

***Mercer County Senior High  
SBDM Council  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 12th, 2025***

The meeting was called to order by Spencer Tatum at 3:31 p.m. in the conference room #169. The following members of the council were in attendance:

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| <b>Present :</b><br>Spencer Tatum, Principal<br>Ekambaram Elumalai, Teacher<br>Kendra Rowland, Teacher<br>Andrew Ashford, Teacher<br>Todd Davis, Parent<br>Mike Floro, SBDM Secretary | <b>Absent:</b><br>Jessica Sanders, Parent |
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**Agenda Approval**

*Motion to accept:* A. Ashford, seconded by, Kendra Rowland  
Motion was approved by consensus.

**Minutes Approval**

April minutes were reviewed by the council.  
*Motion to accept:* K. Rowland, second by T. Davis  
Motion was approved by consensus.

**Good News Report**

- Alyssa Pittman was chosen as Gear Up Kentucky Student of the Year.
- Mike Floro was chosen as Gear Up Kentucky Staff Member of the Year.
- The MCSHS team of Rennan Doan, Emily Bohman, Connor Rakes, and Tori Devine won 1st place in the Kentucky 4-H Wildlife Challenge and will represent and compete at the National 4-H FFA Wildlife Habitat Education Program in Crossville, TN in July.
- Kate Carlton placed 1st in the Forestry competition.
- The MCSHS Welding team, consisting of Hayden McGuire, Cort Flach, Tanner Ison, and Landon Steele won 1st place in their regional competition and will advance to the state welding contest at the State Fair in August.
- The Envirothon team consisting of Eli Hancock, Tori Devine, Emily Bohman, Rennan Doan, and Connor Rakes won their regional competition and will now advance to the state competition in Hardinsburg.
- The musical production “Little Shop of Horrors” was a huge success over the weekend of April 25-27.
- Mercer County Senior High School has received three nominations for the 2025 KPA Bradley Awards — a prestigious regional program recognizing excellence in high school musical theatre across Kentucky.  
Outstanding Technical Execution – Mercer County Senior High School  
Best Actor in a Leading Role – *Braydon Branam as Seymour*  
Best Actor in a Supporting Role – *Landon Howard as Audrey II*

- The National Honor Society's "Dance Blue" fundraiser for pediatric cancer at UK's Dance Blue Clinic at UK Children's Hospital raised over \$13,000 and was a tremendous success.
- Cameron Roution won 1st place in the Mercer County Conservation Essay contest at MCSHS and also finished as county runner-up.
- The 2025 Prom was held on May 3rd at the Showbarn at Daynabrook. Jace Good and Sage Markham were crowned as Prom King and Queen.
- The MCSHS Spring Band Concert was held on May 8th.
- Kaden Jones and Braylon Ellis finished in the top 5 of their region and have qualified to fish in the High School Fishing World Finals and National Championship in Oklahoma in June.
- Gavinn Rodriguez signed to play football at Campbellsville University.
- Braidin Baughman signed to play football at Lindsey Wilson University.
- Cameron Bottoms signed to play football at Lindsey Wilson University.

### **Monthly Reports**

#### **Behavior:**

- No Behavior Reports for May were given due to the system being down.

#### **Academic:**

- KSA Testing started on 5/12/25
- AP Testing is also happening through May

#### **Budget:**

- Section 6 - \$2,160.00
- District Activity Accounts - \$371,963.00
- Student Activity Accounts - \$30,869.00

#### **Staffing Update:**

We have filled the 1 Principal Position with Mike Floro being named the next Principal at Mercer County Senior High School. We have also filled 2 Science positions with Lora Bailey coming over from KMS and Chris Preece joining us from Berea Independent. We have also filled 1 Social Studies position with Herbie Brock coming to us from Lexington but had 15 years of HS experience at Rockcastle County HS.

We now have 2 certified positions open, an Assistant Principal and a Health/PE (Complex Weightroom).

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

- Mr. Tatum updated council on the current scheduling process with the counselors and students. He said the counselors are currently on the sophomore class and have hopes of finishing them this week.
- Graduation plans were discussed. Graduation will be on Friday May 30th at 7:00PM at the high school

- There was a presentation and 1st reading of the Missing / Late Work Policy. It was asked by members of council to “clean up the language and text” so it was all consistent  
*Motion to accept:* K. Rowland, second by A. Ashford  
Motion was approved by consensus.
- The Emergency Management Plan for the 25-26 SY was presented and it was said that there were no significant changes other than names being updated.  
*Motion to accept:* A. Ashford, seconded by T. Davis  
Motion was approved by consensus.
- Mr. Tatum presented results of SBDM parent and teacher elections for the 25-26 SY. The results were: Brittany Sexton and Todd Davis were elected as parent representatives and Dr. Eka, Kendra Rowland, and Andrew Ashford were elected as teacher representatives. Mr. Tatum discussed with council that these members would all need to get their SBDM update training in before the end of July.

### **Policy Updates**

- No Policy Updates remain for the 24-25 SY.

### **Upcoming dates/events:**

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| May 12-16    | KSA Testing window (10th and 11th grades)          |
| May 12       | SBDM 3:30 pm                                       |
| May 14       | Senior Trip - King's Island                        |
| May 18       | Baccalaureate - Harrodsburg Baptist Church 3:00 pm |
| May 19-20    | Senior Exams                                       |
| May 20       | Board meeting 5:30 pm                              |
| May 21       | CU-Harrodsburg Senior Cookout 11:00 am             |
| May 22       | Senior grades due                                  |
| May 22       | Senior Community Service hours due                 |
| May 22       | Underclassmen Awards program 8:30 am               |
| May 22,23    | Seniors Job Shadowing Days                         |
| May 23       | PBIS Spring Cookout 11:20 am                       |
| May 23,27,28 | Semester Exams                                     |
| May 23       | Senior Sunset 7:00 pm                              |
| May 26       | Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL                           |
| May 27       | Senior Awards program 9:00 am                      |
| May 27       | Whitaker Bank Senior Cookout 11:30 am              |
| May 28       | Last Day of School                                 |

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| May 28    | Senior Walk (MCES, MCIS) 8:15 am         |
| May 28    | Graduation Practice 9:00 am              |
| May 29    | Grades due (9th-11th grades)             |
| May 29    | Closing Day for Staff                    |
| May 30    | Graduation 7:00 pm                       |
| May 30    | Project Graduation 11:00 pm              |
| June 3-13 | Summer School                            |
| June 9    | SBDM 9:00 am                             |
| June 12   | Sports Physicals @ MCSHS 12:00 - 6:00 pm |
| June 14   | ACT                                      |
| June 17   | Board meeting 5:30 pm                    |

### **Public Comments**

Ben Jette, Senior at MCSHS, spoke to council about the senior classes' wish to decorate their graduation caps. He had a signature sheet with 127 / 149 signatures on it. He presented the council with a proposal on how this could be monitored by administration. Mr. Tatum told Ben that school administration would consider his request and get back with him at school in the next couple days.

The next regular monthly meeting will be Monday June 9th at 9:00 a.m in the conference room #169. The SBDM council was adjourned at 3:56 p.m. The motion was made by A. Ashford and seconded by K. Rowland. Motion was approved by consensus.

*Submitted by Mike Floro, recording secretary*