

***Mercer County Senior High
SBDM Council
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 11, 2026 – Draft Minutes***

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Floro at 3:20 p.m. in the conference room. The following members of the council were in attendance:

Present : Mike Floro, Principal Kendra Rowland, Teacher Andrew Ashford, Teacher Todd Davis, Parent Andrea Whitenack, Parent Brian Rowland, SBDM Secretary	Absent: Ekambaram Elumalai, Teacher
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Agenda Approval

Motion to accept: **Kendra Rowland made a motion to accept the agenda**

Motion was approved by consensus. Andrew Ashford seconded the motion.

Minutes Approval

April Regular minutes were reviewed by the council. Andrea Whitenack made a motion to accept the April Minutes. Kendra Rowland seconded the motion.

April Special called were reviewed by the council. Andrew Ashford made a motion to to accept the Special Called minutes. Kendra Rowland seconded the motion.

Good News Report

- Congratulations to Freshman Mox Floro for being named the Superior Titan for the month of April. He was recognized at the 4/16 BOE meeting where he received a certificate and a coupon for a free DQ Blizzard.
- Congratulations to Ally Foster, who signed her letter of intent to continue her cheerleading career at Union next school year.
- Congratulations and welcome home to Kasey McRay, who was named the next Boys Basketball coach at MCSHS.
- Congratulations to all of our MCSHS students that traveled to WKU to compete in their annual Math competition.
- Congratulations to all of our welders, who competed in the regional welding competition held 4/17.
- Congratulations to Ella Davis, who signed her letter of intent to continue her softball career at Spalding University next year.
- Congratulations to Jack Gammon and Emily Ayala on being named the 2026 MCSHS Prom King and Queen.
- Congratulations to Hayley Spivey who was named the next assistant principal at MCES starting in the 26-27 SY.

- Congratulations to three new hires made in April:
 - Scott Ellis - Science
 - Derek Lane - Custodian
 - Kasey McRay - Special Education
- MCSHS is extremely proud to announce we had 5 students selected for the 2026 Governor's Scholars Program: Emily Bohman, Izzie Carlton, Will Dean, Henry Lanham, and Charvi Patel.
- Congratulations to our Floral Design Team, they placed 1st in the Bluegrass regional floral design contest.
- Congratulations to Junior Jaley Bowman on becoming the "all-time" hits leader in MCSHS Lady Titans softball history.
- Congratulations to the following Titan athletes for joining the "100 hit club": Carter Devine, Ayden Stephens, and Jaley Bowman.
- Congratulations to all of our seniors that participated in MCSHS's inaugural "Decision Day". We have over 120 seniors recognized.
- A huge congratulations to senior Makayla Nichols. She won 1st place at the STLP state competition for Website Design.
- Congratulations to senior Jackson Doughty, who signed his letter of intent to continue his baseball career next year with Midway.
- A big congratulations to sophomore VanDale Hayes, who was selected to the 2026 Governor's School for the Arts.
- Also, a big Congratulations to Shon "Gabe" Hopper, who was selected to attend the Gatton Academy @ WKU next school year.
- Congratulations to senior Ralasia Piazza and senior Jon Konner Moore. Both titans signed their letter of intent to continue their track and field career next year at Morehead State University.
- Congratulations to our 2026-27 SY Youth Salute recipients:
 - Abigail Woods
 - Alexias Mink
 - Aniston Keller
 - Anne Whitenack
 - Aurea Dove
 - Charvi Patel
 - Delaney Moore
 - Harlee Durbin
 - Henry Lanham
 - Izzie Carlton
 - Jaley Bowman
 - Landan Steele
 - Mijaia Dunn
 - Monica Ison
 - Phoenix Yates
 - Seanna Hodge
 - Tyler Abrams
 - Will Dean

- Congratulations to our drama department for an outstanding spring production of Wizard of Oz. During their spring performances, they received 3 nominations for the KPA Bradley Awards in late May.
 - Logan Yates - The Tin Man
 - MCSHS = Outstanding Community Engagement
 - Anna Waddell - Stage Manager and Props Lead
- Congratulations to senior Trevor Bradley for being named the 2025-26 SY GEAR UP KY, student of the year.
- Congratulations to Elizabeth Ison, MCSHS teacher of the month for May.
- Congratulations to the following students who competed in the 4H competition:
 - AREA : FORESTRY
 - Tree Measurements
 - Josephine Doan - 3rd place
 - General Knowledge TEST
 - Tori Devine - 2nd place
 - Emily Bohman - 3rd place
 - Overall for Forestry - Third Place
 - Rennan Doan
 - Henry Lanham
 - Tori Devine
 - Conner Rakes
- AREA - WILDLIFE
 - No individual winners
 - Team Winners - 2nd Place
 - Rennan Doan
 - Henry Lanham
 - Tori Devine
 - Conner Rakes

