

Tentative budget presented at school board meeting

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A pay raise and an increase in bus driver trip pay were among the items discussed at the May 5 special called meeting of the Marion County School Board.

Director of Operation Scott Spalding addressed the board in regard to the upcoming budget.

"The district first created a draft of a restructured salary schedule that included pay increases, although not a set amount or percentage across the board," Spalding said. "The goal was to improve the salary schedule in general after looking at the salary schedules from surrounding districts." He said the Board of Education then recommended an additional 3% raise on top of that restructured salary schedule, which was ultimately passed at the meeting.

"The board wanted us to remain competitive, not only competitive but better with the districts around us," Superintendent Chris Brady said. "I felt like it was best to develop what we would have considered the perfect salary schedule for Marion County."

"When you factor in the pay increase employees see each year because of the additional year of service they've put in (we refer to this as the Step increase), every MCPS employee will receive, at a minimum, around a 3.5% raise," he said. "Some employees, based on where they are on the salary schedule, could see a double-digit percentage increase. Ultimately, this was a way to first improve our salary schedule and then the Board of Education went beyond that with an additional 3% in pay." He also noted that there would be an increase in bus driver

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- Cory Clarkson, 40, 565 Hwy. 337, Bradfordsville, was indicted on five counts of promoting a minor under 16 in a sexual performance (a Class B felony), five counts of video voyeurism (a Class D felony), and five counts of possession/viewing matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor (a Class D felony). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Aug. 16, 2023, through Oct. 26, 2024. The bond was set at \$25,000 cash.

- Justin T. Caldwell, 37, 1249 Jessietown Road, Lebanon, was indicted for first-degree strangulation (a Class C felony), first-degree unlawful imprisonment (a Class D felony), first-degree wanton endangerment (a Class D felony), and first-degree unlawful imprisonment (a Class D felony). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about June 10, 2023, and April 27, 2023.

The bond was set at \$1,000 USB.

- Garrett Bryant, 29, 17 Simon Loop, Lebanon, was indicted for first-degree possession of a controlled substance-meth (a Class D felony), failure of owner/operator to maintain the required insurance/security (a Class B misdemeanor), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substances, first offense (a Class B misdemeanor), license to be in possession (a Class B misdemeanor), reckless driving (violation), and speeding 25 mph over or greater (violation). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Feb. 21, 2025.

The bond was set at \$500 cash.

- Kimberly Watts, 39, 1010 Sulphur Springs Road, Lebanon, was indicted for first-degree possession of a controlled substance-meth (a Class D felony), failure of owner to maintain the required insurance/security, second offense (a Class A misdemeanor), operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license (a Class B misdemeanor), careless driving (violation), failure to produce an insurance card (violation), and improper equipment (violation). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about March 18, 2025.

The bond was set at \$500 cash.

- Lance Thompson, 43, 263 Proctor Knott, Apt. 2, Lebanon, was indicted for second-degree assault (a Class C felony), and fourth-degree assault-child abuse-minor injury (a Class A misdemeanor). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about

May 17, 2024.

The bond was set at \$25,000 cash with no new violations of the law, no use of drugs or alcohol, and no contact with the victim.

- Chad Kaiser, 45, 2104 Danville Highway, Lebanon, was indicted for first-degree assault (a Class B felony), possession of marijuana (a Class B misdemeanor), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substances, first offense-aggravator (a Class B misdemeanor), failure of owner to maintain the required insurance/security, first offense (a Class B misdemeanor), and disregarding a traffic control device, traffic light (violation). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Nov. 27, 2024.

The bond was set at \$10,000 cash.

- Lana Burnworth, 44, of 140 Barbary Lane, Bardstow, was indicted on two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment (a Class D felony), buy/possession of drug paraphernalia (a Class B misdemeanor), possession of marijuana (a Class B misdemeanor), operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substances, first offense-aggravator (a Class B misdemeanor), reckless driving (violation), improperly on the left side of the road (violation), and no/expired registration receipt.

The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Feb. 14, 2025. The bond was set at \$5,000 cash.

- Candice Goode, 44, 550 Eastland Drive, Lebanon, was indicted on one count of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second offense, meth (a Class D felony), tampering with physical evidence (a Class D felony), first-degree promoting contraband (a Class D felony), operating on a suspended/revoked operator's license (violation), and second-degree persistent felony offender.

The grand jury charged these events happened on or about March 14, 2025. The bond was set at \$10,000 at 10%.

