

MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session Meeting
May 7, 2026

The McMinn County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence.

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

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

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

AGENDA

a. Guests

SCOPE Conference Participants

b. Public Comment

2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes- Regular Session 4-9-26
- b. Budget Amendments
- c. Salary Supplements
- d. Surplus Equipment
- e. Edupoint Agreement
- f. SY 26-27 School Nutrition Agreement
- g. MCS & VBHCS Agreement
- h. Niota Concrete Floor Polishing

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Budget Amendments
- b. Purchase Budget Amendment
- c. Purchase
- d. Salary Schedules FY 26-27
- e. Budget Committee- Proposed Budget FY 26-27

4. PERSONNEL

- a. Personnel Actions

5. COMMUNICATION

- a. Donation Letter Request
- b. Wellness Textbook Adoption
- c. Out of State & Overnight Trip

6. REPORTS

- a. Review Policy Section 6.406-6.710

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8. PRAISES AND COMPLIMENTS

9. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- a. Next Regular Session Board Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2026

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1. GUESTS

a. Guests

SCOPE Conference Participants were in attendance and recognized.

25-26 SY MCS Retirees were in attendance and recognized.

Tony Campbell 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 4-9-26

b. Budget Amendments

GENERAL PURPOSE #141

To budget funds received for Youth Wellness (Risk Behavior) Survey completed for the FY 25-26 budget.

GENERAL PURPOSE #141

To move funds from Unassigned Fund Balance to revise the budget for StaffEZ for remainder of FY 25-26.

GENERAL PURPOSE #141

To amend the budget for FY 25-26 Voluntary Pre-K budget to match ePlan.

FEDERAL PROJECTS #142, CTE Perkins Basic #820

To amend the budget for the FY 25-26 CTE Perkins Basic grant.

FEDERAL PROJECTS #142, Title I #101

To amend the current budget in order to match the FY 25-26 ePlan document.

c. Salary Supplements

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	DATE	SUPP AMOUNT
Aderhold, Bryan	Bus Driver	Englewood	3/13/26	\$90.00
Aderhold, Bryan	Bus Driver	Englewood	4/10/26	\$90.00
Barker, Megan	Bus Driver	Mt. View	4/14/26	\$90.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	3/31/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	4/2/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	4/3/26	\$175.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	4/7/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	4/9/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	4/13/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	4/15/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	4/17/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	4/20/26	\$150.00
Carlock, Jonathan	Bus Driver	McMinn	4/23/26	\$75.00

Givens, Kathie	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/11-3/13	\$480.00
Givens, Kathie	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/24-3/27	\$0.00
Givens, Kathie	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/30-3/31	\$0.00
Givens, Kathie	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/1 - 4/2	\$0.00
Givens, Kathie	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/7/26	\$0.00
Hamilton, Charles	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/13/26	\$40.00
Hamilton, Charles	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/17/26	\$0.00
Hamilton, Charles	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/20,4/27	\$0.00
Hayes, Blaine	Mechanic	McMinn	4/2/26	\$90.00
Jackson, Lisa	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/10/26	\$90.00
Jaynes, Rodney	Bus Driver	McMinn	2/24/26	\$75.00
Kmecik, David	Bus Driver	E.K. Baker	3/13/26	\$60.00
Kmecik, David	Bus Driver	E.K. Baker	4/10/26	\$60.00
Mason, Sam	Mechanic	McMinn	3/30/26	\$60.00
Mason, Sam	Mechanic	McMinn	4/21/26	\$150.00
Mason, Sam	Mechanic	McMinn	4/23/26	\$150.00
Mills, Pam	Bus Driver	Englewood	3/13/26	\$60.00
Mills, Pam	Bus Driver	Englewood	4/1/26	\$90.00
Mullenax, Brandy	Bus Driver	Mt. View	4/10/26	\$90.00

Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/30-3/31(1/2days)	\$80.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/1 - 4/2(1/2 days)	\$0.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/7 - 4/10(1/2 days)	\$0.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/31/26	\$70.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/1-4/2(1/2days)	\$0.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/7-4/10(1/2 days)	\$0.00
Murray, Mary	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/10/26	\$20.00
Nunley, Lyn	Sub	Special ED	3/24-3/27(1/2days)	\$40.00
Nunley, Lyn	Sub	Special ED	3/24-3/27(1/2 days)	\$40.00
Nunley, Lyn	Sub	Special ED	3/27/26	\$20.00

