

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)**

Regular Meeting
February 26, 2024

The Fayette County Board of Education met in Room 150 at the John D. Price Administration Building located at 450 Park Place Lexington, KY 40511 at 6 p.m. on February 26, 2024, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6:01 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

Mr. Jason Moore invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic deaths of Dovia “Kai” Pernell, a 15-year-old ninth-grader who had recently transferred from another school district to Martin Luther King Jr. Academy, Mary Perry, who joined the Fayette

County Public Schools transportation team as a bus monitor last fall, and Wilhelmenia Smith, who taught kindergarten and first-grade special education at Tates Creek Elementary School for more than eight years and has been a member of Team FCPS as a paraeducator, substitute, and teacher since 2008. Our hearts remain with their families, friends, and all those touched by their passing.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Jason Moore led the pledge of allegiance.

E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Jason Moore 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 Mr. Jason Moore.*

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. Leestown Middle 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 February board meeting included a video of the Leestown Middle School Orchestra, under the direction of Orchestra Director Nathan Wilson and Assistant Orchestra Director Sarah Wilson, performing a piece entitled “Spartacus.”

H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

H.1. Superintendent's Report

H.1.a. Alpha Phi Alpha: Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Essay Winners

Discussion: Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Demetrus Liggins congratulated the Leestown Middle School Orchestra and Mr. Wilson on an excellent performance and added his own welcome to all those in attendance at the meeting. He then recognized the winners of the annual Alpha Phi Alpha Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast essay contest – third place winner Daemarion Hayes, an 8th grader at Carter G. Woodson Academy, and first place winner Savannah Peters, an 8th grader from Morton Middle. He invited the students to come forward and take a picture with the board and asked Savannah to read her award-winning essay.

H.1.b. Community Partner Update - University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences

Discussion: This month we spotlighted the University of Kentucky's Diversity Healthcare Program Director and assistant professor Randa Remer and Bryan Station High School junior Amaya Young shared information about the UK Diversity Healthcare Program, which provides guided mentorships for Bryan Station High School students interested in careers in healthcare.

H.1.c. Academic Services - Early Childhood Update

Discussion: Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services Meocha Williams and Director of Early Childhood Education Whitney Stevenson shared information about the latest preschool numbers and trends, state-required assessment and evaluation of our youngest students, screenings for special education services, the First 5 Lex partnership, and an effort to distribute iPads to families of children aged birth to 5.

H.1.d. Unity, Belonging, & Student Efficacy Update

Discussion: Chief Officer of Unity, Belonging, and Student Efficacy Soraya Matthews explained efforts to create a welcoming environment for all students, staff, and families. She recapped January as Multicultural & Multilingual Month, mentioning celebrations at several schools. For February's Black History Month, she cited some Fast Facts about our district as well as big events such as the Honoring Black Excellence Visual & Performing Arts Showcase and the Honoring Black Men in Education initiative. In addition, Matthews shared an update from the board's Equity Council Committee, including a review of school names and mascots.

H.1.e. 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: Anitrea Burks shared her thoughts about school staffing.

I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

I.1. Minutes of the February 12, 2024, Planning Board Meeting

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024, Planning Board Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education 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. 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. 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.1. Award of Bids and Proposals

J.2. Professional Leave District Personnel

J.3. Request for Extended Field Trips

J.4. Post Approval Report

J.5. Job Classification Salary Grade Changes

J.6. Approval of Bid, Proposed Contract, and a Revision to the BG-1 Project Application for the Addition of Three Preschool Classrooms and HVAC Replacement at Harrison Elementary School BG #23-124

J.7. Freedom Tours- Chicago Field Trip Contract

J.8. Approval of Hearing Officer Report from the Public Hearing with Regard to the Amended (#2) 2021 District Facility Plan (DFP)

J.9. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Six) to the Contract for the Renovation of the New Combined CTE School at Midland Avenue BG# 22-167

J.10. Approval of BG-5 Project Closeout Form for the Construction of the Softball Field House at Henry Clay High School BG #23-080

J.11. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Two) to the Contract 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.12. Approval of Construction Documents and Approval to Advertise for the Replacement of HVAC Systems at Booker T. Washington Elementary School BG #24-168

J.13. Boxx renewal at Jessie Clark Middle

J.14. Boxx renewal at Winburn Middle

J.15. Resolution of official intent of the Fayette County Board of Education to Finance the construction and equipping of:

J.15.a. A Girls' STEM School from the proceeds of proposed issues of tax-exempt revenue bonds

J.15.b. An Elementary School on Greendale Road from the proceeds of proposed issues of tax-exempt revenue bonds

J.15.c. Renovation/reconstruction of Henry Clay High School from the proceeds of proposed issues of tax-exempt revenue bonds

J.15.d. Capital improvements at Harrison Elementary School from the proceeds of proposed issues of tax-exempt revenue bonds

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 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

K.2. School Wide Fundraising Projects

Motion Passed: *A motion to accept the School Wide Fundraising Project requests as presented to the Board 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

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

L.1. Position Control Document

L.2. Personnel Changes

L.3. Budget Transfer Report

L.4. School Activity Funds Report

M. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

M.1. Public

Discussion: No individuals signed up to speak.

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 February 26, 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. Amy Green 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

O. CLOSED SESSION

O.1. Reconvene in Open Session

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 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
Mr. Tyler Murphy

Yes
Yes

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board