

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS****(MINUTES)**

Fayette County Board of Education Regular Meeting  
March 27, 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 March 27, 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

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**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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**A.1. Roll Call****B. EXTEND WELCOME TO GUESTS**

Mr. Tyler Murphy extended a welcome to guests at the regular meeting.

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**C. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Ms. Marilyn Clark invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic loss of life following a school shooting in Nashville, TN.

**D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Marilyn Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT**

Ms. Marilyn Clark read the Mission Statement.

**F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the agenda with any changes voiced including the lifting of items from the consent section for discussion 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

**F.1. Addendum:**

**F.1.a.** \_\_\_\_\_

**F.1.b.** \_\_\_\_\_

**F.2. Deletions:**

**F.2.a.** \_\_\_\_\_

**F.2.b.** \_\_\_\_\_

**G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE:**

**G.1. Student Performance**

**G.1.a. Performance, Elementary Honors Chorus**

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 March board meeting included a recording of the finale from the districtwide Elementary Honors Chorus concert at the Singletary Center. The ensemble, which pulls together talented and enthusiastic fourth- and fifth-graders from every school in the district, sang an arrangement of “My Shot” from the Broadway musical “Hamilton.”

**H. REPORTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

## **H.1. Progress Reports**

### **H.1.a. Superintendent's Report**

**Discussion:** Deputy Superintendent Houston Barber shared a brief update on the board's recent budget work session, following which they identified priorities to be included in the 2023-24 general fund budget. In accordance with state requirements, the board will adopt its Tentative Budget in May and Working Budget in September.

#### **H.1.a.1. Academic Services**

**Discussion:** Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services Meocha Williams and Gifted and Talented Coordinator Julie Gann provided an update on services provided to students identified as gifted and talented.

#### **H.1.a.2. Construction Progress Report**

**Discussion:** Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson shared the March construction highlights featuring a progress report on the new middle school being built at 2185 Polo Club Boulevard and the FCPS Center of Innovation at 100 Midland Avenue. Work on the middle school is 12% complete, and work on the innovation center is 15% complete.

#### **H.1.a.3. Equity Update**

**Discussion:** Chief Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Officer Soraya Matthews told board members that her department has begun hosting "equity chats" with staff members who work in the John D. Price Administration Building. She also touched on the district's network of student and employee "Equity Champions" in each school. To illustrate the work being done by those groups, Matthews invited students from Maxwell Elementary School and Paul Laurence Dunbar High School to speak with the board about the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging initiatives happening in their buildings.

## **H.2. Remarks by Citizens (persons who have signed up to speak):**

### **H.2.a. There are two opportunities for the public to address the Board:**

## **I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS:**

### **I.1. Approval of March 13, 2023, Planning Board Minutes**

### **I.2. Approval of March 16, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023, planning board meeting and the March 16, 2023, special board meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green 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

**J. APPROVAL OF 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. Marilyn Clark 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

**J.1. Award of Bids/Proposals****J.2. Post Approval Report****J.3. Special and Other Leave of Absence****J.4. 2023-2024 Schedule of Board Meetings****J.5. Professional Leave District Personnel****J.6. Request for Extended Field Trips****J.7. Finals site Order/Contract****J.8. Freedom Tours Contract****J.9. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Thirty-five) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Tates Creek High School BG# 20-082****J.10. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard BG# 21-176****J.11. Approval of BG-4 Contract Closeout Form to the Contract for the Installation of a Portable Classroom Unit at Morton Middle School BG# 22-045****J.12. Approval of Bid, Proposed Contract, and a Revision to the BG-1 Project Application 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****J.13. Approval of Release of Sanitary Sewer Easement to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Located on William Wells Brown Elementary Site, 555 East Fifth Street****J.14. Approval of Granting of a Portion of Leestown Middle School for a Temporary Construction Easement to Columbia Gas of Kentucky**

**K. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS:****K.1. Monthly Financial Report**

**Discussion:** Financial Accounting and Business Services Director Rodney Jackson provided the monthly finance report for March, which showed the total revenue was \$468 million and expenditures totaled \$192 million including encumbrances. The balance sheet reflects total assets of \$206 million and total liabilities of \$13 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 Mr. Tom Jones 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

**L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:****L.1. School Activity Funds Report****L.2. Personnel Changes****L.3. Budget Transfer Report****L.4. Position Control Document****M. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:****M.1. Public**

Discussion: During the portion of the meeting for remarks by citizens, the following individuals shared comments with the Board related to cultural celebrations and facilities: Heather Cherry, Selvi Jeyaraj, Lamar Mason, fourth grader Alice Koyagi, Ashley Grupka, Amy Gibson, Monica Mundy, and Erik Schwartz.

**M.2. Board Request Summary**

**M.2.a.** \_\_\_\_\_

**M.2.b.** \_\_\_\_\_

**M.2.c.** \_\_\_\_\_

**M.3. Other Business****M.3.a. Board Discussion of Board Work****M.3.b. Staff****N. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES:**

**81008**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to make the agenda dated March 27, 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. 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

**O. CLOSED SESSION:**

**Motion Passed:** *Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(b) to discuss proposed or pending litigation, a motion to go into closed session at 7:50 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Tom Jones 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

**O.1. Reconvene in Open Session**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to reconvene in open session at 9:36 p.m. 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

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve a resolution authorizing attorney Ronald Johnson, and his law firm, Hendy Johnson Vaughn & Emery of Louisville, Kentucky to file a civil action against appropriate parties to compensate Fayette County Public Schools for damages suffered by Fayette County Public Schools and to seek any other appropriate relief; including injunctive relief, and further authorizing the superintendent/designee to negotiate and execute all necessary contracts and other related documents on behalf of Fayette County Public Schools in the pursuit of any civil action, passed with a motion by Mr. Tom Jones 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. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. 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

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Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

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Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Board