

Awaiting Board Signatures
Mitchell Community Schools
Regular Session – Board of Trustees
6:00 p.m. – Monday, September 14, 2026

The Board of Trustees of Mitchell Community Schools met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on September 14, 2026 in the Administration Center of Mitchell Community Schools at 441 N. 8th Street, Mitchell, Indiana. Members present were Krystal Shetler, Patrick Redman, Chris Shaw, Steve Burton, Kyle Endris, Superintendent Todd Tanksley, and Greg Pittman, school attorney.

Mrs. Shetler called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Shetler asked if there were any public comments and Mrs. Chaisey Blais spoke with concerns over an FFA and Cosmos program at MHS.

Mr. Redman made the motion and Mr. Burton seconded the motion to approve the following items on the **Consent Agenda**: Motion carried 5-0.

- **Request Approval of the Following Minutes**
 1. Regular Session – August 10, 2026
 2. Executive Session – August 27, 2026
 3. Executive Session – September 8, 2026
- **Request Approval of the Following Financial Report(s)**
 1. Corporation – August 2026
 2. Extra-Curricular – August 2026
- **Claims**
- **Field Trip/Conference Requests**
 1. Field Trip – Hatfield Kindergarten – Bledsoe Farms Pumpkin Patch – October 8, 2026
French Lick, IN
 2. Field Trip – Hatfield 1st Grade – Lark Ranch – Loogootee, IN– October 1, 2026
 3. Field Trip – Hatfield 2nd Grade – Waldron Auditorium – Bloomington, IN – October 28, 2026 – “The Case of the Haunted Theater” Play
 4. Field Trip – MHS/MJHS FFA – Paoli Jr./Sr. High – District FFA Kick-Off – September 22, 2026
 5. Field Trip – MHS Astronomy Students – IU Bloomington Kirkwood Observatory – October 7, 2026
 6. Field Trip – MHS Health Sciences – Ivy Tech Bloomington – February 19, 2027 – “Discovering Health Careers”
 7. Field Trip – MHS CCMA Students – Vincennes University – October 2, 2026 – Health Professions Expo
 8. Field Trip – Burris Elementary 5th Grade – Hoosier National Forest – September 18, 2026

9. Field Trip – MHS Sophomores – North Lawrence Career Center – January 29, 2027
10. Tammy Roberts, Emma Holmes, Libby Jarrett, MCS Speech/Language Pathology,
Request to attend the ASHA Conference – November 19-21, 2026 in Indianapolis, IN
11. Dr. Emily Dykstra, MCS Special Ed. Director, Requests to attend the 2026 ICASE Fall
Conference– September 23-25, 2026 in Palinfeld, IN.

- **Resignations/Retirements**

1. Steven Sabo - MHS Assistant Track Coach – Resignation Effective August 31, 2026.
2. Josh Burnette - MJHS Wrestling Coach – Resignation Effective August 31, 2026
3. Ross Coletta - MCS Transportation Maintenance – Resignation Effective August 28, 2026
4. Jade Johnson - Burris Elementary Instructional Aide – Resignation Effective August 25, 2026

- **Fundraiser(s)**

1. MJHS/MHS FFA – Proposing a fundraiser September 28, 2026 thru October 28, 2026
The FFA will be selling holiday wreaths/decorations to assist with the cost of FFA
supplies.
2. MHS Prom Committee – Alumni Volleyball Game – November 6, 2026,
3. MHS Prom Committee – T-shirt/Sweatshirt Sales at MHS Volleyball and Basketball
Games – November 2026 through February 2027.
4. MHS Prom Committee – Bubble Tea Barn selling Tea during MHS/MJHS lunches –
October 28-29, 2026.

Items for Consideration and Action by Board of Trustees

- **Personnel**

Mr. Tanksley made the following recommendation:

MHS Dance – Mrs. Erica Slaughter has requested withdrawal of her resignation submitted August 14, 2026. Mr. Endris made the motion and Mr. Redman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Tanksley made on behalf of Mr. Bryan Fountain's recommendation:

Elementary Robotics Co-Sponsors – Ally Brown & Kelsy Wilson. Mr. Burton made the motion and Mr. Redman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Mr. Tanksley made on behalf of Mr. Carlson's recommendations of
MHS Club/ECA Sponsors:**

