

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS (MINUTES)

Regular Meeting
January 22, 2024

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 22, 2024, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6:03 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Ms. Marilyn Clark
Ms. Amanda Ferguson
Ms. Amy Green
Mr. Jason Moore
Mr. Tyler Murphy

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

A.1. Roll Call

B. EXTEND WELCOME TO GUESTS

Mr. Tyler Murphy extended a welcome to all guests.

C. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ms. Amy Green invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic deaths of 16-year-old Savion Bailey, who was a sophomore at Bryan Station High School, and also attended Bryan Station Middle and Liberty Elementary schools, ShanShan Li, who

supported students at Veterans Park Elementary School as a special area teacher teaching Chinese, and running the Chinese Club and Chinese Dance Club, Steve Castle, who supported students as a custodian at Crawford Middle School, and Philip Segar, a former school bus driver with the district who has been a regular sub and beloved member of the transportation team since 2017. Our hearts remain with their families, friends, and all those touched by their passing.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Amy Green led the pledge of allegiance.

E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Amy Green read the mission statement.

F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: *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. Amanda Ferguson and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Jason Moore	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. Carter G. Woodson Academy Middle World Percussion Ensemble

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 January board meeting included a video of Carter G. Woodson Academy's eighth-grade percussion ensemble from Justin Balcor's World Music Class, which presented "Wali" from Guinea in West Africa. The piece is part of a larger, Sub-Saharan African drumming repertoire Balcor is building among the middle school students.

H. REPORTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

H.1. Progress Reports

H.1.a. Superintendent's Report

H.1.a.1. Board Recognition

Discussion: Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Demetrus Liggins congratulated the Carter G. Woodson Academy Middle World Percussion Ensemble and Mr. Balcor on an excellent 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 members of the Fayette County Board of Education:

- Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton
- Bob Quick, President & CEO of Commerce Lexington
- Abdul Muhammad, Fayette Education Foundation Vice Chair
- Kathy Smiley, 16th District PTA Second Vice President
- Chris Sanders, Everybody Counts
- Kim Sweazy, Community Relations and External Affairs Senior Analyst from Toyota North America
- Jessica Hiler, Fayette County Education Association President, with Dorian Hairston (a behavioral coach at Veterans Park Elementary) who read a poem he wrote for the occasion
- Barbara Priest, a paraeducator at Julius Marks Elementary School and President of the Fayette County Educational Support Professionals Association
- Annissa Franklin, Urban League of Lexington-Fayette County Vice President
- Marshall Fields, Legacy Equine Academy
- Michelle Moore, Bryan Station High School senior
- Keyla Sanchez Zurita, Bryan Station High School junior

H.1.a.2. Construction Progress Report

Discussion: Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson provided an update on the construction of Mary E. Britton Middle School and The Hub for Innovative Learning and Leadership (The HILL).

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

Discussion: No individuals signed up to speak.

I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

I.1. Minutes from the January 8, 2024, Planning Board Meeting

Motion: *A motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024, Planning Work Session of the Fayette County Board of Education 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. Jason Moore	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 Mr. Jason Moore.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Jason Moore	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

J.1. Award of Bids/Proposals

J.2. Declaration of Surplus

J.3. Post Approval Report

J.4. Request for Extended Field Trips

J.5. Nations Classroom Contract

J.6. Special and Other Leave of Absence

J.7. Professional Leave District Personnel

J.8. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Five) to the Contract for the Renovation of the New Combined CTE School at Midland Avenue BG# 22-167

J.9. Approval of Construction Documents and Approval to Advertise for the Replacement of HVAC Systems at Northern Elementary School BG #24-081

J.10. Approval of Schematic Design Documents for the Construction of the New Rise STEM Academy for Girls (K-8) BG# 23-547

K. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

K.1. Monthly Financial Report

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. Jason Moore	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

L.1. Annual Nutrition and Wellness Report, Public Hearing Report

Discussion: Health Services Coordinator Debbie Boian and Child Nutrition Director Michelle Coker shared community feedback on the district's annual Wellness Report Card, including suggestions about school breakfasts.

L.2. Budget Transfer Report

L.3. Position Control Document

L.4. School Activity Funds Report

L.5. Personnel Changes

M. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

M.1. Public

Discussion: Kevin Haggerty shared his thoughts about issues of student mental health.

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

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated January 22, 2024, 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. Marilyn Clark and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Jason Moore	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

O. CLOSED SESSION

Motion Passed: *Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k) meetings required to be conducted in privacy by law, and KRS 156.557 (6)(c) preliminary discussions related to the evaluation of the superintendent, a motion to enter closed session at 7:17 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Jason Moore and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Jason Moore	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

O.1. Reconvene in Open Session

Motion Passed: *A motion to reconvene in open session at 8:57 p.m. 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. Jason Moore	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. 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. Jason Moore	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board