

Regular Meeting of the Trousdale County Board of Education

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Trousdale County Board of Education

103 Lock Six Road

Hartsville, TN 37074

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

Robert Atwood: Present

Deanna Bode: Present

John Kerr: Present

Racheal Petty: Present

Chris Woodard: Present

1. AGENDA:

1.A. Call to Order Johnny Kerr, Chairperson

1.B. Invocation Johnny Kerr, Chairperson

1.C. Pledge of Allegiance Robert Atwood, Board Member

1.D. Time for Public Comment

1.E. Invitation for audience to address items on the Agenda

1.F. Approval of the Agenda March 19, 2026

Approval of the March 19, 2026, Agenda passed with a motion by Racheal Petty and a second by Chris Woodard.

Chris Woodard: Yea

Deanna Bode: Yea

John Kerr: Yea

Racheal Petty: Yea

Robert Atwood: Yea

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the March 19, 2026, Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Deanna Bode and a second by Robert Atwood.

Chris Woodard: Yea

Deanna Bode: Yea

John Kerr: Yea

Racheal Petty: Yea

Robert Atwood: Yea

- 2.A. Approval of Consent Agenda for March 19, 2026**
- 2.B. Approval of Minutes from February 19, 2026**
- 2.C. Approval of Special Olympics Field Trip Request Attachment A**
- 2.D. Approval of TCHS Field Trip Request - Math Contest Attachment B**
- 2.E. Approval of TCES Field Trip Request - Children's Theater Attachment C**
- 2.F. Approval of FFA Field Trip Request - Poultry Evaluation Attachment D**
- 2.G. Approval of FFA Field Trip Request - Vet Science Attachment E**
- 2.H. Approval of FFA Field Trip Request - Regional Livestock Attachment F**
- 2.I. Approval of JSMS Cheerleader Fundraising Request Attachment G**
- 2.J. Approval of HS Volleyball Fundraiser Attachment H**
- 2.K. Approval of Budget Amendment 47131 Vocational Education Grants**

Amend the 2025-26 142 Federal Projects Budget by debiting Revenue. Amendments are to include:			
	Subfund 802: Pekins Basic		
DEBIT Revenue	47131	Vocational Education Grants	1,184.99
GRAND TOTALS			\$1,184.99
Amend the 2025-26 142 Federal Projects Budget by crediting line item Expenditures. Amendments are to include:			
CREDIT EXPENDITURES	71300	Vocational Education Program	
	429	Instructional Supplies & Materials	888.74
	72130	Other Student Support	
	524PD	Inservice/Staff Development	59.25
	599C	Other Charges (CTSO)	237.00
GRAND TOTALS			\$1,184.99

2.L. Approval of Budget Amendment 72210 Regular Instruction Support Services

Amend the 2025-26 142 Federal Project Budget by debiting line item expenditures. Amendments are to include:				
	Subfund 011	Consolidated Administration		
DEBIT Expenditure	72210	Regular Instruction Support Services		
	790	Other Equipmment		1,700.00
GRAND TOTALS				\$1,700.00
Amend the 2025-26 142 Federal Project Budget by crediting line item Expenditures. Amendments are to include:				
CREDIT EXPENDITURES	72210	Regular Instruction Support Services		
	524	In Service/Staff Development		1,700.00
GRAND TOTALS				\$1,700.00

2.M. Approval of Budget Amendment 71200 Special Education Program (Sub fund 912)

Amend the 2025-26 142 Federal Projects Budget by debiting line item expenditures. Amendments are to include:				
	Subfund 912	IDEA Preschool		
DEBIT Expenditures	71200	Special Education Program		
	725	Special Educaton Equipment		1,800.00
GRAND TOTALS				\$1,800.00
Amend the 2025-26 142 Federal Projects Budget by crediting line item Expenditures. Amendments are to include:				
CREDIT EXPENDITURES	72220	Special Education Support Services		
	524	In Service/Staff Development		1,800.00
GRAND TOTALS				\$1,800.00

