

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)**

Fayette County Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 23, 2023

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 January 23, 2023, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at: 6 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Ms. Marilyn Clark

Ms. Amanda Ferguson

Ms. Amy Green

Mr. Tom Jones

Mr. Tyler Murphy

Administration Present

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent

Houston Barber, Deputy Superintendent

Meocha Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services

Shelley Chatfield, Chief Legal Officer

Jennifer Dyar, Chief Human Resources Officer

Myron Thompson, Chief Operating Officer

The Fayette County Board of Education opened the January action meeting with the ceremonial swearing-in of Marilyn Clark to represent District 1 on the board. She was sworn in by her son Vincent Clark. Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Demetrus Liggins noted the historic importance of Clark's selection as the first Black American female member of the Fayette County Board of Education since the consolidation of the city and county schools in 1967.

A. FINANCE CORPORATION MEETING

B. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tyler Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

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A.1. Roll Call

C. EXTEND WELCOME TO GUESTS

Mr. Tyler Murphy welcomed members of the public attending the meeting at John D. Price Administration Building as well as those watching the board meeting online.

D. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ms. Amy Green led the moment of silence.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Amy Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

F. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Amy Green read the mission statement.

G. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the agenda with any changes voiced including the lifting of item number seven from the consent section and making it action item number five for discussion passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Amanda Ferguson*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

G.1. Addendum:

G.1.a. _____

G.1.b. _____

G.2. Deletions:

G.2.a. _____

G.2.b. _____

H. INTRODUCTIONS & RECOGNITIONS:

H.1. Student Performance

H.1.a. Student Performance: Kiitan Adedeji, Lexington Youth Poet Laureate

Kiitan Adedeji, a freshman at Lafayette High School who was recently named Lexington's first Kentucky Youth Poet Laureate performed one of her original poems entitled "The Cage."

Kiitan's interest in creative writing was sparked in the FCPS elementary gifted and talented program as her teachers encouraged and nurtured her love of telling stories. Her passion for

creatively communicating with the world ultimately led her to become a literary arts major at the School for Creating and Performing Arts at Lafayette High School, where she is also a member of the pre-engineering program.

I. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

I.1. Progress Reports

I.1.a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Demetrus Liggins thanked Kiitan for her performance and added his own welcome to all those in attendance at the meeting. He then shared that January is National School Board Recognition Month and introduced the following members of the community to share words of appreciation for the school board members:

- Betsy Dexter, Executive Director of Commerce Lexington's Business and Education Network.
- Fayette Education Foundation Executive Director Carrie Boling.
- 16th District PTA President Susan Voglesong.
- Fayette County Education Association President Jessica Hiler.
- Barbara Priest, a paraeducator at Julius Marks Elementary School and secretary of the Fayette County Educational Support Professionals Association.
- Stephanie Smith, who is the Career Pathways Instructor at Tates Creek Middle School and an AFT Building Organizer.
- Marty Mills, Tates Creek High School Principal, and president of the Fayette County Association of School Administrators.

I.1.a.1 Operations & Support

Discussion: Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson and Director of Facility Design and Construction Melinda Joseph-Dezarn gave an overview of the district facilities planning process and how the board may want to make decisions about how to prioritize the order of construction projects. Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson then shared the January construction highlights, including progress reports on the new middle school being built at 2185 Polo Club Boulevard and the combined Career and Technical Education Center on Midland Avenue.

I.1.a.2. Equity Report

Discussion: Chief Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Officer Soraya Matthews shared a report on the structure of her department and accomplishments from the first semester of the school year. Initiatives include monthly cultural celebrations, recognition of student contributions, data monitoring, and the establishment of affinity groups.

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

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

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Discussion: Donna Florence shared comments related to the condition of the Henry Clay High School building.

J. ROUTINE MATTERS:

J.1. Minutes of the January 9 Special Board Meeting

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023, special meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

J.2. Minutes of the January 9, 2023, Planning Meeting

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve minutes of the January 9, 2023, planning meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Amanda Ferguson.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

J.3. Minutes of the January 17, 2023, Special Board Meeting

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023, special meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

K. CONSENT ITEMS:

K.1. Award of Bids/Proposals

K.2. Declaration of Surplus

K.3. Post Approval Report

K.4. Special and Other Leave of Absence

K.5. Professional Leave District Personnel

K.6. Request for Extended Field Trips

K.7. Aries Building Systems Master Lease Agreement

K.8. Nations Classroom Contract**K.9. Taylor Tours Contract****K.10. Approval of Construction Documents and Approval to Advertise for the Replacement of Artificial Turf, Refurbishment of Track, and the Replacement of the Field Lights at Tates Creek High School Football Field BG #23-169****K.11. Approval of Schematic Design Documents for the Construction of the Softball Field House at Henry Clay High School BG #23-080****L. ACTION ITEMS:****L.1. SBDM Reinstatement**

Motion Passed: *A motion to reinstate the SBDM Councils at Arlington Elementary, Coventry Oak Elementary, Mary Todd Elementary, The Academy at Millcreek Elementary, and Yates Elementary effective July 1, 2023, passed with a motion by Mr. Tom Jones and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

L.2. Job Classification Salary Grade Changes

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the recommended changes to the 2022-2023 Salary Schedule to update the salary grade for the identified positions passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Amanda Ferguson.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

L.3. Resolution Relating to Financing the Costs of Certain School Improvements

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the resolution relating to financing the construction of the new combined Career and Technical Education Center (CTE School) located at 100 Midland Avenue passed with a motion by Ms. Marilyn Clark and a second by Ms. Amanda Ferguson.*

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Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

L.4. Monthly Financial Reports

Discussion: Financial Accounting and Business Services Director Rodney Jackson provided the monthly finance report for December, which showed the total revenue was \$398 million and expenditures totaled \$203 million including encumbrances. The balance sheet reflects total assets of \$214 million and total liabilities of \$11 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 Ms. Marilyn Clark.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

L.5. Communication Plan Contract

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the contract for Blanton Consulting passed with a motion by Mr. Tom Jones and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

M. DISCUSSION & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

M.1. 2023-2024 Draft Budget

Discussion: Budget and Financial Planning Director Ann Sampson Grimes provided information regarding the draft budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

M.2. Annual Nutrition and Wellness Report, Public Hearing Report

Discussion: Wellness Coordinator Debbie Boian and Director of Child Nutrition Michelle Coker provided a review of public input received regarding the Annual Nutrition and Physical Activity Report.

M.3. District Trauma Informed Care Plan Update

Discussion: Associate Director of Student Support Services Raine Minichan provided an update on the district's Trauma Informed Care Plan.

M.4. Biannual Construction Report (as of December 31, 2022)

M.5. School Activity Funds Report

M.6. Personnel Changes

M.7. Interfund Transfer Report

M.8. Budget Transfer Report

M.9. Position Control

N. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

N.1. Public

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 January 23, 2023, on which action has been taken at this meeting, a part of the minutes as if copied in the minutes verbatim, passed with a motion by Ms. Amanda Ferguson and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark Yes

Ms. Amanda Ferguson Yes

Ms. Amy Green Yes

Mr. Tom Jones Yes

Mr. Tyler Murphy Yes

P. CLOSED SESSION:

P.1. Reconvene in Open Session

Q. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.*

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Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board