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Finger-pointing begins following suspension of MotorMeals program

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A blame game got under way last week following the announcement that a local senior meals program was indefinitely suspended due to a state budget shortfall.

Gateway Area Development District, which administers senior meal programs and senior citizens' centers in the five-county Gateway District, announced earlier this month that the MotorMeals program was suspended.

The Rowan County Democratic Executive Committee issued the following statement on Facebook last Tuesday, "Hundreds of Rowan County seniors won't be able to have meals delivered to them because the Republican supermajority in Frankfort didn't allocate proper funding to this program."

"You know what they made sure to include in their legislation this year? Raises for themselves. Even though the average total compensation

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Morehead Eaglets earn Runner-Up finish in first-ever travel ball tournament

Submitted by Justin Reynolds

The newly formed Morehead Eaglets made an impressive debut on the travel baseball circuit, capturing second place in their first tournament as a team. The tournament, hosted by Ball Yard Tournaments, was held at Easy Walker Park in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky.

Led by Head Coach Jared Ellis and Assistant Coaches Jared Hitch, Dustin Stevens, and Guy

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School Board approves key policies, contracts ahead of new school year

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Members of the Rowan County Board of Education, including Superintendent Michael Rowe, met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting, on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00pm, which was broadcast live on the Rowan Schools YouTube page.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance; approval of the minutes from the previous month's regular and special-called meetings, held on June 16, 2026, and July 7, 2026; and approval of the payment of monthly claims.

The board approved the consent agenda, which included approval of the 2026-2027 Treasurer's bond and employee fidelity bond; approval of the 2026-2027 applied, certified, and classified emergency substitutes; approval of the contract for related services on IEP's with Happy Heights; approval of the contract on related services on IEP's with Hand-On Therapy; approval of the 2026 MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) patient evacuation, assistance, and support with UK-St. Claire; approval of the 2026-2027 RCSHS curriculum and assurances; approval of the 2026-2027 UNITE Service Corps partner

agreement and MOU; and approval of the Gateway Dental MOU for the 2026-2027 school year.

The board heard updates regarding the McBrayer Elementary HVAC project, and the cleanup involved as the upcoming '26-'27 school year is set to begin.

The board approved the Treasurer's report; approved the unaudited financial report (AFR); heard some instructional updates for the '26-'27 school year; approved the Certified Evaluation Plan (CEP); approved the KSBA 2nd and final read-

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Recreation Board hears updates on YMCA, Rodburn Park bear activity

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Morehead-Rowan County Recreation Board members held a short meeting last Thursday at the Carl Perkins Multi-

Use Facility meeting room.

Morehead Parks and Recreation Director Matt Hamilton spent most of the meeting report updates on various programs. Hamilton noted that the Bluegrass State Games held their Cro-

quet Tournament at the city park on July 11, and the city would be hosting the tournament from now on. He also said that the local doubles team of

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