

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Fayette County Board of Education Planning Meeting
August 8, 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 5:30 p.m. on August 8, 2024, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at: 5:35 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Ms. Marilyn Clark

Ms. Amanda Ferguson

Ms. Amy Green

Mr. Tyler Murphy

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Jason Moore

Administration Present

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent

Houston Barber, Deputy Superintendent

Meocha Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services

Bill Bradford, Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership

Tracy Bruno, Chief of Staff

Shelley Chatfield, Chief Legal Officer

Myron Thompson, Chief Operating Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER

A.1. Roll Call

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: *A motion to adopt the agenda for tonight’s meeting with any changes voiced including the lifting of items from the consent section for discussion 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	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

C. ACTION ITEMS

C.1. Kentucky American Water Agreement

Motion Passed: *A motion to authorize the Superintendent to execute two proposed Letters of Agreement with Kentucky American Water to: (1) relocate existing two-inch service line and meter in the amount of \$37,298.00; and (2) relocate a private fire hydrant in the amount of \$4,567.00 for the construction of three preschool classrooms and HVAC replacement at Harrison Elementary School 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	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

D. ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES

D.1. Board Meeting Minutes from July 22, 2024

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2024, regular meeting 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	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

E. CONSENT ITEMS FOR PLANNING MEETING

E.1. Request for Extended Field Trips

E.2. Professional Leave

E.3. Instructional Fees for 2024-2025

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the consent items for the planning meeting as listed 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	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

F.1. Superintendent's Report

F.1.a. Portrait of a Graduate (POG) 2.0

Discussion: Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services Meocha Williams presented the updated Portrait of a Graduate (POG) 2.0 as revised by teacher leaders participating in the Deeper Learning Initiative.

F.1.b. The Hub for Innovative Learning and Leadership

Discussion: Chief Innovation Officer Ron Chi, Kevin Schoedinger, Zoe Jenkins, and Arnav Ronald share ongoing efforts to shape the identity and climate of The HILL (Hub for Innovative Learning and Leadership) in advance of the school opening in fall of 2025.

G. PLANNING DISCUSSION ITEMS

G.1. CONSENT ITEMS FOR REGULAR ACTION MEETING

G.1.a. Award of Bids/Proposals

G.1.b. Mary E. Britton Rezoning Recommendation

Discussion: Director of Pupil Personnel Steve Hill and Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership Bill Bradford presented a recommendation for new middle school attendance zones in anticipation of the opening of Mary E. Britton Middle School in August of 2025.

G.1.c. District Assurances

G.1.d. Navigate 360 Contract

G.1.e. Ana Gomez, PLLC contract

Discussion: Mental Health Program Manager Liz Epperson and Chief Student Support Officer Dedeeh Newbern provided information regarding a therapy technique called EMDR, which

stands for eye movement desensitization and reprocessing and has proven especially effective in helping people heal from trauma or other distressing life experiences.

G.1.f. Grow Your Own University of Kentucky Contract

Discussion: Director of Educator Development Lori Bowen provided a brief explanation of the Grow Your Own partnership with the University of Kentucky.

G.1.g. Grow Your Own Western Kentucky University Contract

Discussion: Director of Educator Development Lori Bowen provided a brief explanation of the Grow Your Own partnership with Western Kentucky University

G.1.h. Flashlight Learning Contract

Discussion: Director of Multilingual and Gifted and Talented Services Rose Santiago shared information about the services provided by Flashlight Learning.

G.1.i. Curriculum Associates, LLC ELlevation Platform Contract

Discussion: Director of Multilingual and Gifted and Talented Services Rose Santiago shared information about the services provided by Curriculum Associates, LLC.

G.1.j. AVID Agreement

Discussion: Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership Bill Bradford highlighted the successes of the AVID program and the rationale for renewing the contract for this program.

G.1.k. Bluegrass Community & Technical College Convener Contract

Discussion: Director of Career and Technical Education Amanda Wickersham provided information about a proposal to contract with Bluegrass Community and Technical College as a convener organization between the school district and industry partners.

G.1.l. Adoption and Levy of Tax Rate

Discussion: Executive Director of Financial Accounting and Benefits Services Rodney Jackson provided information regarding the adoption and levy of property tax rates for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Motion Passed: *A motion to amend the agenda to move G.1.l. from consent items for regular action meeting to an action item for the planning meeting 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

Motion Passed: *A motion that the board acknowledge, on the record, the following: 1. The social media posts of Board Member Amanda Ferguson, addressed in the Equity Council’s June 24, 2024 recommendations, were imprudent, inappropriate, and inconsistent with the expectation that board members will represent their community and their district’s students, parents, and staff and improve public education by putting students first in their decisions; 2. The social media posts of Board Member Ferguson reviewed here do not represent the values and expectations of the other members of the Fayette County Board of Education; and 3. We as a Board members renew our commitment to our work as a team, moving forward with an unwavering focus on our service to students, families, employees, and our amazing Fayette County community passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.*

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

Further Discussion: Chief Legal Officer Shelley Chatfield advised school board members that the renaming of schools is guided by board policy 05.1. In accordance with that policy, Superintendent Demetrus Liggins said that committees of representatives from local school communities would be assembled to consider the recommendations from the Equity Council Committee regarding school names.

H.2. Biannual Construction Report (as of June 30, 2024)

I. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated August 8, 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	Absent
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Jason Moore	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

J. CLOSED SESSION

J.1. Reconvene in Open Session

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.*

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

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board