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OC School Board News for February 2026

The Owsley County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. Board Chairperson Joyce Campbell called the meeting to order. Board Secretary Betty Jo Neeley took roll. A motion was made and carried to review/approve Agenda as presented. A motion was made and carried to review/approve Board Meeting Minutes from the January 13, 2026 regular Board Meeting.

KSBA Annual Conference is scheduled for February 20-22, 2026 at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky. Most board members are going to attend.

Autumn Herald, Finance Director/Treasurer, gave the monthly Finance Report including Payrolls, Claims, Monthly Financial Report, Head Start/Early Head Start Financial Report and the Food Service Financial Report. A motion was made and carried to approve the Financial Report. A motion was made and carried to approve the Superintendent's Travel for January and February, 2026 (none at this time). A motion was made and carried to approve School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$5,979.00 to be escrowed.

Charlie Davidson reviewed the District Enrollment and Attendance with the board. He stated that attendance is around 91.66% which is higher than last year and enrollment at the elementary school is at 293 students while the middle/high school has 281 students for a total of 574. He went on to say that we can go ahead and amend the school calendar to include February 16th and March 9th as regular school days instead of PD days. The teachers will have to make up the PD days at the end of school or after school hours. May 22nd is the last day of school for students. A motion was made and carried to approve amending the school calendar to include February 16th and March 9th as school days. A motion was made and carried to approve the use of the Extra Time for Instruction. Owsley County Schools have 1079 hours scheduled and they only need 1062, so this is an extra 2 days.

Sylvia McIntosh, Principal at OCES, gave the Academic Benchmark Report for the elementary school. She showed the comparisons between the beginning of school and the winter. She also gave goals for the rest of the school year. Lincoln Spence, Principal at OCMHS, gave the Academic Benchmark Report for the middle school and then the high school. He also showed the comparisons between the beginning of school and the winter. He gave goals for the rest of the school year as well.

A motion was made and carried to approve the following Consent Items: Review SBDM Reports (OCES: no meeting due to weather; OCHS); Approve Family Medical Leave (Nicole Smith 1/12/2026 – 1/27/2026 – released by her doctor on 2/6/2026; Shelby Taylor – Extended Maternity Leave – 2/26/2026); Approve Overnight/Out of State Trip (Senior Trip & Fund Request – Washington, DC – April 12-16, 2026; Frog Street Annual Conference in Grapevine, Texas July 30-August 1, 2026 for Kendra Combs, Rosa Smith, Sarah Marshall, Aryzona Moore, Linda Turner & Pam Chandler) and the reports given by each department. Their reports were included in the packets that the board members received.



Lady Owls Soar into Round Two of 56th District Tournament

The Owsley County Lady Owls are moving on. Owsley punched its ticket to the second round of the 2026 56th District Tournament Monday night with a commanding 60-37 victory over Powell County in the tournament's second game. The district tournament is being hosted by Lee County Middle High School at Heber Dunaway Gymnasium.

With the win, Owsley advanced to round two of the district tournament and faced Estill County on Wednesday, February 25, at Heber Dunaway Gymnasium in Lee County. More sports coverage and photos on our website at www.boonevillesentinel.com, photos by lacono Imagery.



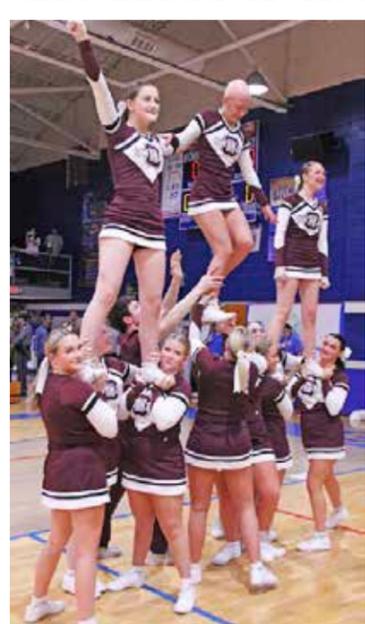
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The Owsley County Owls saw their postseason run come to an end Tuesday night as they fell to the Lee County Bobcats, 63-58, in the first round of the 56th District Tournament hosted in Lee County.

In a hard-fought battle between familiar district rivals, the Owls kept the pressure on from start to finish. Both teams traded baskets throughout the opening half, with neither squad able to build a comfortable lead. Owsley battled inside the paint and capitalized on key defensive stops to stay within striking distance heading into halftime. The second half brought even more intensity as the Bobcats worked to create separation. Lee County found momentum midway through the third quarter, knocking down timely shots and converting at the free-throw line. Still, the Owls refused to back down, answering with crucial baskets of their own to keep the game tight down the stretch.

In the final minutes, Owsley made a late push, trimming the deficit and forcing Lee County to earn every possession. However, the Bobcats held steady at the line in the closing seconds to secure the 63-58 victory. Despite the loss, the Owls displayed determination and resilience throughout the contest, battling until the final buzzer in a game that reflected the competitive spirit of district tournament basketball. Lee County advances in the 56th District Tournament, while the Owls conclude their season with a hard-fought effort on the road.

56th District All A Teams



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