Passmore, William	Bus Driver	Central	4/1/26	\$75.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/30-3/31(1/2)	\$90.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/1-4/2(1/2)	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/7-4/10,4/13(1/2)	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/31 (1/2)	\$80.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/1 - 4/2 (1/2)	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/7 - 4/10(1/2)	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/13(1/2)	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	3/30-3/31	\$140.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/1-4/2	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/9 - 4/10	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/13/26	\$0.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/14-4/17(1/2)	\$40.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/14-4/17(1/2)	\$40.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/14-4/17	\$80.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/20-4/22,4/24	\$40.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/20-4/24	\$100.00
Pursell, Catherine	Bus Driver	Special ED	4/20-4/24(1/2)	\$50.00
Strickland, Marvin	Sub	McMinn	3/23/26	\$150.00
Strickland, Marvin	Sub	McMinn	3/27/26	\$150.00
Strickland, Marvin	Sub	McMinn	3/31/26	\$150.00
Strickland, Marvin	Sub	McMinn	4/8/26	\$90.00
Strickland, Marvin	Sub	McMinn	4/13/26	\$150.00
Strickland, Marvin	Sub	McMinn	4/21/26	\$150.00
Williams, Frankie	Bus Driver	CTE	3/30/26	\$60.00
Williams, Frankie	Bus Driver	CTE	4/1/26	\$60.00
Williams, Frankie	Bus Driver	Central	4/7/26	\$150.00
Williams, Frankie	Bus Driver	CTE	4/9/26	\$90.00

d. Surplus Equipment

The following submitted surplus that was either non-working or no longer needed:
Central High, MCHS CTE

e. Edupoint Agreement

f. SY 26-27 School Nutrition Agreement

g. MCS & VBHCS Agreement

h. Niota Concrete Floor Polishing

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution Budget Amendments

FEDERAL PROJECTS #142, #999

To move funds from Committed to Education to Transfer Out in order to add funds back to General Purpose School Undesignated Fund Balance.

GENERAL PURPOSE#141

To move funds from Transfer In to Undesignated Fund Balance in General Purpose School.

Joe Malone made the motion to approve the Resolution Budget Amendments, Donna Casteel seconded. Chairman Pierce called for a roll call vote:

Joe Malone- YES

Bill Irvin- YES

Tony Allman- YES

Kevin Goins- YES

Donna Casteel- YES

Dustin Prichard- YES

Tony Campbell- YES

Taylor Cook- YES

Mike Cochran- YES

Jonathan Pierce- YES

Motion passed.

b. Purchase Budget Amendment

GENERAL PURPOSE #141

To move funds from unassigned fund balance to purchase Apple MacBook Neos and Apple iPads for FY 25-26. \$1,000,000.00 comes from the transfer of funds from the Federal Projects Reserve.

Donna Casteel made the motion to approve the Purchase Budget Amendment, Kevin Goins seconded. Chairman Pierce called for a roll call vote:

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

Motion passed.

c. Purchase

Apple Inc. \$1,724,495.00
P.O. Box 281877
Atlanta, GA. 30384-1877
Apple MacBook Neos & Apple iPads

Tony Campbell made the motion to approve the purchase, Joe Malone seconded. Chairman Pierce called for a roll call vote:

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

Motion passed.

d. Salary Schedules FY 26-27

Kevin Goins made the motion to approve the Salary Schedules for FY 26-27, Bill Irvin seconded. Chairman Pierce called for a roll call vote:

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

Motion passed.

e. Budget Committee- Proposed Budget FY 26-27

The proposed budget FY 26-27 came as a recommendation from the Budget Committee, Donna Casteel seconded. Joe Malone said he would like to add a prevision that if the amount received from TISA Funding increases, it would be put back in the line for teachers to cover what was taken out. The seconder of the original motion, Donna Casteel, agreed to the prevision. Tony Campbell, Joe Malone, Taylor Cook, Bill Irvin, and Mike Cochran declared a conflict of interest and stated they would all be voting on what is best for the students and staff of McMinn County Schools. Chairman Pierce called for a roll call vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mike Cochran asked to go back to 3d Salary Schedules to discuss the Communications Specialist job description. Mike Cochran made a motion to reconsider item 3d Salary Schedules, Tony Allman seconded. After discussion on the Communications Specialist job description, Chairman Pierce called for a roll call vote on the motion to reconsider:

Joe Malone- NO

Bill Irvin- NO

Tony Allman- NO

Kevin Goins- NO

Donna Casteel- NO

Dustin Prichard- NO

Tony Campbell- NO

Taylor Cook- NO

Mike Cochran- YES

Jonathan Pierce- NO

NO-9

YES-1

Motion to reconsider failed.

