

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)**

Fayette County Board of Education Regular Meeting
November 28, 2022

The Fayette County Board of Education met in Room 150 of the John D. Price Administration Building, located at 450 Park Place, Lexington, KY 40511 at 6 p.m. on November 28, 2022, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at: 6 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Ms. Amy Green

Mr. Tom Jones

Mr. Tyler Murphy

Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires

Absent Board Members:

Ms. Christy Morris

Administration Present

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent

Houston Barber, Deputy Superintendent

Meocha Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services

Shelley Chatfield, Chief Legal Officer

Myron Thompson, Chief Operating Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tyler Murphy called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

A.1. Roll Call

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Tom Jones invited the audience to observe a moment of silence and asked everyone in our community to pause to acknowledge the tragic deaths of five members of the Fayette County Public Schools community, including:

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- Jason Howell, who was a teacher and athletic director at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and had been a member of Team FCPS for 17 years.
- Ann Gateskill, who worked in the Fayette County Public Schools Human Resources department and had been a member of Team FCPS for 26 years.
- Maci Wyan, who was a junior at Lafayette High School and had previously attended Frederick Douglass High School, Southside Technical Center, Edythe J. Hayes Middle, and Julius Marks Elementary.
- Holly Edelstein, who was a speech language pathologist at Mary Todd Elementary School and had been a member of Team FCPS for 24 years.
- Cody Taylor, who was a ninth-grader at Frederick Douglass High School and had previously attended Crawford Middle, Yates Elementary, Harrison Elementary, Mary Todd Elementary, and Dixie Elementary.

B.1. EXTEND WELCOME TO GUESTS

Mr. Tyler Murphy welcomed members of the public attending the regular board meeting.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Tom Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Tom Jones read the Mission Statement.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the agenda with the removal of agenda item K8 and addition of the acceptance of a letter of resignation from a school board member, with any changes voiced including the lifting of items from the consent section for discussion, passed with a motion by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

E.1. Addendum

Motion Passed: *A motion to accept the resignation letter of Ms. Christy Morris passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

E.1.a. Addendum

Motion Passed: *A motion declaring a board vacancy passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

E.1.b. Addendum

Discussion: Superintendent Demetrus Liggins provided an overview of the next steps in the selection of District 1 school board member. He stated the board will take applications for the opening through December 23, 2022.

E.2. Deletions:

E.2.a. _____

E.2.b. _____

F. STUDENT PERFORMANCE:

F.1. Student Performance

F.1.a. Performance, Frederick Douglass High School Orchestra

Each regular meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education features a student performance in an effort to spotlight our talented students and high-quality arts instruction. The November board meeting featured a video performance by the student members from the Frederick Douglass High School Orchestra under the direction of Sarah Payne. The students performed a traditional Jewish composition, which translates to “I Believe.”

G. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

G.1. Progress Reports

G.1.a. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: Fayette County Public Schools Chief of Middle Schools Tracy Bruno and FPCS Police Chief Martin Schafer provided an update on school safety in light of the national and local increase in gun violence. Bruno reviewed steps the district has taken to bolster school safety in

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recent years and noted that leaders have held after-action reviews of the recent lockdown incidents at Henry Clay High and Tates Creek Middle schools in order to identify areas for improvement and reinforcement.

G.1.a.1. Academic Services -Comprehensive District Improvement Plan

Discussion: Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Meocha Williams and Director of Assessment and MTSS Brooke Stinson presented information on the Comprehensive District Improvement plan, which includes data analysis, goal setting, and action planning.

G.1.a.2. Operations & Support

Discussion: Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson provided the November construction update and shared that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new middle school located 2185 Polo Club Boulevard is planned for December 8, 2022 at 3 p.m.

G.1.a.3 Capital Funding Program

Discussion: Michael George and Anthony Strong, representatives from Compass Municipal Advisors, provided information on the capital funding program showing that after funding the new Career & Technical Education Center, the board will have roughly \$420 million in bonding potential available immediately for renovation and new construction.

G.2. Remarks by Citizens (persons who have signed up to speak):

G.2.a. There are two opportunities for the public to address the Board:

During the portion of the meeting for remarks by citizens about topics on the agenda, Rosz Akins shared comments with the Board related to the renaming of Carter G. Woodson Preparatory Academy.