- Gerald Abell, 45, 915 Bradfordsville Road, Lebanon, was indicted for first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, second or subsequent offense-greater or equal to 2 grams of meth (a Class B felony), second-degree possession of a controlled substance-drug unspecified (a Class A misdemeanor), buy/possession of drug paraphernalia (a Class A misdemeanor), possession of marijuana (a Class B misdemeanor), controlled substance prescription not in its original container, first offense (a Class B misdemeanor), failure of owner to maintain the required insurance/security, first offense (a

Class B misdemeanor), rear license not illuminated (violation), failure to produce an insurance card (violation), and improper equipment (violation).

The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Jan. 11, 2025. The bond was set at \$5,000 cash.

- Brandon Thomas, 30, 2735 Bardstown Road, Springfield, was indicted for driving a motor vehicle while license is suspended for a DUI, third offense, aggravator (a Class D felony), and first-degree persistent felony offender. The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Feb. 22, 2025. The bond was set at \$2,500 cash.

- Thomas was also indicted for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substances, fourth or greater offense-aggravator (a Class D felony), driving a motor vehicle while license is suspended for a DUI, third offense-aggravator (a Class D felony), reckless driving (violation), possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle (violation), failure to wear seat belts (violation), and first-degree persistent felony offender.

The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Feb. 24, 2025. The bond was set at \$10,000 cash.

- Christy Saylor, 44, 354 St. Rose Road, Springfield, was indicted for theft by unlawful taking \$10,000 but under \$1 million (a Class C felony), and first-degree persistent felony offender. The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Oct. 1, 2023, through Feb. 25, 2024. The bond was set at \$1,000 cash.

- Katrinka Purdom, 47, 1445 Fisher Creed Road, Lebanon, was indicted for one count of fraudulent insurance acts \$10,000 or more but less than \$1 million (a Class C felony). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Jan. 2017 through June 22, 2025. The bond was set at \$1,000 USB.

- Alyssa Vincini, 25, 106 Norton Drive, Richmond, KY, was indicted for first-degree criminal mischief (a Class D felony). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about March 22, 2025. The bond was set at \$1,000 cash.

- Jack Slinker, 42, 45 Caudill Lane, Lebanon, was indicted for second-degree unlawful transaction with a minor (a Class D felony), and first-degree persistent felony offender. The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Aug. 11, 2023, through April 19, 2024. The bond was set at \$1,000 USB.

- Jeremiah Garrett, 45 Caudill Lane, Lebanon, was indicted on one count of second-degree unlawful transaction

with a minor (a Class D felony). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Aug. 11, 2023, through April 19, 2024. The bond was set at \$1,000 USB.

- James Wagoner, 22, 607 Woodlawn Avenue, Campbellsville, was indicted for second-degree burglary (a Class C felony), and theft by unlawful taking \$500 but under \$1,000 (a Class A misdemeanor). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about March 9, 2025. The bond was set at \$2,500 cash.

- Nicholas Monroe, 37, 425 Mercer Avenue, Lebanon, was indicted for second-degree burglary (a Class C felony), and theft by unlawful taking \$500 but under \$1,000 (a Class A misdemeanor). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about March 9, 2026. The bond was set at \$2,500 cash.

- Samuel Mullins, 44, address unknown, was indicted for first-degree criminal mischief (a Class D felony). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about Feb. 5, 2026. The bond was set at \$1,000 USB.

- Zachary Latawiec, 25, 411 College Street, Lebanon, was indicted for first-degree criminal abuse/child 12 or under (a Class B felony), and first-degree wanton endangerment (a Class D felony). The grand jury charged these events happened on or about March 14, 2025. The bond was set at \$5,000 USB with an ankle monitor, comply with DCBS, maintain employment, and no contact with the victim.

- In the indictment against Brian Wohner, count 5, first-degree sexual abuse victim 12 years of age, was amended to first-degree sexual abuse; count 6, first-degree sexual abuse victim under 12 years of age, was amended to first-degree sexual abuse, and count 27, incest with a person less than 12 years of age, was merged with another count of the same.

- In the indictment against Mark Bell, the charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, second offense, greater than 4 grams of cocaine, was ruled a No True Bill based on federal indictment 3:24-CR-00091-CRS.

- In the indictment against Carlos Hurrigan, the charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense, greater than 4 grams of cocaine, and convicted felon in possession of a handgun, were ruled No True Bills based on federal indictment 3:24-CR-00091-CRS.

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