2.N. Approval of Budget Amendment 72220 Special Education Support Services

Amend the 2025-26 142 Federal Projects Budget by debiting line item expenditures. Amendments are to include:

	Subfund 902	IDEA Part B		
DEBIT Expenditure	72220	Special Education Support Services		
	790	Other Equipment		2,000.00
GRAND TOTALS				\$2,000.00

Amend the 2025-26 142 Federal Projects Budget by crediting line item Expenditures. Amendments are to include:

CREDIT EXPENDITURES	71200	Special Education Program		
	725	Special Education Equipment		2,000.00
GRAND TOTALS				\$2,000.00

2.O. Approval of Budget Amendment 71200 Special Education Program (State SPED Preschool Grant)

Amend the 2025-26 141 General Purpose School Budget by debiting line item expenditures. Amendments are to include:

	State Special	Education Preschool Grant		
DEBIT Expenditures	71200	Special Education Program		
	499- SSEPG	Other Supplies & Materials		372.77
GRAND TOTALS				\$372.77

Amend the 2025-26 141 General Purpose School Budget by crediting line item Expenditures. Amendments are to include:

CREDIT EXPENDITURES	71200	Special Education Program		
	725- SSEPG	Special Education Equipment		372.77
GRAND TOTALS				\$372.77

3. SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS:

4. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS: (As Needed)

4.A. Student School Board Representative

Zoey Vaughan, student representative, addressed the Board. Parent teacher conferences are going on tonight until 8:00 P.M. Last night was Senior recognition night where they announced honors, scholars, superlatives, and the top ten for the class. Senior night will be next month after Spring Break which will include announcements of scholarships the Seniors have received. The dual enrollment meeting for rising Juniors was held last night after Senior recognition. Our students came back from SkillsUSA this past week. Jose Rodriguez competed in welding, Ethan Kauffman competed in welding sculpture, and Brennan Dunbar and Roberto Garza-Ramos placed 2nd out of 7 teams in robotics and automation technology. Softball had a big win last night - 10 - 0 versus Macon. Baseball is playing tonight in Antioch versus Nashville Collegiate Prep. Spring Break is March 20th – 29th and no school tomorrow. During Spring Break, FFA will be going to Gatlinburg, softball is going to Gulf Shores, and baseball is going to Knoxville. After Spring Break, FBLA is going to their State conference in Chattanooga April 6th – 9th. Prom is April 10th. FBLA has their super Saturday on April 18th.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

5.A. Employment Notifications

Mrs. Tina Chasse has been hired as the Middle School Head Volleyball Coach for the 2026-27 school year.

5.B. Academic and Goal Updates

- The 9 weeks ended on March 10th; report cards will go home on March 31st.
- Juniors took the ACT at the high school Tuesday. There are 90 juniors, and all but 6 took the ACT. They will take the senior retake in October of next year.
- The last benchmark tests for the year were given the week of March 9th. Parents will get results tonight at parent conferences, and those not attending will receive theirs with report cards.
- Tonight is parent teacher conferences. Tomorrow is an administrative day, no school. Spring break is March 23rd – 27th.
- Once we come back, we have 2 weeks before state tests begin.
- TCAP/EOC testing begins April 13th and ends May 8th.

5.C. Project Updates

- HSS has fixed cameras at the elementary school
- The chiller has been installed and should be ready to use after Spring Break
- Bus 17 that had engine replaced is back in service.
- There was a water leak in the boiler room at the high school. Bransford is working on it, and it will be fixed by the time we return from Spring Break.

Field House:

- Floors are complete
- Putting baseboards down
- Setting toilets
- Will be putting curbs in next week and laying asphalt
- Meeting to create punch list is Monday

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.A. Approval of Non Certified salaries for the 2026-27 School Year

Motion by Chris Woodard and a second by Racheal Petty to approve a 3% pay increase for non-certified salaries for the 2026-27 school year.