Monthly Reports

Staffing Update: As of April 13th, we had posted a Chemistry/Physics Position, Special Education Position, a Biology Position, 2 Instructional Assistant Positions and a Custodial Position. As of May 11th, MCSHS is currently looking to hire an English Teacher, Agriculture Teacher, an IA in the Special Needs Room, an IA in Behavior Support and Science/Biology positions.

Behavior:

Total Referrals - 475	through 5/11/26	9th Grade - 195 referrals
Minor - 115 Minors		10th Grade - 124 referrals
Major - 360 Majors		11th Grade - 100 referrals
		12th Grade - 56 referrals

Academic:

AP Testing has started and will continue through the next week or so.

EOP Testing results have come back. Our pass rate dropped about 2% from last year to this year.

We had 303 Exams taken and 84 Students passed 120 exams.

KSA testing started today. We had no technology issues. Only had six sophomores absent.

PSR - we have all but four seniors Post Secondary Ready. These four are going to try to get Post Secondary Ready through passing the KYOTE exam.

Budget:

Section 6 - Budget as of April 9, 2026 - \$11,948.50. Budget as of May 6, 2026 - \$8,089.99.

Student Activity - Budget as of April 9, 2026 - \$40,207.31. Budget as of May 6, 2026 - \$45,092.52.

District Activity - Budget as of April 9, 2026 - \$341,813.48. Budget as of May 6, 2026 - \$329,567.36.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

- Master Schedule Update for 2026/27 SY - there have been a few updates since the last meeting. We have added an Integrated Math, we needed a second section of Integrated Math. The Science Department, we have confirmed a 4th Period High School Physics or AP Physics for next year. Social Studies, Mackenzie Feringa is moving into the Social Studies department. Matt Chewning and Makenzie Feringa are going to the AP institute so they can teach AP classes.
- Scheduling Update for 2026-27 SY - the counselors are currently meeting with the current freshmen class. They are just about done with scheduling the freshmen students.
- End of School / Graduation Update - everything is on track. The only change is that the field in front of the high school will be blocked off for parking for graduation. There is a plan to shuttle guests from other parking lots to the high school.
- SBDM Election Results for the 2026-27 SY
 - Parent - Andrea Whitenack, Carrington Yates, Brian Steele
 - Teacher - Kendra Rowland, Andrew Ashford, Brittany Hampton, and Blair Pittman
- **New School Club Submission - Unity Club**
 - Unity club has an active activity account. Donal Smith and Irene Mitchell have shown interest in being sponsors if we choose to pass this. The Unity Club wants to educate the student body regarding racism, unconscious bias and diverse global cultures. They want to promote cross-cultural understanding. They are looking to drive positive change within the school community through active dialogue and advocacy.
Andrew Ashford made a motion to accept the Unity Club. Kendra Rowland seconded the motion to accept the Unity Club as a new club.
- **Daytime ESS Waiver / SBDM Signatures**
 - The High School was allocated funds to have Daytime ESS this school year. The high school has not used the money and the money will continue to be allocated for that purpose.
Andrea Whitenack made a motion to apply for a ESS Daytime Wavier for the 26-27 school year. Andrew Ashford seconded the motion. There was consensus.

- MCSHS Emergency Management Plan 2026-27 First Reading
 - Andrew Ashford made a motion to accept the emergency plan for the draft for the 26-27 school year. Andrea Whitenack seconded the motion.

Upcoming dates/events:

The list was reviewed by Mr. Floro. He will continue to share dates with the staff weekly.

Public Comments

No one was present for Public Comments.

The next regular monthly meeting will be Monday June the 8th at 9:00 AM. The SBDM council was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The motion was made by Andrea Whitenack and seconded by Andrew Ashford. Motion was approved by consensus.

Submitted by Brian Rowland, recording secretary