Art Club – Becky Mason

Recycling Club – Margaret Sears

National Honor Society – Tiffany Church

Key Club – Lane Hewitt

Science Club – Gabby Scherschel

Tri-Hi-Y – Crystal Goins

SADD – Lucas Dodson

MHS Student Council – Becky Mason
Spanish Club – Jennifer Allen
FCA – Matt Olson
Academic Team – Noah Kearns & Lane Hewitt
Tabletop Game Club – TBD
HOSA – Heidi Myers
National Technical Honors Society – Heidi Myers
eSports – Mitch Reed
Bring Change 2 Mind – Krista Kirk
Varsity Singers – Heidi Myers
Cooking Club – Becky Mason
Senior Class Sponsor – Tiffany Church
Senior Class Sponsor Support – Janice Fountain, Leslie Slaughter & Matt Olson
Prom Chairperson – Janice Fountain & Kyla Terrell
Regular Band – Jacob Snook
Head Color Guard Coach – Nikki Mitchell
Robotics Coach – Mitch Reed
MHS Publications – Ben Hudson
Boys Basketball Concessions (Funds Prom) – Ashley Powley
Pep Club – Lauren LaFavor
FFA Sponsor – Samantha Goen
Mr. Burton made the motion and Mr. Redman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ben Burton made the following recommendations:

MCS Traffic Monitor/Custodian – Jennifer Allen – Moving from Probationary to Full-Time.
MHS Night Shift “C” Custodian – Robin Brewer – Moving from Probationary to Full-Time.
Mr. Redman made the motion and Mr. Endris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

- **Extra-Curricular Personnel**

Mr. Hein made the following recommendations:

1. Boys Basketball “C” Team Coach – Luke LaFavor - Mr. Burton made the motion and Mr. Endris seconded the MHS motion. Motion carried 5-0
2. MHS Girls Basketball Varsity Assistant Coach – Mia Burton – Mr. Redman made the motion and Mr. Shaw seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0
3. MJHS Boys Basketball 7th Grade Coach – Amos Wegner - Mr. Redman made the motion and Mr. Burton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0
4. MJHS Girls Basketball 8th Grade Coach – Gary Dorsett – Mr. Burton made the motion and Mr. Redman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0
5. MJHS Girls Basketball 7th Grade Coach – Tony Sanders – Mr. Shaw made the motion and Mr. Redman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0
6. MJHS Girls Basketball 5th & 6th Grade Coach – Cara Shaw – Mr. Redman made the motion and Mr. Burton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

7. MJHS/MHS Wrestling Volunteer Assistant Coach – Mark Freeman – Mr. Redman made the motion and Mr. Endris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Disposition of Recommendation to Approve Revisions to the 2026-27 MCS School Calendar – The originally approved school calendar was found to have 2 extra student days and 1 extra Teacher day. The revision changes the last student day from May 25th to May 21st , and the Teacher Records Day from May 26th to May 24th. Commencement will remain on May 28, 2027. Mr. Redman made the motion and Mr. Burton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Disposition of Recommendation to Approve an Additional Stipend for a Behavioral Specialist Currently Holding a BCBA License– Dr. Dykstra is requesting that Keely Magill be paid a \$5000 stipend in recognition of the BCBA licensure and the weekly services she provides beyond her current caseload duties. Mr. Redman made the motion and Mr. Endris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Disposition of Recommendation to Approve the Purchase of a 2026 Thomas 78 Passenger School Bus from Kerlin Bus Sales– This bus will replace the current Bus 1, which is a 2009 model and part of our Bus Replacement Plan. Mr. Tanksley provided a cost comparison breakdown from the CIESC Cooperative Purchasing program, which shows the Kerlins' price as the cheapest among three companies. Mr. Redman made the motion and Mr. Endris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Disposition of Recommendation to Approve the Proposed and Publicized 2027 MCS Budget – Mr. Tanksley is seeking approval of the 2027 MCS budget as proposed and presented at the Budget Hearing on August 24th. Mr. Shaw made the motion and Mr. Redman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Items for Discussion by Board of Trustees

Mr. Tanksley recognized the MHS Marching Band for winning 1st place in the Class A band competition this weekend. They also received Best Auxiliary and Best Marching Band.

There is an Executive Session of the Board immediately following this meeting.

ADJOURN

Mr. Redman made the motion and Mr. Burton seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Krystal Shetler

Christopher Shaw

Kyle Endris

Steve Burton

Patrick Redman

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