Chris Woodard: Yea
 Deanna Bode: Yea
 John Kerr: Yea
 Racheal Petty: Yea
 Robert Atwood: Yea

7.B. Approval of Teacher Salaries for the 2026-27 School Year

Motion by Robert Atwood and a second by Chris Woodard to approve a 3% pay increase for teacher salaries for the 2026-27 school year.

Chris Woodard: Yea
 Deanna Bode: Yea
 John Kerr: Yea
 Racheal Petty: Yea
 Robert Atwood: Yea

7.C. Approval of Administrative Salaries for the 2026-27 School Year

Motion by Racheal Petty and a second by Deanna Bode to approve a 1% pay increase for administrative salaries for the 2026-27 school year.

Chris Woodard: Yea
 Deanna Bode: Yea
 John Kerr: Yea
 Racheal Petty: Yea
 Robert Atwood: Yea

7.D. Laura McMorran - Discuss policy and procedures related to parent communication

Ms. McMorran addressed the Board. She thanked the Director of Schools and the Board for honoring her request to speak. She wanted to discuss the policies and procedures regarding the expectations of parent communication in light of last week's event (threat of mass violence

at the high school). She referred to the Board Community Relations policy (1.500) – In order to promote community interaction relating to policy and operation of the school, the Board will strive to keep citizens of the school system regularly informed about all policies, problems and planning. She stated her intent was not to criticize but come together in partnership to work together and ask clarifying questions to better understand the district’s communication policies, especially situations related to safety concerns. She would like to propose that moving forward there is more consistent communication and documented procedures when it comes to direct communication with families. Chief Deputy Wayland Cothron with the Trousdale County Sheriff’s Department read a timeline of events that occurred during the threat of mass violence. Tuesday night, March 10th, Chief Deputy Cothron received a message to call an FBI agent out of Cookeville at 8:48 P.M. They had received an online statement of a threat towards Trousdale County High School. At 10:42 P.M., local investigators had completed their investigation of the threat. At 10:46 P.M., a website notification was posted on tcschools.org webpage. Local law enforcement determined the threat was a verbal threat and no physical actions were going toward the school. Trousdale County High School’s threat assessment team met the next morning and determined the threat to be non-credible. After much discussion, the Board determined they would not outline what the Director had to do when notifying parents in different situations.

8. ACCOUNT ANALYSIS:


9. VENDOR CHECKS:


10. EXPENDITURES & ENCUMBRANCES:

11. ADJOURN:

Motion to Adjourn passed with a motion by Racheal Petty and a second by Robert Atwood.

Chris Woodard: Yea
Deanna Bode: Yea
John Kerr: Yea
Racheal Petty: Yea
Robert Atwood: Yea


Chairperson


Director of Schools



Trousdale County Schools Request for School Trip

Attachment A

(To be submitted to principal at least ten (10) days prior to the occurrence of trip)

School: TCES JSMS TCHS Other: _____
#19 #1 needed (Please specify)

Transportation Requested: Bus Van Car None
(Please indicate # of vehicles needed in boxes provided)

Destination: Lebanon High School

Address: 500 Blue Devil Blvd, Lebanon, TN 37087

Date(s) of Event: Tuesday, April 7th Raindate Tuesday April 14th

Approximate Mileage: 40 miles (round trip) Student Fee: \$ 0

Group Attending: Transition Class and Seniors from TAP Approximate #: 4 students participating 4 TAPS Students TOTAL: 8

Teacher(s) in Charge: Kim Duke

Departure Time: 8:00 Return Time: 2pm

How will students benefit from this trip? Students will be participating in athletics promoting a healthy lifestyle and gaining a circle of connections to promote healthy life-long friendship

Lunch details: Lunch provided at event

Parents or Chaperones: Kim Duke, V. Dincin

Non-participating students or classes will _____

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Principal's Signature

Date

[Signature]
Director's Signature

3-19-26
Date

Transportation Director's Signature

Date

Assigned Bus Driver(s): _____



Trousdale County Schools Request for School Trip

Attachment B

(To be submitted to principal at least ten (10) days prior to the occurrence of trip)

