McCracken County Board of Education Meeting
July 17th, 2025 (5:30 PM)
Meeting Recap

Recognitions

- Teacher Spotlights will begin again at the August BOE Meeting

Monthly Reports to the Board

- **Monthly Financial Report**
  - Mrs. DeJarnett shared with the Board that the district's external auditors were already beginning their work for the annual audit, and were in the midst of visiting every school to audit their accounting records. She also shared an update on progress toward rebuilding the district's philanthropic foundation, which is in the stage of gathering information about initiatives that the community wants to support and creating promotional materials to share with potential donors.

- Attendance
  - Mr. Heath provided board members with the attendance report for July. The focus was on the 2024-25 SAAR, Superintendent's Annual Attendance Report. He highlighted the district had six schools with attendance percentages over 95% for the school year and no school had an attendance percentage below 94% for the school year. Additionally, district-wide attendance was up from the 2023-24 school year. He acknowledged the excellent work of everyone involved in the submission of the SAAR.

- Instruction
  - Mr. Ceglinski's report included an update on Recent Professional Learning Opportunities. The district has hosted several high-quality professional development sessions focused on enhancing instructional practices across grade levels:
    - Kagan Cooperative Learning
    - Laying the Foundations for Middle School Math
    - Our High School Block Scheduling training
    - Next week trainings will include Blended Learning Academy and Aspiring School Counselor Training
    - Expanded Student Opportunities
      - We're excited to announce the launch of two new media programs—one at **Reidland Middle School** and one at **Heath Middle School**. These programs will provide students with hands-on experiences in digital media production, broadcasting, and

storytelling, helping them build 21st-century communication skills and real-world applications.

- **Transportation**
  - Mr. Thompson provided an update about various transportation topics. The department is very encouraged by the parent participation in completing the bus riding registration forms and continues to encourage all parents to complete the form. The completion of the forms assists the routing specialist to design routes in a timely manner that can be communicated with parents and students prior to the first day of school. Mr. Thompson updated the board on the recruitment strategies implemented to recruit additional full-time bus drivers. The district has utilized yard signs, billboards, social media posts, attended job fairs and personal meetings with potential candidates. The district has hired several new drivers and still have a few openings remaining.

- **Superintendent**
  - Mr. Hunt reported to board members that all administrators participated in the annual District Admin Retreat last Thursday and Friday, July 10th and 11th. He shared a special "Thank You" to Coye Elliott, Marc Mavigliano, and Jon Reid for all the work they did to plan an excellent retreat focusing on "Leading with Purpose". He also acknowledged and thanked Dr. Anton Reece, WKCTC President, and Mr. Dan Pope, former MCPS Principal, for being a part of the retreat and sharing leadership strategies with the team.

Consent Agenda and Action Items:

- **Ford Next Generation Learning (Ford NGL) Phase II**
  - **McCracken County High School** has completed *Phase 1: Explore* of the Ford NGL Roadmap. The district is now moving into *Phase 2: Envision* and has requested continued support from Ford NGL to advance community-connected transformation. This next phase will take place from July 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026.
- **Facility Usage Agreement with The Commonwealth Event Center**
  - **McCracken County High School** prom will be held at The Commonwealth Event Center on the evening of May 17, 2026.
- **Water Infiltration Investigation Proposal for MCHS**
  - The soffit overhang and ceiling at the main entrance of **McCracken County High School** has water damage that is causing the exterior gypsum board to break loose and fall. It is unsure where the water is infiltrating from and the proposal is to begin investigative work to determine the source for necessary repair.
- **District Surplus Property Declaration**
  - The Kentucky General Assembly passed HB 447 to permit districts to utilize 9-passenger vehicles to transport students. The law specifically states the vehicles

must leave the factory as a 9-passenger vehicle. The district currently owns a total of two (2) 10 passenger transport vans. The request is to surplus one (1) of the vans to off-set the purchase price of a smaller vehicle.

- **2025-2026 Interagency Agreement between MCBOE and the Dept of Juvenile Justice/Regional Detention Center (Tabled)**
    - Board members voted to table this item. Representatives from the District Office and DJJ will meet to clarify and possibly change several items in the agreement. The intention is to have this worked out and approved at August meeting of the BOE.

District Operations & Facilities

- **Revised BG-1 documents approved for Concord and Heath Elementary additions and remodels.**
    - The current District Facility Plan identifies specific items to be added at **Concord Elementary School**. To address the needs at CES new construction, heavy renovation and light renovation will be required. The revised BG 1 includes items for the construction of additional classroom space. The revision includes an updated cost estimate of the project- $6,655,618.19
    - The current District Facility Plan identifies specific items to be added at **Heath Elementary School**. To address the needs at HES new construction, heavy renovation and light renovation will be required. The revised BG-1 includes items such as a new gymnasium, support staff office space, secured entrance and additional classrooms. The revision includes an updated cost estimate of the project- $15,205,000.00
- **BG-1 documents approved for paving projects at:**
    - **Lone Oak Elementary** (parking lot)
        - Front Parking Lot: Select areas will be milled and resurfaced with a 1.5" asphalt layer.
        - **Back Parking Lot:** This area will be fully demolished and regraded to fix drainage issues in the loop, then resurfaced with a 4" asphalt layer.
    - **Lone Oak Intermediate** (bus loops)
        - Front Bus Loop (near office entrance): Selected areas will be milled and resurfaced with a 1.5" asphalt layer. Curbs will also be installed to help improve drainage and prevent water pooling.
        - Side Gravel Loop (added to ease Delaware Street traffic during bus drop-off): This gravel loop, created by maintenance, will be resurfaced with a 3" asphalt layer to improve durability and traffic flow.
    - **Reidland Elementary** (back parking lot)
        - The back lot is currently gravel, which washes out and forms potholes during heavy rain. Because of planned future construction, a temporary base coat will be applied. This solution improves current conditions while minimizing the risk of damage during upcoming construction work.