

MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session Meeting
April 9, 2026

The McMinn County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence.

Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order, and Taylor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Pierce welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a roll call. Attendance was as follows:

Donna Casteel- present
Tony Allman- present
Kevin Goins- present
Joe Malone- present
Taylor Cook- present
Bill Irvin- present
Tony Campbell- present
Mike Cochran- absent
Dustin Prichard- present
Jonathan Pierce- present

There were no requests to address the board. Chairman Pierce asked for a motion to accept the agenda. Joe Malone made the motion, Taylor Cook seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

AGENDA

1. GUESTS

a. Guests

b. Public Comment

2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes- Regular Session 3-12-26
- b. Budget Amendments
- c. Salary Supplements
- d. Fundraiser Requests
- e. MCS & Juvenile Services Agreement

- f. Out of State & Overnight Trip
- g. Resolution to Transfer Funds
- h. ERATE Contract

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Donation Letter Request

4. PERSONNEL

- a. Personnel Actions

5. COMMUNICATION

6. REPORTS

- a. Review Policy Section 6.1-6.405

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8. PRAISES AND COMPLIMENTS

9. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- a. Next Regular Session Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2026

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1. GUESTS

a. Guests

Mt. View Elementary 8th grade BETA members, EK Baker Elementary FFA members, and HOSA President Sarah Thomas were in attendance and recognized.

Dustin Prichard made a disclosure on item 2.e. MCS & Juvenile Services Agreement, that it directly correlates with his career. Tony Allman made the motion to approve the Regular Consent Agenda, Taylor Cook seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes- Regular Session 3-12-26

b. Budget Amendments

GENERAL PURPOSE #141, Innovated School Models (ISM) #955
To amend the Innovative School Models (ISM) Grant for FY 25-26.

FEDERAL PROJECTS #142, 21st CCLC/21st Century After School Grant #430
To amend the budget for the 21st Century (After School) Grant for FY 25-26.

GENERAL PURPOSE #141
To move funds from Assigned for Education to fund textbook purchases in FY 25-26.

GENERAL PURPOSE #141, Innovated School Models (ISM) #955
To amend the Innovative School Models (ISM) Grant for FY 25-26.

c. Salary Supplements

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	DATE	SUPP AMOUNT
Aderhold, Bryan	Bus Driver	Annex	2/27/26	\$90.00
Barker, Megan	Bus Driver	Mt View	3/13/26	\$60.00
Blair, Joel	Bus Driver	Central	2/16/26	\$150.00
Blair, Joel	Bus Driver	Central	2/19/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	3/3/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	3/4/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	3/5/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	3/11/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	3/12/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	3/24/26	\$150.00
Carter, Charles	Mechanic	McMinn	2/28/26	\$75.00
Cobble, Kathy	Bus Driver	Annex	2/25/26	\$90.00
Dickey, Sid	Custodian	McMinn	2/27-28	\$60.00
French, Dora	Bus Driver	Annex	2/24/26	\$90.00
Fuller, Robin	Bus Driver	Annex	2/24/26	\$90.00
Ghorley, Betty	Bus Driver	Annex	2/26/26	\$90.00
Givens, Kathie	Bus Driver	Special ED	2/18 - 2/20	\$600.00
Givens, Kathie	Bus Driver	Special ED	2/23-2/27	\$0.00
Givens, Kathie	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/2 - 3/6	\$0.00
Givens, Kathie	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/9 - 3/10	\$0.00
Hamilton, Jack	Bus Driver	Special ED	2/20 & 2/23	\$20.00
Jackson, Lisa	Bus Driver	Annex	2/26/26	\$90.00
Jackson, Lisa	Bus Driver	Special ED	2/17/26	\$90.00
Jackson, Lisa	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/13/26	\$90.00
Jones, Leslie	Bus Driver	Annex	2/24/26	\$90.00
Jones, Leslie	Bus Driver	Riceville	3/13/26	\$60.00
Kmecik, David	Bus Driver	Annex	2/25/26	\$90.00
Kmecik, David	Bus Driver	E.K. Baker	3/3/26	\$60.00
Kmecik, David	Bus Driver	E.K. Baker	3/5/26	\$0.00
Kmecik, David	Bus Driver	E.K. Baker	3/9/26	\$0.00
Kmecik, David	Bus Driver	E.K. Baker	3/10/26	\$0.00
Kmecik, David	Bus Driver	E.K. Baker	3/12/26	\$0.00