School: TCES JSMS TCHS Other: _____
(Please specify)

Transportation Requested: Bus Van Car None
(Please indicate # of vehicles needed in boxes provided)

Destination: Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association Math Contest - TTU

Address: Tennessee Tech University - 110 University Drive, Cookeville, TN 38505
(Bruner Hall)

Date(s) of Event: April 7, 2026

Approximate Mileage: 110 miles (round trip) Student Fee: \$ 6 per student

Group Attending: Selected Calculus Students Approximate #: 6

Teacher(s) in Charge: Canaan Bowman

Departure Time: 7:30 AM Return Time: 2:45 PM

How will students benefit from this trip? Students will challenge themselves by taking practice tests in class which will determine the students (6) who are selected to go to the contest. The

contest encourages great critical thinking skills and stimulates interest in mathematics for these students who are inclined to further study math.

Lunch details: Lunch in Cookeville restaurant

Parents or Chaperones: _____

Non-participating students or classes will work on assignments as normal in class

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2/26/26
Date

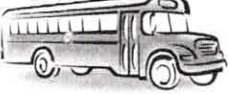
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Director's Signature

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Date

Transportation Director's Signature

Date

Assigned Bus Driver(s): _____



Trousdale County Schools

Request for School Trip

Attachment C

(To be submitted to principal at least ten (10) days prior to the occurrence of trip)

School: TCES JSMS TCHS Other: _____
 (Please specify)

Transportation Requested: Bus 2 Van Car None
 (Please indicate # of vehicles needed in boxes provided)

Destination: Childrens Theater

Address: 25 Middleton St, Nashville TN 37210

Date(s) of Event: 05/08/26

Approximate Mileage: 100 miles (round trip) Student Fee: \$ 12.00

Group Attending: 2nd grade Approximate #: 100

Teacher(s) in Charge: Colburn, Wilson, Tucker, Blackburn, Graves

Departure Time: 8:00 Return Time: 2:00

How will students benefit from this trip? Students will be able

to describe how characters respond to major events
and to recount an experience w/ appropriate
facts, details, etc.

Lunch details: sack lunch

Parents or Chaperones: 4 extra- Kyla, Abby, Ms. Lori Blackburn,

Arielle?
 Non-participating students or classes will go to the library

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Aemetra Braden
 Principal's Signature

2/24/26
 Date

J. Cotton
 Director's Signature

3-19-26
 Date

 Transportation Director's Signature

 Date

Assigned Bus Driver(s): _____



Trousdale County Schools Request for School Trip

Country
Evaluation

(To be submitted to principal at least ten (10) days prior to the occurrence of trip)

School: TCES JSMS TCHS Other: Attachment D
(Please specify)

Transportation Requested: Bus Van Car None
(Please indicate # of vehicles needed in boxes provided)

Destination: Hyder-Burks Ag Pavilion

Address: 2390 Gainsboro Grade, Cookeville TN 38501

Date(s) of Event: April 21, 2026

Approximate Mileage: 103.6 (round trip) Student Fee: \$ 0

Group Attending: FFA Approximate #: 4

Teacher(s) in Charge: Amanda Waller

Departure Time: 8:00 Return Time: 2:00

How will students benefit from this trip? See Attachment

Lunch details: Lunch will be provided

Parents or Chaperones: N/A

Non-participating students or classes will Sub plans will be left

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Principal's Signature

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Date

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Director's Signature

3-19-26
Date

Transportation Director's Signature

Date

Assigned Bus Driver(s): _____



Trousdale County Schools Request for School Trip

(To be submitted to principal at least ten (10) days prior to the occurrence of trip)

Attachment E

School: TCES JSMS TCHS Other: _____
(Please specify)

Transportation Requested: Bus Van Car None
(Please indicate # of vehicles needed in boxes provided)

Destination: University of Tennessee Martin

Address: 554 University of Tennessee at Martin

Date(s) of Event: April 18, 2026 (SAT)

