testing and Balancing and Building Air Tightness Test to Thermal Balance in the amount of \$50,240.00 passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Please see attached.

J. Revised BG 1

Order #202822 - Motion Passed: approve a Revised BG1 Form passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Please see attached

K. King Middle School Change Order #1

Order #202823 - Motion Passed: Approve change order 1 in the amount of \$0.00 passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

L. Resolution Authorizing Mercer County School District Finance Corporation to Issue Revenue Bonds

Order #202824 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Mercer County School District Finance Corporation to Issue Revenue Bonds passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Resolution of the Board of Education of Mercer County, Kentucky; Authorizing and approving the execution of a lease agreement with the Mercer County School District Finance Corporation and any further necessary instruments; Approving certain architects' plans for the construction of a certain school building project; Authorizing and approving the execution of a supplement to the continuing disclosure procedures and the execution of tax compliance procedures; and approving the plan of financing the cost of said project.

M. Recess

Order #202825 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Mercer County School District Finance Corporation to Issue Revenue Bonds passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

Order #202826 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Amy Hart.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes
Mr. Billy Montgomery	Yes
Mr. Randy Phillips	Yes
Mr. Cliff Prewitt	Yes

10. Report on District Finance Corporation

11. Adjournment

Order #202827 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Amy Hart.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Amy Hart	Yes

Mr. Billy Montgomery
Mr. Randy Phillips
Mr. Cliff Prewitt

Yes
Yes
Yes