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I. ROUTINE MATTERS:

I.1. Minutes of the November 28, 2022 Planning Board Meeting

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2022 planning board meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

J. CONSENT ITEMS:

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the items on the consent calendar including any items added by addendum passed with a motion by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

J.1. Award of Bids/Proposals**J.2. Award of Copy Paper Bid****J.3. Post Approval Report****J.4. Professional Development****J.5. Special and Other Leave of Absence****J.6. Request for Extended Field Trips****J.7. Request for Shortened School Day****J.8. 504 Procedures****J.9. Approval of a BG-5 Project Closeout Form for the Disconnecting / Setting Up Utilities and Partial Renovation of 450 Park Place (Central Offices) BG# 20-060****J.10. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Thirty-three) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Tates Creek High School BG# 20-082****J.11. Approval of a BG-5 Project Closeout Form to the Contract for the Installation of a Portable Classroom Multiplex Unit at Leestown Middle School BG# 21-268****J.12. Approval of Bid, Interim and Proposed Contracts, and a Revision to the BG-1 Project Application for the Construction of the New Combined CTE School at Midland Avenue BG# 22-167****J.13. Approval of Initial BG-1 Project Application and Design Consultant for the Replacement of Artificial Turf, Track Refurbishing, and the Replacement of the Field Lights at Tates Creek High School Football Field BG #23-169****K. ACTION ITEMS:****K.1. Renaming of Carter G. Woodson Preparatory Academy**

Discussion: This agenda item was tabled until the December 5, 2022 planning meeting to allow additional time for public input.

Motion Passed: *A motion to postpone this agenda item until the December 5, 2022 planning agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Tom Jones and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

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Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

K.2. Footsteps 2 Brilliance

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve a one-time purchase of a perpetual license with the Footsteps2Brilliance platform to support early childhood learning passed with a motion by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

K.3. Andrews Counseling and Consulting, PLLC

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve Andrews Counseling and Consulting, PLLC to provide mental and grief counseling to students and families with Edythe J. Hayes Middle School passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

K.4. FY23 KETS Offer of Assistance

Motion Passed: *A motion to accept the FY23 KETS Offer of Assistance for \$460,246 passed with a motion by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

K.5. Bus Purchase

Motion Passed: *A motion to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute a bus purchase authorization with Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) School Bus Purchase Authorization (PA-1) and Participation Resolution with the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA) for 21 buses for approximately \$3,195,964 passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

K.6. Internal Audit Plan

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2023 passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

K.7. Substitute Salary Incentives

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the recommended incentives and changes to the 2022-2023 Salary Schedule to include incentive pay for filling assignments in our identified high priority schools and the world language proficiency incentive as outlined in the revised substitute salary schedule passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

K.8. 2022 Financial Records Audit Report

This agenda item was removed with the adoption of the agenda.

K.9. Monthly Financial Report

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Discussion: Finance Accounting and Business Services Executive Director Rodney Jackson provided the monthly report for October. The total revenue was \$287 million and expenditures totaled \$162 million including encumbrances. The balance sheet reflects total assets are \$180 million and total liabilities are \$16 million.

Motion Passed: *A motion to accept the Monthly Treasurer’s Report of Revenue/Expense reports as presented to the Board passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Mr. Tom Jones.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

L. DISCUSSION

M. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- M.1. Personnel Changes**
- M.2. School Activity Funds Report**
- M.3. Budget Transfer Report**
- M.4. Position Control**

N. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

N.1. Public

During the portion of the meeting for remarks by citizens about topics not on the agenda, Donna Florence and Ferren Shrensker shared comments with the Board related to facility issues at Henry Clay High School.

N.2. Board Request Summary

N.2. a. _____

N.2. b. _____

N.2. c. _____

N.3. Other Business

N.3.a. Board Discussion of Board Work

N.3.b. Staff

O. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES:

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated November 28, 2022, on which action has been taken at this meeting, a part of the minutes as if copies in the minutes verbatim, passed with a motion by passed with a motion by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

P. CLOSED SESSION

Motion Passed: *Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c) to discuss proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the Fayette County Public Schools, a motion to go into closed session at 8:06 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

P.1. Reconvene in Open Session

Motion Passed: *A motion to reconvene in open session at 9:02 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

P.2. Action Item

Motion Passed: *A motion to authorize counsel to negotiate and resolve student claims as recommended in consultation with the superintendent or designee passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires.*

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Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

Q. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires.*

Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Ms. Christy Morris	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes
Ms. Stephanie Aschmann Spires	Yes

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board