

**MINUTES**  
**Montgomery County Board of Education**

Tuesday, January 23, 2024  
Regular Session Meeting  
Clay Community Center  
5:30 p.m.

The Montgomery County Board of Education met in regular session at the Clay Community Center at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 to conduct monthly business. A copy of the agenda is bound at the conclusion of these Minutes.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Sharon Smith-Breiner, Chair  
Dr. Daniel Freeman, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Alice Anderson  
Ms. Carmela Fletcher-Green  
*Vacant*

Also present:

Matthew D. Thompson, Ed.D., Superintendent and Secretary to the Board  
Mrs. Michelle Williams, Board Attorney

*Additional meeting access will be available via live stream, which can be accessed at the following location:*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXlTX5dtroITsmmY4kSCOqg>

*The Board does not allow comments on certain matters dealing with individual personnel issues. Kentucky law states specifically that personnel matters are the responsibility of the Superintendent. On all personnel matters, you should contact the Superintendent of schools. (See Board Policies 03.16/03.26, 10.2) In addition, presentations may be limited in order to protect against divulgence of personally identifiable student information as protected by state and federal law.*

**Montgomery County School District's Mission Statement:**

*Our mission is to provide a safe and accepting environment and ensure a student-centered, equitable education with high expectations for ALL students.*

**I. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**Order #2023-24:088:** Primary Motion Passed. Dr. Freeman made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Ms. Fletcher-Green seconded the motion. Vote carried 4-0.

Mrs. Anderson	YES
Mrs. Smith-Breiner	YES
Dr. Freeman	YES
Ms. Fletcher-Green	YES

**III. Reading of Mission Statement**

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

**V. Moment of Silence**

**VI. Recognitions –**

1. Montgomery County eSports Team – *Rescheduled*
2. All-State Choir & Orchestra – *Rescheduled*
3. School Board Recognition Month

**VII. School Spotlight – Northview Elementary**

**VIII. Hearing of Citizens – No Citizens signed up to speak**

**IX. Reports/Monthly Updates**

Printed Information

- A. Maintenance
- B. Transportation
- C. Technology
- D. Food & Nutrition Services
- E. Child Care
- F. Communications
- G. Office of Special Education
- H. Curriculum Department and Instructional Coaches Reports
- I. School Reports & SBDM Minutes
- J. Attendance Report
- K. Superintendent's Calendar
- L. Superintendent's Report – *Verbal* –

1. Dr. Thompson began with mentioning that today was day 1 of our training with Safe and Civil Schools around building and improving a district-wide approach to a 3-tiered plan to address absenteeism. We were able to do this due to the Stronger Connections Grant that we were awarded. We will share the resulting school and district plans with the Board. Dr. Thompson went on to talk about January 9, 2024 was National Law Enforcement Day. He went on to thank all our SROs for all they do each and every day keeping our students and staff safe.
  - a. Chief of Police, Chris Barrier
  - b. Sergeant Brandon Burton
  - c. Officer Wayne Greene
  - d. Officer Kevin Willoughby
  - e. Steve Trimble

Dr. Thompson then spoke of Marti Escalante, Director of Special Education and Micah Stokes, Assistant Principal at MSE, are both being inducted into the Kentucky Women in Educational Leadership cohort over the next couple of days. We have phenomenal staff and its always great to recognize them for their achievements. He then spoke of Board Appreciation – It is vital that everyone know how much time and effort our Board members put into their “volunteer” roles. No one sees the time spent on phone calls with constituents. No one sees the time spent on emails while listening and explaining things. No one sees the time spent on

reviewing material in preparation for Board meetings (twice a month). And so, I just want to say thank you to our Board Members for all that you do that go unnoticed: Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Fletcher-Green, Dr. Freeman, Mrs. Smith-Breiner, and Mr. Morgan, thank you for your support, guidance and expertise as Montgomery County Board Members. In addition, Dr. Thompson spoke of the opportunities that our students have to show mastery of many skills are fantastic! Here are just some of the strong performances in all aspects of our student experience that have occurred since our last Board Meeting:

- f. Senior, Wittley Jacobs was a top 10 state finalist at the DYW State Competition
- g. Both high school and middle school archery teams are experiencing tons of success. High school took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Lee County tournament two weeks ago. Middle school was one archer short but would have claimed 1<sup>st</sup> place as well.
- h. The swim team swept the awards at the swim meet a few days ago against Rowan County.
- i. McNabb's Academic Team did great at the district Governor's Cup. They were the quick recall champions, the future problem-solving champions, and the overall champions.

