

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(MINUTES)**

Fayette County Board of Education Regular Meeting  
August 28, 2023

The Fayette County Board of Education met in a Virtual Meeting with an in-person public viewing location in Room 150 of the John D. Price Administration Building located at 450 Park Place, Lexington, KY 40511 at 6 p.m. on August 28, 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

Darius Adamson, Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership

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. EXTEND WELCOME TO GUESTS**

Mr. Tyler Murphy extended a welcome to all guests.

**C. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Ms. Amanda Ferguson invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic death of George Biggerstaff, who served as a paraeducator at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. Our hearts remain with his family, friends, and all those touched by his passing.

**D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Amanda Ferguson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT**

Ms. Amanda Ferguson read the Fayette County Public Schools Mission Statement.

**F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of action item F.1.a. Resolution to honor Tanya Dailey passed with a motion by Ms. Marilyn Clark 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

**F.1. Addendum**

**F.1.a. Resolution to Honor Tanya Dailey**

**Discussion:** Mr. Tyler Murphy read a resolution honoring Ms. Tanya Dailey for her dedicated service to Fayette County Public Schools.

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the resolution honoring Ms. Tanya Dailey 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

**G. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**G.1. Progress Reports**

**G.1.a. Superintendent’s Report**

**G.1.a.1. Academic Services: Start of School Report**

**Discussion:** Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services Meocha Williams presented a report on the successful start of the 2023-24 school year.

**G.1.a.2. FCPS Leadership Framework**

**Discussion:** Chief Elementary School Leadership Officer Tiffany Marshall shared the process and status of developing a districtwide leadership framework.

**G.1.a.3. Construction Progress Report**

**Discussion:** Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson presented an update on the construction of a new middle school on Polo Club Boulevard and the FCPS Center of Innovation on Midland Avenue.

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

No citizens signed up to speak to items on the agenda.

**H. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS**

**H.1. Minutes of the August 14, 2023, Planning Board Meeting**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023, planning board 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

**I. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the items on the consent calendar excluding I.6 Professional Leave, which was pulled for discussion and will be considered as action item J.4, 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

**I.1. Award of Bids/Proposals**

**I.2. Special and Other Leave of Absence**

- I.3. Post Approval Report**
- I.4. Adoption and Levy of Tax Rate**
- I.5. Request for Extended Field Trips**
- I.6. Fieldtrip Marketing Firm Contract**
- I.7. The Stepping Stone Group Contract**
- I.8. The Edge Music Therapy, LLC Contract**
- I.9. Hands on Therapy Contract**
- I.10. District Assurances**
- I.11. Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC MOA**
- I.12. Piper-Smith, LLC Contract**
- I.13. MOA with BCTC**
- I.14. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Three) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard BG# 21-176**
- I.15. Approval of Initial BG-1 Project Application for the Construction of the New Rise STEM Academy for Girls (K-8) BG# 23-547**

**J. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS**

**J.1. Family Engagement Policy (second read)**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to accept proposed policy changes to policy 10.31 Family Engagement 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.2. Monthly Financial Report**

**Discussion:** Financial Accounting and Benefits Services Executive Director Rodney Jackson provided the July monthly financial report. The total revenue was \$84 million and the expenditures totaled \$13 million including encumbrances. The balance sheet reflects total assets are \$86.3 million and total liabilities are \$15.7 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
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Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

**J.3. Unaudited Year End Financial Report Reports**

**Discussion:** Financial Accounting and Benefits Services Executive Director Rodney Jackson provided the Unaudited Year-End Treasurer’s report. The total revenue was \$716.8 million and the expenditures totaled \$650.3 million including encumbrances. This Unaudited Year-End Report reflects approximately \$179.2 million in on-behalf payments of expenses and revenue. The balance sheet also reflects that total liabilities are \$38.8 million of which \$23.5 million is accrued salaries and benefits payable.

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to accept the Unaudited Year-End 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

**J.4. Professional Leave District Personnel**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the professional leave for district personnel as presented 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. DISCUSSION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**K.1. New Middle School Naming Committee Recommendation**

**Discussion:** Chief Middle School Leadership Officer Bill Bradford shared the proposed name of the middle school under construction on Polo Club Boulevard recommended by a committee that included a committee of 12 community members, including principals and family representatives from elementary schools in the area. The group’s recommendation is Mary E.

Britton Middle School. Britton was an American physician, educator, suffragist, journalist, and civil rights activist who was born and raised in Lexington. Among her many accomplishments, Britton taught in Lexington’s segregated schools before becoming a physician. She specialized in hydrotherapy, electrotherapy, and massage, and was officially granted her license to practice in 1902, making her the first female doctor to be licensed in Lexington.

**K.2. School Activity Funds Report**

**K.3. Personnel Changes**

**L. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**L.1. Public Comment**

Heather Cherry shared her thoughts about board policy.

**M. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to make the agenda dated August 28, 2023, 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 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

**N. CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion Passed:** *Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), KRS 61.810(1)(m), and KRS 61.878(1)(m)(1), the Board has a need to go into closed session to discuss proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the Fayette County Public Schools, and public records the disclosure of which would have a reasonable likelihood of threatening the public safety by exposing a vulnerability in preventing, protecting against, mitigating or responding to a terrorist act, a motion to go into closed session at 7:35 p.m. 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

**N.1. Reconvene in Open Session**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to reconvene in open session at 8:55 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 authorize the superintendent and counsel to negotiate and resolve the claims as recommended in the first case discussed passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	No
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	No
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to authorize the superintendent and counsel to negotiate and resolve the claims as recommended in the second case discussed 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. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 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  
Mr. Tyler Murphy

Yes  
Yes

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Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

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Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Board