

**Muhlenberg County Board of Education  
RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

(MINUTES)

Powderly, Kentucky

**The Muhlenberg County Board of Education held the Regular Monthly Board Meeting** at the Central Office, August 17, 2023 5:30 PM with the following members present:

Ms. Susan Wells  
Mr. Darrell Bowers  
Mr. Rajiv Johar  
Ms. Stefanie Rager

**Meeting Call to Order**

**Moment of Silence**

The Board observed a moment of silence

**Pledge**

Chairman Rager led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Approve the Agenda** KRS161.155

**.3165** Motion to amend the agenda by adding Action Item (D) "Approve Purchase of 2022 Sprinter Van MCHS" passed with a motion by Ms. Stefanie Rager and a second by Ms. Susan Wells. Votes Aye, Unanimous

**.3166** Motion to amend the agenda by adding Consent Item (E) "Approve Fundraisers" passed with a motion by Ms. Stefanie Rager and a second by Mr. Darrell Bowers. Votes Aye, Unanimous

**.3167** Motion to approve the amended agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Rajiv Johar and a second by Mr. Darrell Bowers. Votes Aye, Unanimous

**Recognitions**

The Board recognized students that competed and placed in the Kentucky 4-H State Communications Day held in Nicholasville, Ky. They participated along with 175 other students across the state. The district partners with the UK Extension Office to offer 4-H clubs in the 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades. As part of the program, each student creates a 3-5 minute demonstration to do in front of classmates in the spring. The following students received awards for their demonstrations and received a certificate from Superintendent Orr.

Chrislyn Gregory from Bremen Elementary received a blue ribbon for excellence in the Science, Engineering, and Technology Jr. Division with her "It's Time for Slime" demonstration. Abby Haley from Longest Elementary received second place in Clothing and Textiles Jr. Division with her "How to Make a Polymer Clay Bracelet" demonstration. Madilyn Fields from Muhlenberg North Middle School received second place in the Family and Consumer Science Jr. Division with her "Madilyn's Soap Creations" demonstration. Audrey Jenkins from Muhlenberg South Middle School received first place in the Foods Jr. Division with her "Breathtaking Banana Pudding" demonstration.

The Board also recognized Ms. Edie Ryan, one of the district's certified American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters. At the July Kentucky Educators for

the Deaf and Hard of Hearing conference, Ms. Ryan was presented with the Virginia Moore Access Award. This award is given to individuals who go above and beyond to provide access to communication and advocacy for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and students in the state of Kentucky. Their advocacy and communication provide greater opportunities for their students and families. Ms. Ryan was recently appointed by Governor Andy Beshear to serve on the Kentucky Board of Interpreters.

Ms. Vicki Yonts from Soar recognized the top readers in the "Books n' Cream" summer event. Certificates were presented to 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners, Jemma, Jedidiah, and Jacey Groves. Second place winners were Layla Christmas and Adalyn Allen. First place winner with the most books read was, Gracie Dunn.

Alyssa Manning presented a check on behalf of Felix E. Martin Jr. Foundation in the amount of \$240,000 to the Muhlenberg County School System. This check was for the purchase of Interactive Panels to be used in the classrooms for each school.

#### **.3168 Treasurer's Report**

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report passed with a motion by Mr. Rajiv Johar and a second by Ms. Susan Wells. Votes Aye, Unanimous

#### **.3169 Payment of Bills and Salaries**

Motion to approve payment of all bills present, payment of salaries when due and in the office, payments to companies to prevent payment of a penalty and to take advantage of discounts passed with a motion by Ms. Susan Wells and a second by Mr. Darrell Bowers. Votes Aye, Unanimous

**Public Participation- none**

#### **Administrative Report**

##### **Superintendent's Report**

- The personnel actions were presented to the Board and are placed in the minutes.
- Superintendent Orr spoke of the continued work on Profile of a Learner and what each month will focus on in the 2023-2024 school year.
- Superintendent Orr called on Greenville Elementary Principal, Mr. Browning, to discuss highlights of his school. Mr. Browning mentioned the school theme of "Game On" which is based on The Mario Brothers' video games. He also spoke of the Blackhawk Hub that they introduced this year as a way of positive reinforcement for students. He mentioned other things they are doing to encourage students, such as, positive office referrals and activities that go along with the school theme. Mr. Browning spoke of the new staff they have at their school and MTSS Math and Enrichment Blocks. Lastly, he spoke on "The Vision" which will be an outdoor classroom.
- Superintendent Orr called on Summit Engineering to give an update on the progress of the MCHS cafeteria.
- Superintendent Orr called on A & K Construction to give an update on the MCHS ballfields.

#### **Attendance and Enrollment report**

The Director of Pupil Personnel reported on attendance and enrollment and the report is placed in the minutes.

**Board Action Items**

**.3170 Consider District Funding Assurances**

Motion to approve District Funding Assurances passed with a motion by Ms. Susan Wells and a second by Mr. Darrell Bowers. Votes Aye, Unanimous

**.3171 Consider approving the MOU with the Muhlenberg County Job Corps Center**

Motion to approve the MOU with the Muhlenberg County Job Corps Center passed with a motion by Mr. Rajiv Johar and a second by Ms. Susan Wells. Votes Aye, Unanimous

**.3172 Consider Contracts for School Psychology Services**

Motion to consider Contracts for School Psychology Services passed with a motion by Ms. Stefanie Rager and a second by Mr. Rajiv Johar. Votes Aye, Unanimous

**.3173 Approve Purchase of 2022 Sprinter Van MCHS**

Motion to approve purchase of 2022 Sprinter Van MCHS passed with a motion by Mr. Darrell Bowers and a second by Mr. Rajiv Johar. Votes Aye, Unanimous

**.3174 Board Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve consent agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Susan Wells and a second by Mr. Rajiv Johar. Votes Aye, Unanimous

**Approve the Minutes of the Prior Board Meeting**

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**Consider Contract for Orientation and Mobility Services**

**Consider Field Trip Requests**

MCHS	Band	Murray State University	Feb 22-Feb24, 2024
MCHS	FFA	National Convention/Indianapolis IN	Oct 31-Nov 3, 2023

**Consider Fundraisers**

Longest	School Wide	Paragon Promotions	Sept. 19 - Oct. 5, 2023
Longest	Misty Sanders	Lemonade Wars - Lemonade Stand	Sept. 11 - Sept. 15, 2023
Longest	Homeroom Teachers	Fall Festival	Oct 26, 2023
Longest	Lauren Vender	Book Fair	Sept 11 - Sept 15, 2023
Longest	Homeroom Teachers	World's Finest Chocolate	March 1 - March 30, 2024
MSMS	School Staff	World's Finest Chocolate	Sept 18 - Oct 6, 2023
MSES	School Wide	World's Finest Chocolate	Aug 28 - Sept. 15, 2023

**.3175 Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Darrell Bowers and a second by Ms. Susan Wells. Votes Aye, Unanimous

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Chairperson

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Secretary/Superintendent