There are so many wonderful things going on in our school district. Our students and staff are doing amazing things!

**X. Consent Agenda** (*Red page numbers notate revisions and/or additions in Addendum section*)

**Order #2023-24:089:** Primary Motion Passed. Mr. Morgan made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Dr. Freeman seconded the motion. Vote carried 4-0.

Mrs. Anderson	YES
Mrs. Smith-Breiner	YES
Dr. Freeman	YES
Ms. Fletcher-Green	YES

*Items approved were:*

- A.** Approval of Minutes –Special Session 12/19/2023 and Regular Session 12/19/2023
- B.** Treasurer/Food Service Reports & Accounts Payable – A copy of the approved report and AP are bound at the conclusion of these minutes.
- C.** Monthly School Activity Reports – Copies of the approved reports are bound at the conclusion of these minutes.
- D.** Student Trip Requests – Copies of the Approved trips are bound at the conclusion of these minutes.
- E.** Fundraiser Requests – A copy of the approved requests are bound at the conclusion of these minutes.
- F.** Facilities Use Requests – A copy of the approved requests are bound at the conclusion of these minutes.
- G.** Declaration of Surplus Property – A copy of the approved surplus are bound at the conclusion of these minutes.
- H.** Agreements, Applications & Contracts – Copies are bound at the conclusion of these Minutes.

*Items Approved were:*

- 1. Early Learning Bus Grant Acceptance
- 2. Shortened School Day Request – Mapleton(2) & MCHS(1)
- 3. Western Governors University Student Teaching Agreement

**I. School and District Improvement Plans****XI. Nutrition & Physical Activity Report Card**

**Order #2023-24:090:** Primary Motion Passed. Dr. Freeman made a motion to approve the report card, as presented. Mrs. Smith-Breiner seconded the motion. Vote carried 4-0

Mrs. Anderson	YES
Mrs. Smith-Breiner	YES
Dr. Freeman	YES
Ms. Fletcher-Green	YES

**XII. 2024-2025 Draft Budget**

**Order #2023-24:091:** Primary Motion Passed. Ms. Fletcher-Green made a motion to approve the draft budget, as presented. Dr. Freeman seconded the motion. Vote carried 4-0

Mrs. Anderson	YES
Mrs. Smith-Breiner	YES
Dr. Freeman	YES
Ms. Fletcher-Green	YES

**XIII. Discussion / Approval of SFCC Offer of Assistance**

**Order #2023-24:092:** Primary Motion Passed. Ms. Fletcher-Green Dr. Freeman made a motion to approve and accept the SFCC Offer of Assistance, as presented. Ms. Fletcher-Green seconded the motion. Vote carried 4-0

Mrs. Anderson	YES
Mrs. Smith-Breiner	YES
Dr. Freeman	YES
Ms. Fletcher-Green	YES

**XIV. Discussion / Approval of Supplemental English Language Arts for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade – McNabb Middle**

**Order #2023-24:093:** Primary Motion Passed. Dr. Freeman made a motion to approve the purchase of the materials for McNabb. Ms. Fletcher-Green seconded the motion. Vote carried 4-0

Mrs. Anderson	YES
Mrs. Smith-Breiner	YES
Dr. Freeman	YES
Ms. Fletcher-Green	YES

**XV. Personnel Matters/Acknowledgement of Personnel Activities**

**Order #2023-24:094:** Primary Motion Passed. Ms. Fletcher-Green made a motion to approve the Personnel agenda and additional items, as presented. Dr. Freeman seconded the motion. Vote carried 4-0.

Mrs. Anderson	YES
Mrs. Smith-Breiner	YES
Dr. Freeman	YES
Ms. Fletcher-Green	YES

*Items Approved were:*

*A copy of the approved items are bound at the conclusion of these minutes.*

**A. Discussion / Approval Regarding Personnel Report**

**XVI. Facilities -NA**

- I. **Addendum / Revisions / Additional Information** – *See initial approval in minutes under the listed item -NA*
- II. **Confirm February Meeting.** *The February Regular Session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Clay Community Center.*
- III. **Closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(c), to Discuss Pending Litigation** – *Not needed*
- IV. **Possible Action Following Closed Session** – *NA*

V. **Adjournment**

**Order #2023-24:095:** Primary Motion Passed. Having no further business to discuss, Ms. Fletcher-Green made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Freeman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. Vote carried 4-0.

Mrs. Anderson	YES
Mrs. Smith-Breiner	YES
Dr. Freeman	YES
Ms. Fletcher-Green	YES

  
Secretary - Board of Education

  
Chairperson - Board of Education

