

Regular Meeting
January 20, 2026 5:30 PM
Central Office

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 #203121 - Motion Passed: Approval of agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery 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

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- Will Ashford Mercer County Intermediate School Kreya Gajjar King Middle School Jaxon Webb Mercer County Senior High School Mia Floro Staff Recognitions: Georgiana Bray I want to congratulate you on being chosen to be in the FRYSC IMPACT Report Spotlight for 2025!The Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers received over 900 submissions from FRYSC centers across Kentucky and only 70 were selected for the Spotlight. This honor not only demonstrates a passion to work with families and students but also the ability to measure outcomes for said services, programs, and activities. Thank you for all the work you did last year in your school, especially with the thoughtful programming you brought in for students. I know you will continue this work this year as well. This is a great honor to be chosen, and it is well deserved!

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. 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. 2024-25 Audit Report

Please see attached 2024-25 Audit Report

F. Student Board Member Report

G. New Elementary School Update

H. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent will report to the board at this time.

7. Consent Agenda

Order #203122 - Motion Passed: Approval of consent 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

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. Leave Report

Please see attached.

D. 2026-27 Staffing Allocation Guidelines

Please see attached proposed 2026-27 Staffing Allocation Guidelines. These guidelines have no change from the current year guidelines, but must be board approved annually. They determine how staffing allocations for the schools SBDM positions are determined.

E. RFP for bank Depository Services

Board approval is needed to open the RFP window for Bank Depository Services. Proposals will be opened on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 10 a.m. at Central Office. The contract period is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with the option of renewal for 2 years past the initial contract period. The district will put these services out to bid at least every 3 years. The board will award the contract at the regular March board meeting.

F. Out of State Travel-KMS

Please see attached.

G. Mowing Bids

Updated "2026 Mowing Bid Packet" attached. Highlights/Changes We mowed Trailblazers last year. I hired Dennis Davis by the hour. We paid him \$1,752. Using the Bid we received from Homescapes, we saved roughly \$2,000. We will continue to mow Trailblazers this year. We will take over the land across from KMS where they used to practice soccer. Only half of that has been typically mowed each time with the other half getting bushogged every 6 weeks or so. We will mow that entire area. We will also take over the area south of KMS on the other side of the fence that starts by the storage units and extends all the way to the sports complex parking lot. I have added a page specific to chemical spraying for weeds.

H. RFP for Audit Services

Board approval is needed to open the RFP window for Audit Services. Proposals will be opened on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Central Office. The contract period is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with the option of renewal for 2 years past the initial contract period. The district will put these services out to bid at least every 3 years. The board will award the contract at the regular March board meeting.

8. Action Items for Discussion

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

A. Waiver Request to form a new LPC

Order #203123 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Waiver Request to form a new LPC 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

Please see attached waiver request that needs a unanimous vote by the board in order to be submitted to KDE.

B. Proposed New Board Dates, Times, & Sites

Order #203124 - Motion Passed: Approval of board meeting dates times and locations passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Hart 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

9. Action Items for Roll Call Vote

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

A. 2026 Contract for Legal Services

Order #203125 - Motion Passed: Approval of Contract 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

Please see attached.

B. BG1

Order #203126 - Motion Passed: Approval of BG-1 for stadium project passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery 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

10. Adjournment

Order #203127 - Motion Passed: Approval of BG-1 for stadium project passed with a motion by Mr. Billy Montgomery 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

Order #203128 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting 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