

Regular Meeting  
February 20, 2024 5:30 PM  
Central Office

**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 #202796 - Motion Passed:** Approval of agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

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| 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- Addy Ellis Mercer County Intermediate School Ariat Buford King Middle School Justus Sheron Mercer County Senior High School Taylor Curtsinger 2. Other Student Recognitions: KSBA Banner: Allie Fenwick Kearalyn Sours Winners of the Harrodsburg 250th Anniversary Art Contest: Ella Adkins Abigail Anderson Payton Shewmaker Nash Pope Jamison Bowman Kaylee Langendorfer

**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

January 2024 General Fund Recap Ending GF Cash Balance: \$ 10.4 million as opposed to \$8.3 million last year at the same time. General Fund Revenue: Overall revenue increased by 6% compared to the prior year at the same time. Receipts received in the year were 3% higher as opposed to the prior year at the same time. The district has received 76.1% of the revenue budgeted for the year at 58.3% through the fiscal year. Suggests the district will receive more than what was budgeted. General Fund Expenditures: Down 3% compared to the prior year at the same time. Expenses of \$1.84 million in December. The district has expended and encumbered 42.1% of the expenses budgeted for the year at 58.3% through the fiscal year. Suggests the district will expend less than what was budgeted.

### B. Attendance/Enrollment Report

The DPP will report to the board at this time.

### C. Instruction Report

The Chief Academic Officer 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. High School Principals Report

### F. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent will report to the board at this time.

### 1. Update on Wrestling Program

## 7. Consent Agenda

**Order #202797 - Motion Passed:** Approval of consent agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

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| 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

This will be our 3rd year participating with Gradient Learning and sending a team of 7th and 8th grade teachers to their annual summer training. This year the training will be held in Chicago the week of July 15th. Gradient covers the travel expenses and focuses on our school goals for the week including:

Mentoring, Habits of Success and the externally validated curriculum we are using at KMS (Open Sci Ed, Illustrative Math, El Education). No cost involved to the district.

**D. MCSHS Baseball Out of State Travel**

The MCSHS baseball team is requesting permission to go to Knoxville, TN during Spring Break. The team would leave on April 3rd to play 4 varsity games over a 3 day period (April 4-6) and return after the last game on April 6th. The team would be staying at a Drury Inn in Knoxville, TN and would travel by school bus. The baseball booster club would provide the funding for the trip. Cost for hotel lodging, food, and transportation would be covered by the baseball booster club.

**E. Facilities Use Request**

Requesting MCSH Auditorium 2 Classrooms for hosting a Pageant on May 5.

**F. PTO Fundraiser Approval**

PTO would like to raise money to help purchase inflatables and other items for our end of the year family lunches.

**G. Out of State Bass Fishing Tournament**

We had all four teams qualify for B@B, we have 150 KY teams that will fish against 150 TN teams. The tournament will take place on March 16, at Dale Hollow Lake in Tennessee. Each student will be transported by their guardian. There is no cost to the district.

**H. Surplus Items**

HoverCam 65" Interactive Panels (18) All panels are in working condition with a power cable, remote, and pen. Each is Wifi/Ethernet compatible with multiple USB and HDMI ports. Wall mount not included.

**I. Job Description**

Please see attached. Funding will come from Fund 51.

**8. Action Items for Discussion**

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

**A. FFA Week Discussion and Vote**

**Order #202798 - Motion Passed:** Approval passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Amy Hart.

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

The members of the Mercer County FFA request that the Superintendent sign the proclamation that declares Feb 17-24 as National FFA Week in Mercer County.

**B. FRYSC Continuation Plan**

**Order #202799 - Motion Passed:** Approval passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

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

Mr. Cliff Prewitt Yes

Please see attached

C. Leave Report

**Order #202800 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent recommendation passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

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

Please see attached.

D. Board Member/Precinct Boundaries

**Order #202801 - Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

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

The Mercer County Board of Elections were tasked with resetting new precinct boundaries due to the 2020 Census. They are proposing the attached changes to the Mercer County Board of Education boundaries to stay in line with the voting precincts.

9. Action Items for Roll Call Vote

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

A. 2024-25 Student Accident Insurance Renewal

**Order #202802 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the 2024-25 Student Accident Insurance Renewal passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Amy Hart.

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| Ms. Amber Franceschi | Yes |
| Amy Hart             | Yes |
| Mr. Billy Montgomery | Yes |
| Mr. Randy Phillips   | Yes |
| Mr. Cliff Prewitt    | 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 There is no change from the current year cost of coverage.

B. School Bus Purchases

**Order #202803 - Motion Passed:** Approval passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

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| Ms. Amber Franceschi | Yes |
| Amy Hart             | Yes |

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

Please see the attached documents regarding the purchases of 4 school buses utilizing ESSER funding.  
**C. 2024-25 Preliminary SBDM Allocations**

**Order #202804 - Motion Passed:** Approval passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Amy Hart.

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

The attached document utilizes the staffing guidelines to outline how many general education teaching positions, custodial positions, management support positions, and kindergarten instructional assistant positions each school will be allocated preliminarily for the 2024-25 school year, which is driven by student enrollment. The Section 6 funding allocation is still set at \$139.33/per pupil based on student attendance. The Section 7 funding for Custodial supplies is still set at \$25.00/per pupil based on student attendance (an increase of \$9/per pupil). The Student School Supplies is set at \$25.00/per pupil based on student attendance.

**D. Salary Schedule Update**

**Order #202805 - Motion Passed:** Approval passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery and a second by Ms. Amber Franceschi.

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

The following are updates on the 2023-24 Salary Schedule: Page 8 - Addition of 7223 Assistant Director of Food Services on Level 8 Page 12 - Addition of \$4,300 KLEFPF Stipends for SRO's Page 16 - 2 Booster Paid Assistant Baseball Coach positions, 2 Booster Paid Assistant Softball Coach positions

**E. Mowing Bids**

**Order #202806 - Motion Passed:** Motion to Accept Forever Green Lawn Care passed with a motion by Mr. Cliff Prewitt and a second by Mr. Billy Montgomery.

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

**10. Adjournment**

**Order #202807 - Motion Passed:** Approval to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Amber Franceschi and a second by Mr. Cliff Prewitt.

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