4. PERSONNEL

a. Personnel Actions

Last Name	First Name	Active	Title	Effective Date	School
Adams	Jenna-Bus	Hire	Bus Driver	4/1/26	Maintenance and Transportation
Brewster	Katherine	Resign	GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	5/28/26	McMinn County High School
Brooks	Pamela	Retire	Bus Driver	5/26/26	Maintenance and Transportation
Brown	Donald Ray	Retire	12 Mos Head Custodian	6/30/26	Riceville Elementary School
Coker	Carrianna	Resign	Nurse	5/26/26	McMinn County High School
Conner	Nikki	Retire	GRADE 2 TEACHER	5/28/26	Mountain View Elementary School
Craft	Kendrick	Hire	Instructional Aide	5/1/26	Mountain View Elementary School
Eddington	Christal	Retire	9-12 Math Teacher	5/28/26	Central High School
Ervin	Cynthia	Retire	GRADE 7/8 ELA TEACHER	5/28/26	Niota Elementary School
Gilbert	Julie	Hire	Grade 3 Teacher	4/16/26	Mountain View Elementary School
Kelley	Avery	Resign	School Psychologist	6/11/26	Central Office
Liner	Bertha	Retire	Bus Driver	5/26/26	Maintenance and Transportation
Mason	Judy	Retire	9-12 ELA Teacher	5/28/26	McMinn County High School
Ramey	Faun	Resign	Tennis Coach	5/28/26	Riceville Elementary School
Rodriguez	Bridge	Hire	SRO	4/10/26	AIM School
Sharp	Lisa	Retire	GRADE 1 TEACHER	5/28/26	Englewood Elementary School
Sliger	Karen	Retire	Librarian	5/28/26	EK Baker Elementary School
Stinson	Renee	Resign	9-12 COMP SCIENCE Teacher	5/28/26	McMinn County High School
Talkington	Elizabeth	Resign	Cheer Coach	5/28/26	Riceville Elementary School
Trotter	Deborah	Retire	RTI SPECIALIST	6/8/26	Central Office
Vestal	Derrick	Resign	Special Education Teacher	5/28/26	McMinn County High School
Watkins	Tammy	Resign	School Counselor	5/28/26	Central High School

5. COMMUNICATION

a. Donation Letter Request

A letter was presented to the board from MCTC HOSA requesting a donation for their upcoming International Leadership Conference. Kevin Goins made the motion to give MCTC HOSA \$1,000, Dustin Prichard seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. Wellness Textbook Adoption

Mrs. Shelby Roberts, Coordinated School Health Supervisor explained the Wellness Textbook Adoption to the board.

Documentation of the textbook adoption process began during the October 13, 2025, professional development day, when PE teachers expressed concerns that the current textbooks were outdated and difficult for students to relate to. Following this feedback, the adoption process was initiated.

Mr. Steven Brady assisted by providing access to the state-approved textbook lists, and a committee was subsequently formed. All PE teachers from both high schools were given the opportunity to review the available textbook options.

The established procedures were followed throughout the process, and all textbook materials were thoroughly reviewed and properly vetted before selection.

Joe Malone made the motion to approve the Wellness Textbook Adoption, Taylor Cook seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

c. Out of State & Overnight Trip

Tony Campbell made the motion to approve the Central High School Girls Basketball trip to Wofford College in June, Donna Casteel seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

6. REPORTS

a. Review Policy Section 6.406-6.710

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

New MCHS Principal Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. Jake Roberts.

Commission Meeting

I will present the budget at the budget committee meeting on Monday, May 11, at 5:30, and then attend the Commission Meeting to follow, in case they have any questions.

Adult Virtual High School

We have been APPROVED and have been assigned a school number (0043). More info soon!

Cafeteria Update

- The Procurement Review went well, with no District Findings.

Telehealth Update

Telehealth year-end report – Expanding next year and will continue during summer school. Report by Mrs. Shelby Roberts.

District ePlan

The district's three-year plan was approved by the state yesterday. We will have a workshop prior to next year to present the plan to you. Schools are beginning the planning process as well and will have the summer to complete their plans. I am extremely proud of the work the district team put into the plan.

Academic Olympics

Today, schools participated in the Academic Olympics at Tennessee Wesleyan. It was the smoothest it has ever been, thanks to the technology and planning. Thank you to Mr. Brady, Mr. McCracken, Mr. Dake, and Ms. Wilkerson for all the hard work put into the planning process, and to all the school representatives who brought their students to participate. The awards ceremony will be on Monday, May 11, at 6:00 at MCHS.

Summer Learning Grant

Summer Learning is a requirement for all TN districts and requires the use of a state allocation budgeted within ePlan. This also requires approval from the School Board and the County Commission. Allocations were received on May 4th, with the grant still requiring completion and submission to the state for approval for the board packet. It was completed today at 3:00. EPlan would not allow the grant to be submitted until 5.12.26 due to an update needed on their end. We have worked with the State Department to obtain approval via email. Thank you to Mr. Brady, Mrs. Swanson, Russ Barnett, Site Directors, and Jamie Davis for their hard work on this in such a quick turnaround. The line-item budget has been printed for you and requires your approval.

Donna Casteel made the motion to adopt the Summer Learning Grant, Dustin Prichard seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

8. PRAISES AND COMPLIMENTS

Central High and McMinn High Tennis teams were recognized for going to state. Joe Malone thanked everyone for helping with the budget. Dustin Prichard mentioned that there were 11 students from MCHS get CPR certified, and thanked whoever made it possible. Bill Irvin thanked all staff and said they are all very much appreciated.

9. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

a. Next Regular Session Board Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2026

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

Chairman's Signature

Director of Schools Signature