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**Mountain Heritage High School
Auditorium**

Monday, May 19, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting Agenda

- ❖ **Call to Order - Edwin Fortner**
- ❖ **Adoption of Agenda - Edwin Fortner (A)**
- **WORK SESSION ITEMS**
 - Facility Updates - Kim Bennett and Steve Robinson
 - BES and MHHS Roof Projects
 - FEMA Update - Kim Bennett and Steve Robinson
 - Door Lock Projects - Dr. Heather Cox (A)
 - Wells at EYMS and BES - Steve Robinson (A)
 - High School Facilities Study - Aubrie Donnellan & Josh Czerniak
- **REGULAR MEETING ITEMS**
 - ❖ **Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance - Edwin Fortner**
 - ❖ **Good News - Kathy Amos**
 - ❖ **YCS Teachers of the Year**
 - ❖ **YCS Support Persons of the Year**
 - ❖ **YCS Volunteers of the Year**
 - ❖ **Thank You to Everyone Who Assisted at Burnsville Elementary School Evacuation Plan Due to the Accidental Gas Leak - Dr. Brent Laws, SRO Vanessa Potter, Keli Miller, Custodians, Faculty & Staff, Fire Departments, Derek Murphy, Marie Anglin,**

Steve Robinson, Sheriff Shane Hilliard & Deputies, Dr. Heather Cox, Staff at Shoal Creek Baptist Church

❖ **Cane River Middle School**

❖ **FBLA**

- Lexie McIntosh - top 10 (Annual Chapter Activities)
- Abby Edwards - top 10 (Annual Chapter Activities)
- Mary Grace Fender - fourth place (Mission and Pledge) & top 10 (Exploring Business Ownership)
- Vivian Kiser - top 10 (Public Speaking)
- Caden Anglin - top 10 (Video Game Design)
- Lucas Cox - top 10 (Video Game Design)
- Tyson Norton - top 10 (Video Game Design)
- Addie Williams - top 10 (Financial Literacy)

❖ **Athletics**

- Lucas Cox - Boys Soccer - Set record for most goals scored at CRMS - 37 goals
- Vivian Kiser - Girls Soccer - Set record for most goals scored at CRMS - 26 goals

❖ **East Yancey Middle School**

❖ **FBLA**

- **Third in North Carolina: Community Service Project** - Maddie Newson, Juniper Chappelle, and Mattias Kelley
- **Top 10 - MS Learning Strategies** - Trinity Taylor
- **Top 10 - Annual Chapter Events** - Brooklyn Dahlberg and Eden Ayers

❖ **Mountain Heritage High School**

- ❖ **Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching** - Sallie Senseney
- ❖ **GEAR UP Yancey County Innovator of the Year** - Jeremy Dotts
 - **Visits from Good Morning America & This Old House**
- ❖ **TOY Scholarship Recipients** - Makenlie Pate & Autumn Smith
- ❖ **Park Scholarship Recipient** - Sydney McCurry
- ❖ **Governor's Schools Acceptance** - B Tyner
- ❖ **Guitars from Jimmy Hendrix**
 - Santos Mondragon-Wright
 - Dacolby McGee

❖ **MHHS FFA**

❖ **Horse Evaluation Senior Team** - 2nd in state Senior division, 1st in region

- Team members: Bastien Clemons, Chayan Capellupo, Brianna Laws and Bailey Whitson
- Bastien Clemons was the highest scoring individual in the state out of 96 competitors
- Team members were 1st-4th individually ranking in the region

❖ **Horse evaluation Junior Team** - 1st in the region

- Team members: Rileigh Huckabe, Kaylee Buchanan, Charity Gouge and Bella Hughes

❖ **Creed Speaking** - Bella Hughes, 1st in the region

❖ **Prepared Public Speaking** - Melany Carballo, 2nd in the region

❖ **Extemporaneous Public Speaking** - 2nd in the region

❖ **Employability Skills** - Autumn Smith, 3rd in region

❖ **Quiz Bowl** - 3rd in region

- Team members included: Rileigh Huckabee, Abby Woody and Tyler Crump

❖ **Floriculture** - 1st in region

- Team members included Abriona McGee, Macy Carroll, Chloe Deyton and Lilly Hill. Abriona was the 2nd highest scoring individual in the region

❖ **Forestry, Senior Team Division** - 2nd in the region.

- Team members included AJ Silvers, Chayan Capellupo, Kaylee Buchanan and Cheyenne Blevins.

