

MINUTES
Montgomery County Board of Education

Tuesday, October 24, 2023
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, September 26, 2023 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
Mr. Bill Morgan

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 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Order #2023-24:046: Primary Motion Passed. Ms. Fletcher-Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Dr. Freeman seconded the motion. Vote carried 5-0.

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

III. Reading of Mission Statement

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Moment of Silence

VI. All State Performance – MCHS Choir

VII. Recognitions –

1. KHSAA State Golf Tournament Competitors
2. Acknowledgements

VIII. School Spotlight - Mapleton Elementary

IX. Hearing of Citizens – No Citizens signed up to speak

X. 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* –

Dr. Thompson began with speaking about the month of October saying we took our school administrators on school visits and conducted classroom walkthroughs, specifically looking at implementation of our MoCo Method instructional blueprint. On October 10, 2023, all the head principals, district admin, and curriculum coaches conducted walkthroughs at MCHS. On October 24, 2023, all the assistant principals and district admin conducted walkthroughs at Mt. Sterling Elementary. We will continue to conduct these walkthroughs twice a month to help us monitor our implementation of our four key pillars; 1) Consistent opportunities to work on grade-appropriate assignments; 2) Strong instruction where students do most of the thinking in a lesson; 3) Deep engagement in what they're learning; and 4) Teachers who hold high expectations for students and believe they can meet grade-level standards. Dr. Thompson went on to talk about the Work Ethic Seal. Dr. Thompson said they had a great session with the Juniors earlier in October. They participated in sessions on resume writing (which he led) Interviewing (led by Chris Miller from MSU Mt. Sterling and managers from Dairy Queen) and "Things Employers Wished that New Employees Knew" (led by Jason Rainey from the Chamber and Chris Follet from Community Trust Bank). He then mentioned that it was KY Retired Teachers Appreciation Week last week and he wanted to acknowledge all the retired staff who help out in so many ways. Our students are the beneficiaries of all the knowledge and experience of our retired teachers who come back to help. Dr. Thompson said October is National Principal Appreciation Month. Saying we know that our school leaders

do so much and have the weight of the world for each child in their buildings on their shoulders. He said a special “Thank you” to:

- a. Dudley Napier – Camargo
- b. Casey Greene – Mapleton
- c. Christopher Barnett – MSE
- d. Beth Mullins – Northview
- e. Lori Beth Mays – McNabb
- f. Holly Lawson – MCHS
- g. Brett Whitaker – Sterling School
- h. Travis Manley – Montgomery County ATC

Dr. Thompson went on to say 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:

- i. Seniors Ava Plumb and Drew Thompson both qualified for the state cross country championship which is this coming Saturday.
- j. Our students and staff throughout the district have done a great job celebrating and remembering Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- k. Our girls golf team competed in the KHSAA state golf tournament. Madison Easterling finished with a team high placement of tied for 29th.
- l. Senior Ty Greer was named the Stellar Student by the Mt. Sterling/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.
- m. McNabb teacher Adam Allison was named the Educator of Excellence by the Chamber.

Dr. Thompson finished with saying there are so many wonderful things going on in our school district. Our students and staff are doing amazing things!

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

Order #2023-24:047: Primary Motion Passed. Dr. Freeman made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. Vote carried 5-0

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

Items approved were:

- A. Approval of Minutes –Special Session Tax Hearing 9/14/2023, Special Session 9/14/2023, Special Session 9/16/2023 and Regular Session 9/26/2023
- 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 – NA.
- H.** Agreements, Applications & Contracts – Copies are bound at the conclusion of these Minutes.

Items Approved were:

- 1. KETS Offer of Assistance
- 2. Speech Services – ProCare Therapy Agreement
- 3. Early Learning Bus Grant
- 4. Hudl Agreement

XII. Discussion / Approval of Board Member Nominee for the District Planning Committee and Approval of the District Planning Committee

Order #2023-24:048: Primary Motion Passed. Mrs. Smith-Breiner made a motion to approve the planning committee and nominate Alice Anderson as the Board seat for the committee. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. Vote carried 5-0

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

XIII. Discussion / Approval of Revised Destination for Black & Hispanic Achievers Trip

Order #2023-24:049: Primary Motion Passed. Dr. Freeman made a motion to approve the trip destination change to Atlanta, Georgia, as presented. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. Vote carried 5-0

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

XIV. Personnel Matters/Acknowledgement of Personnel Activities

Order #2023-24:050: Primary Motion Passed. Mrs. Smith-Breiner made a motion to approve the Personnel agenda and additional items, as presented. Dr. Freeman seconded the motion. Vote carried 5-0.

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

Items Approved were:

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

- A.** Discussion / Approval Regarding Personnel Report

XV. Facilities

Order #2023-24:051: Primary Motion Passed. Mr. Smith-Breiner made a motion to approve the facilities items, as presented. Dr. Freeman seconded the motion. Vote carried 5-0

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

Items Approved were:

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A. Change Order -Camargo

II. Addendum / Revisions / Additional Information – *See initial approval in minutes under the listed item*

III. Confirm November Meeting. *The October Regular Session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Clay Community Center.*

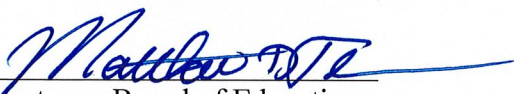
IV. Closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(c), to Discuss Pending Litigation – *Not needed*

V. Possible Action Following Closed Session - *NA*

VI. Adjournment

Order #2023-24:052: Primary Motion Passed. Having no further business to discuss, Dr. Freeman made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Fletcher-Green seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Vote carried 5-0.

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


Secretary - Board of Education


Chairperson - Board of Education