Liner, Louise	Bus Driver	Special ED	2/28/26	\$90.00
Liner, Louise	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/13/26	\$90.00
Liner, Louise	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/27/26	\$60.00
Mashburn, Lesa	Custodian	McMinn	2/26-2/28	\$750.00
Mills, Pam	Bus Driver	Annex	2/27/26	\$90.00
Mullenax, Brandy	Bus Driver	Annex	2/26/26	\$90.00
Mullenax, Brandy	Bus Driver	Mt View	2/17/2026	\$90.00
Mullenax, Brandy	Bus Driver	Mt View	3/13/2026	\$60.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Annex	3/4/2026	\$60.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/2 - 3/6	\$100.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/9 - 3/13	\$0.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/2 - 3/6	\$100.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/9 - 3/13	\$0.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/2 & 3/6	\$80.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/9 & 3/13	\$0.00
Nunley, Lyn	Sub Driver	Special ED	2/20, 2/23	\$20.00
Nunley, Lyn	Sub Driver	Special ED	2/17-2/20	\$80.00
Nunley, Lyn	Sub Driver	Special ED	2/23-2/26	\$0.00
Nunley, Lyn	Sub Driver	Special ED	2/17-2/20	\$50.00
Nunley, Lyn	Sub Driver	Special ED	2/23/26	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	2/23/26	\$150.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/2 - 3/6	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/9-3/13	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/24-3/27	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	2/23-2/26	\$180.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/2-3/6	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/9-3/13	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/24-3/27	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	2/24-2/27	\$360.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/2-3/6	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/9-3/13	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/24-3/27	\$0.00
Strickland, Marvin	Sub Driver	McMinn	2/5/26	\$150.00

Strickland, Marvin	Sub Driver	McMinn	2/25/2026	\$75.00
Strickland, Marvin	Sub Driver	McMinn	2/28/2026	\$175.00
Strickland, Marvin	Sub Driver	McMinn	3/4/26	\$150.00
Williams, Frankie	Bus Driver	Annex	2/25/26	\$90.00
Williams, Frankie	Bus Driver	Central	3/3/26	\$150.00
Williams, Frankie	Bus Driver	Central	3/6/26	\$60.00
Williams, Frankie	Bus Driver	Central	3/23/26	\$150.00
Zierk, Lester	Bus Driver	Calhoun	3/13/26	\$90.00

d. Fundraiser Requests

SCHOOL	DEPARTMENT	FUNDRAISER	MONIES RAISED ALLOCATION
Niota	BETA Club	Concessions	BETA operations such as t-shirts, community needs, field trips
Calhoun	BETA Club	Spring Formal Dance	T-shirts

e. MCS & Juvenile Services Agreement

f. Out of State & Overnight Trip

Approved- MCHS CTE HOSA

Trip to Indiana- June 2026

g. Resolution to Transfer Funds

h. ERATE Contract

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Donation Letter Request

A letter was presented to the board requesting a donation for the Riceville Elementary Jr. BETA to help with attending the National BETA Convention. Tony Campbell made the motion to approve \$1,000 be given to the Riceville Elementary Jr BETA for their National Convention trip, Dustin Prichard seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. PERSONNEL

a. Personnel Actions- for information only

Colitz	Ashlee	Resign	Grade 3 Math/Sci Teacher	5/28/26	Calhoun Elementary School
Craft	Kendrick	Term	PT Interim Sped Aide	3/24/26	Mountain View Elementary School
DeMotte	Michael	Hire	Cook	3/4/26	Central High School
Fuentes	Samantha	Resign	Grade 2 Teacher	4/10/26	Riceville Elementary School
Humbert	Tyler	Resign	9-12 Math Teacher	4/1/26	Central High School
Martin	Lacey	Hire	10 Mos Custodian	3/5/26	Englewood Elementary School
Wilkins	Amanda	Resign	K-3 Special Education Teacher	5/28/26	EK Baker Elementary School

5. COMMUNICATION

6. REPORTS

a. Review Policy Section 6.1-6.405

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

State Testing Window

Testing begins on April 20. The window will remain open until April 29.

Cafeteria Health Inspections

- 5 schools scored 100
- 4 schools scored 99

LifeMaze

Mrs. Shelby Roberts worked tremendously hard organizing and planning the LifeMaze events at both McMinn County High School and Central High School. I hope those who were unable to attend can do so next year. The students were fantastic and learned a great deal about life choices.

Weapons Detection Rollout

The rollout went very well. We have now reached the point where students understand what to have out and ready when they walk in the door. I want to thank Mr. Wallace, the leadership and staff at both schools, and the Central Office staff who helped with the initial rollout. Great job! I would like to purchase sleeves for the detectors with school logos.

District ePlan

The district's three-year plan was submitted to the state for review. Staff spent several months collaborating to develop the plan based on data and district needs. This process was previously completed annually, but the state has recently changed it to a three-year plan with annual updates. Thank you to Donna Casteel for attending the meeting as a School Board representative. Once the state approves the plan, we will present it to the board, and schools will begin their planning process.

8. PRAISES AND COMPLIMENTS

Dustin Prichard and Tony Campbell thanked Shelby Roberts for the LifeMaze event and thanked Justin Wallace for helping keep McMinn County Schools safe. Bill Irvin thanked all employees. Tony Allman thanked Director Knight for keeping the board informed as things occur.

9. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

a. Next Regular Session Board Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 2026

Tony Campbell made the motion to adjourn, Dustin Prichard seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman's Signature

Director of Schools Signature