❖ **Forestry, Junior Division** - 1st in the region.

- Team members included Bailey Whitson, Emma Feldman, Garrett Hill and Hudson Hilliard. Emma Feldman was 2nd highest scoring individual.

❖ **Mitchell Miller was the 2nd highest scoring individual in the Ag Mechanics competition.**

❖ **Abriona McGee received 1st in her proficiency award in Agricultural sales - Entrepreneurship.**

❖ **Tool ID** - 1st in the federation

- Team members included Jacob McPeters, Gabe Harris, Eli Gurley and Everett Miller.

❖ **MHHS FBLA State Leadership Conference**

- **Mountain Heritage High School - Largest Chapter - Western Region**
- **1st Place - Spirit Award: Theme and Website Banner** - Kohen Fox, Jackson Banks, Andrew Remillard
- **2nd Place - Future Business Leader** - Sydney McCurry
- **2nd Place - Parliamentary Procedure** - Makenna Carroll, Ava Gillespie, Layla Wilson, Amelia Huckabee
- **3rd Place - Job Interview** - Robbie McCurry
- **4th Place - Introduction to FBLA** - Kai Stella
- **4th Place - Spreadsheet Applications** - Carson Anglin

❖ **Top 10**

- **Computer and Game Simulation** - Jackson Banks, Kohen Fox, Andrew Remillard
- **Community Service Project** - B. Tyner, Adam Silvers, Jennifer Rojas
- **Public Service Announcement** - Jenna Blevins, Brinley Fox, Gracie Vaux
- **Hospitality and Event Management** - Chloe Deyton, Emmet Oesch
- **Visual Design** - Jennifer Rojas
- **Introduction to FBLA** - Cooper Robison
- **Website Design** - Jentsen Williams
- **Sales Presentation** - Dylan Dahlberg, Caleb Roy

❖ **MHHS Track and Field**

- ***Regional Qualifiers:***
 - Long Jump: Caleb Roy, Cole McGee, Kyla Phillips
 - Triple Jump: Caleb Roy
 - Discus: Erick Pile, Braxton Batchelor, Callie Capps, Maggie Neill
 - 400 & 200: Dylan Dahlberg
 - 4x400: Dylan Dahlberg, Cole McGee, Maddox Weaver, Caleb Roy
 - Shot Put: Braxton Batchelor, Maggie Neill
 - Pole Vault: Callie Capps
 - 110 Hurdles: Sawyer Silver
 - 300 Hurdles: Sawyer Silver, Diego Orihuela-Escobar
 - Alternates for events: Jackson Banks, Cooper Robison, Adam Silvers
- ***Western Highlands Conference Field MVPs:***
 - Maggie Neill
 - Braxton Batchelor
 - Caleb Roy

- ***State Qualifiers:***
 - Callie Capps: 2nd place at regionals in discus
 - Dylan Dahlberg: 400 & 200 (also broke school records in both events)
- ❖ **MHHS Lady Cougars Varsity Basketball**
 - **Overall record:** 26-4
 - **Western Highland Conference and Tournament Champions** (undefeated in conference play)
 - **WHC All-Conference Players:** Maggie Neill, Grace Brooks, Lilly Neill, Layla Worley, Cloey Morrow, Callie Capps
 - **WHC Player of the Year:** Lilly Neill
 - **Western North Carolina All-Star Team:** Lilly Neill, Cloey Morrow
 - **WHC All-Tournament Team:** Lilly Neill, Maggie Neill, Layla Worley
 - **WHC Tournament MVP:** Lilly Neill
 - **Scored 1,000+ career points:** Lilly Neill
 - **All-District 2nd Team:** Lilly Neill
 - **WNC Sports Awards Banquet Scholarship Recipient:** Cloey Morrow
 - **WHC Coach of the Year:** Susie Shelton
- ❖ **MHHS Lady Cougars JV Basketball**
 - **Western Highlands Conference and Tournament Champions** (undefeated in conference play)
- ❖ **MHHS Cougars Varsity Basketball**
 - **Overall record** 23-3
 - **Western Highlands Conference and Tournament Champions**
 - **WHC All-Conference Players:** Brayden Deyton, Isaiah Adams, Lawson Higgins, Max Gilley, Jace Loven
 - **WHC All-Tournament:** Lawson Higgins, Max Gilley, Brayden Deyton
 - **WHC MVP:** Lawson Higgins
 - **Western North Carolina All-Star Team:** Lawson Higgins, Jace Loven
 - **Scored 1,000+ Career Points & Set Career 3 Point Shooting Percentage 46%:** Jace Loven
 - **All District 2nd Team:** Jace Loven
 - **WNC Sports Awards Banquet Finalist:** Robbie McCurry
 - **WHC Coach of the Year:** Barry Johnson
- ❖ **MHHS Cougars Varsity Football:**
 - **WNC Sports Awards Banquet Finalist:** Brandon Quinn
 - **WNC Sports Awards Banquet Finalist:** MHHS Football Team
- ❖ **MHHS Swim Team:**
 - **WHC All-Conference Award:** Vari Yumagulova

