

Attendance Taken at : 5:30 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Amber Franceschi

Ms. 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 #202985 - Motion Passed: Approval of agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. 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-Mariah Bozeman, 2nd Grade Mercer County Intermediate School Ryley McElfresh, 5th grade King Middle School Tyson Sebastian, 7th grade Mercer County Senior High School Rylie Long, 10th Grade 2. Other Student Recognitions: Future Problem Solving Team Region Runner-Up-MCIS Future Problem Solving Team Lyla Burgess June Harris Eliana Higgs Shilah Sagraves Rotary Speech Contest Winner -Sadie Peavler Indoor Track Shot Put State Champion -Noah Nichols 12th Region Player of the Year, MCSHS All Time Career Rebounding Leader, 2000 pt Club -Trevor Ellis KY State DECA Competition Winners - 1st Overall - Community Giving Project (Team): Aaliyah Carmon, Harlee Durbin, and Tharun Eka 2nd Overall- Principles of Marketing: Josh Noffsinger 3rd Overall- Sports Marketing: Abby Woods 2nd Overall- Job Interview: Kate Grider 3rd Overall- Job Interview: Cam Sanders 3. Staff Recognitions: Jane Coomes Educator of the Year- Lisa Coleman This years Jane Coomes Educator of the Year has served preschool-aged children within Mercer County schools as a dedicated speech and language pathologist for over 20 years. Her interactive lessons address language, and articulation needs while embracing a holistic educational approach. She has created large group instruction lessons that benefited both students and teachers. Even after these lessons ended, she continued to provide materials and guidance to ensure their continuation in the classroom. She serves at least 65 preschool students monthly, often

instructing teachers on practices to further therapy outside her sessions. More than a speech and language pathologist, Mrs. Lisa Coleman is an early childhood educator who fosters innovative thinking, teamwork, and family support. Her unwavering dedication makes her an invaluable asset to the Mercer County School System and Mercer County. Your Jane Coomes Educator of the Year Mrs. Lisa Coleman!

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 exceed 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. Finance Officer's Report

The Finance Officer will report to the board at this time.

B. Instruction Report

Jason McAllister, Chief Academic Officer, will report to the board at this time.

C. Attendance/Enrollment Report

The DPP will report to the board at this time.

D. 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)).

E. Student Board Member Report

F. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent will report to the board at this time.

7. Consent Agenda

Order #202986 - Motion Passed: Approval of consent agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

Ms. Amber Franceschi	Yes
Ms. 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 Trip Requests

Out-of-State Trip Requests: DECA International Career Development Conference, April 26-29, 2025 in Orlando, Florida.Students who win State compete in Marketing tests and roleplays to win Internationals level awards. Additionally, DECA offers PD and student training sessions. Paid for with grant funds already available, DECA funds and student out of pocket funds. Teachers from MCIS and KMS attending the Ron Clark Academy in Georgia in April and to attend the House PD in June. To be paid for out of Title I funds from each school. Senior Trip to Kings Island on May 14, 2025. Students will pay \$55 per person, which includes lunch. School buses will transport students starting at 8 am from MCSH and depart Kings Island at 7 pm.

D. Surplus Equipment

The following items are being requested to be deemed as surplus: Bus 051 - no longer working, donate to BCTC for training purposes.

E. Personnel Leaves

Please see attached leave requests.

F. Job Description Update

Please see the attached job description update for the District Support Coach position.

G. Amend 2024-25 School Year Calendar

DATE CURRENT ID CHANGE REQUESTED January 6 Plan day PD Day January 7 Instructional Day Break (snow day 1) January 8 Instructional Day Break(snow day 2) January 9 Instructional Day Plan Day January 10 Instructional Day Break (snow day 3) February 11 Instructional Break (snow day 4) February 17 Makeup/Instructional Break (snow day 5) February 19 Instructional Day Break (snow day 6) February 20 Instructional Day Break (snow day 7) March 14 PD Day Instructional Day (1) May 19 Early Release Instructional Day Full Instructional Day May 20 Closing Day Instructional Day (2) May 21 Makeup Day Instructional Day (3) May 22 Makeup Day Instructional Day(4) May 23 Makeup Day Instructional Day (5) May 27 Makeup Day Instructional Day (6) May 28 Makeup Day Early Release: Instructional Day (7) May 29 Makeup Closing

H. Application and Agreement for Use of District Property

Use of MCSHS Auditorium for a dance recital

I. WKU Memorandum of Agreement for Dual Credit

Please see attached agreement.

8. Action Items for Discussion

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

A. Potential Stadium/Athletic Project

Please see attached document

B. Request for Letters of Interest/Proposals for Construction Manager

Order #202987 - Motion Passed: Approval to Request Letters of Interest/Proposals for a Construction Manager passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Ms. Amber Franceschi.

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

Mr. Cliff Prewitt

Yes

Please see the attached draft document that will be released with approval from the board and review from the board attorney.

C. Request for Letters of Interest/Proposals for Architect

Order #202988 - Motion Passed: Approval to request letters of interest/proposals for an Architect passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

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

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Please see the attached draft document that will be released with approval from the board and review from the board attorney.

9. Action Items for Roll Call Vote

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

A. KETS 2nd Offer of Assistance

Order #202989 - Motion Passed: Approval to accept and match the KETS 2nd Offer of Assistance passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

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

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Pursuant to KRS 157.655-157.660 and 750 KAR 2:010, the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) is hereby making an official FY2025 KETS offer of assistance to your Board of Education. Acceptance of this offer of assistance commits the 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 2025 SEEK this year, your second offer of assistance in FY2025 is in the amount of \$20,877. Accepted state technology fund offers of assistance must be matched equally by your Board of Education or can be escrowed for up to three (3) years. The matching funds for this has already been set aside in the budget and helps to purchase classroom and teacher technology equipment each year.

B. 2025-26 Student Accident Insurance

Order #202990 - Motion Passed: Approval to accept and match the KETS 2nd Offer of Assistance passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Hart and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

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

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Mercer County Schools has used Roberts Insurance in Richmond, Kentucky for our Student Accident coverage for a number of years. They are very well known and utilized among Kentucky school districts. The current plan covers up to a maximum benefit of \$25,000 for each injury for a 26 week loss period, and medical charges within two years of injury. It also includes an accidental death benefit of \$10,000 and

catastrophic coverage up to \$7,500,000. Current plan: Zurich Insurance Company - \$78,574 2018-19 Rate = \$84,836 2019-20 Rate = \$80,969 2020-21 Rate = \$80,909 2021-22 Rate = \$78,574 2022-23 Rate = \$78,574 2023-24 Rate = \$78,574 2024-25 Rate = \$78,574 2025-26 Rate = \$78,574 There is no change from the current year cost of coverage.

10. Enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b)

Order #202991 - Motion Passed: Approval to Enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt and a second by Ms. Amy Hart.

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

A motion is needed to enter into Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (b).

11. Exit Executive Session

Order #202992 - Motion Passed: Approval to Exit Executive Session passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

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

A motion is needed to exit Executive Session.

12. Action Related to Executive Session

Any action related to the Executive Session requires a motion.

13. Adjournment

Order #202993 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Ms. Amber Franceschi.

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