Approximate Mileage: 392 (round trip) Student Fee: \$ 0

Group Attending: EFA Approximate #: 4

Teacher(s) in Charge: Amanda Waller

Departure Time: 5:00 am Return Time: 6:00 pm

How will students benefit from this trip? See Attachment

Lunch details: We will eat lunch after the Contest

Parents or Chaperones: N/A

Non-participating students or classes will This is a Saturday event

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Principal's Signature

7-1-21
Date

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Director's Signature

3-19-26
Date

Transportation Director's Signature

Date

Assigned Bus Driver(s): _____



Trousdale County Schools Request for School Trip

(To be submitted to principal at least ten (10) days prior to the occurrence of trip)

School: TCES JSMS TCHS Other: Attachment F
(Please specify)

Transportation Requested: Bus Van Car None
(Please indicate # of vehicles needed in boxes provided)

Destination: Miller Coliseum

Address: 304 W Thompson Ln, Murfreesboro TN 37129

Date(s) of Event: April 2, 2026

Approximate Mileage: 80.9 (round trip) Student Fee: \$ 0

Group Attending: FFA Approximate #: 4

Teacher(s) in Charge: Amanda Waller

Departure Time: 8:00 Return Time: 2:00

How will students benefit from this trip? See Attachment

Lunch details: We will eat before the Contest

Parents or Chaperones: N/A

Non-participating students or classes will Sub plans will be left

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Principal's Signature

3/15/21
Date

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Director's Signature

3-19-26
Date

Transportation Director's Signature

Date

Assigned Bus Driver(s): _____



Trousedale County Schools Request for Fundraising Activity

Attachment G

School: TCES JSMS TCHS

Student Group/Activity: Cheerleaders

Net Amount Expected/Goal: \$200+ per girl

Specific Purpose of the Fundraiser:

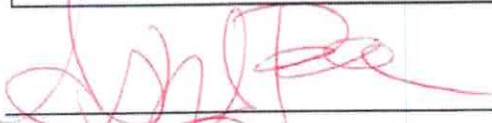
The purpose of this fundraiser, is to lower the cost for middle school cheer for each individual athlete. Many of our female athletes are unable to join cheer, due to the recurring cost. We hope this fundraiser will make help us grow our program and increase our talent pool, by making the associated cost a bit more reasonable for the average family.

Specific Use of the Funds Acquired:

Funds acquired will be credited to each girl's individual account. The money will then be used to cover the cost of items purchased through the Varsity catalog. These items include, bloomers, poms, shoes, bows, warm ups, practice wear, etc..

Describe how students will be involved in the fundraising activity:

Middle School cheerleaders will sell pre-sell Krispy Kreme Donuts during the month of April. All sales and delivery will be conducted outside of the regular school day. No food items will be sold or delivered at school before 3:00pm


Sponsor's Signature

3/10/26
Date


Principal's Signature

3/10/26
Date


Director's Signature

3-19-26
Date

Board Approved: 3-19-26



Trousedale County Schools Request for Fundraising Activity

7/12

School: TCES

JSMS

TCHS

Attachment H

Student Group/Activity: Trousedale County High School Volleyball

Net Amount Expected/Goal: \$5000+

Specific Purpose of the Fundraiser:

Sponsorships from local business. I have attached a flyer with each sponsorship ranking and what sponsors will get in return. Sponsorship banner will be purchased for Championship in Lafayette, banner will be hung on wall in gym

Specific Use of the Funds Acquired:

Funds will be used to purchase uniforms and team gear such as practice shirts and pre-game day attire, tournament/camp fees, end of year banquet award ceremony, and team meals throughout the year

Describe how students will be involved in the fundraising activity:

Athletes will ask local businesses for sponsorships

Makenzee Elkins

Sponsor's Signature

3/9/26

Date

Principal's Signature

3/12/26

Date

Director's Signature

3-19-26

Date

Board Approved:

3-19-26