❖ **MHHS Men's Golf Team**

- Carson Anglin: qualified for regionals from the WHC, finished regionals in fourth (out of 66 qualifiers), which places him in the 1-A state championship rounds on May 12-13

❖ **MHHS Wrestling Team**

- **Freshman of the Year:** Max Frazier
- **Most Improved:** Kellen Forrest
- **Most Outstanding Wrestler:** Bodhi Glover
- **Regional Qualifiers:** Max Frazier, Kellen Forrest, Bodhi Glover, Adam Pate, Elijah Pate, Sawyer Silver, Chase Vaux, Brandon Quinn

❖ **MHHS Men's Tennis**

- **Qualified for Regionals:** Oscar Rouse

❖ **MHHS Softball**

- **All-Conference:** Layla Worley, Sydney Styles, Ella Buchanan

❖ **National Board Teachers**

- Haley Daniels
- Judi Davids
- Casey Davis
- Amiee Hall

❖ **NCASA Raymond Starbaugh Leadership Award - YCS District Leadership Team & YCS Principals**

❖ **Consent Calendar - Edwin Fortner (A)**

Minutes

1. April 3, 2025 - Special Meeting Open and Closed Session
2. April 14, 2025 - Special Meeting Open and Closed Session
3. April 14, 2025 - Regular Meeting Open Session
4. May 6, 2025 - Special Meeting Open Session

Personnel Report

5. Personnel & Student Items as presented in Special Meeting Closed Session

NCSBA Policy Revisions - 2nd Reading

6. Policy #8305 - Federal Grant Administration
7. Policy #9110 - Use and Selection of Arch, Eng, Surv, & ConstMgrs

Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Requests

1. Trip #5719 - MHHS FFA State Competition in Raleigh, NC
June 23-26, 2025, Sponsor: Mikayla Beysher
2. Trip #5722 - MHHA FFA Officers to Retreat in Lake Junaluska, NC
July 28-30, 2025, Sponsor: Mikayla Beysher

❖ **Superintendent Updates - Kathy Amos**

- Aviation Program - Cynthia Deyton
- CTE Bus & Paid Internships - Cynthia Deyton
- YCS Testing and Accountability
- Thank You to Robert Branch
- State School Board Planning Session in Waynesville, NC

❖ **New Business - Edwin Fortner**

- Mountain Professionals, Inc. Contract 2025-26 (A)

❖ **Department Updates - Edwin Fortner**

- Finance Department - Kim Bennett
 - Budget Amendment Notes
 - Budget Amendment #9 (A)
 - Budget Amendment #10 (A)
 - Budget Amendment #11 (A)
- CTE Department - Cynthia Deyton
- Transportation Department Report - Derek Murphy
- Maintenance Department Report - Steve Robinson
- Grant Writer Report

❖ **Public Input**

❖ **U.S. Department of Education SERV Grant - \$464,693**

❖ **21st Century Afterschool & Summer School Grant - \$1.5 million for 3 years - Andrea Allen**

❖ **Braves Park Project for MHHS Baseball and Softball - Kristin Buchanan, Daron Williams, Todd Reagan - \$55,900**

❖ **Chairman's Updates**

❖ **Informational Items - Edwin Fortner**

- 2025 MHHS Graduation Ceremonies
Friday, May 23, 2025
6:30 p.m.

- Micaville Celebration
Thursday, May 29, 2025
5th Grade Ceremony 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Celebration 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 23, 2025
YCS District Office Board Room
5:30 p.m. Work Session
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
- Monday, June 30, 2025
YCS District Office
Year-End Fiscal Meeting
7:00 a.m.
- Fundraising 2024-25

❖ **Adjourn (A)**