

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Fayette County Board of Education Planning Meeting
September 9, 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 September 9, 2024, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 5:31 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Ms. Marilyn Clark

Ms. Amanda Ferguson

Ms. Amy Green

Mr. Jason Moore

Mr. Tyler Murphy

Updated Attendance:

Ms. Marilyn Clark was updated to present at: 6:07 p.m.

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 with the amended change of lifting item D.1. Professional Leave from the consent agenda for discussion passed with a motion by Mr. Jason Moore and a second by Ms. Amanda Ferguson.*

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

C. ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES

C.1. Minutes from August 26, 2024

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2024, regular meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Mr. Jason Moore.*

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

D. ROUTINE CONSENT ITEMS FOR PLANNING MEETING

D.2. Request for Extended Field Trips

D.3. Shortened School Day

D.4. Fayette County Special Education Procedures - Update

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve consent items D.2. Request for Extended Field Trips, D.3. Shortened School Day, and D.4. Fayette County Special Education Procedures – Update passed with a motion by Mr. Jason Moore and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

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

D.1. Professional Leave

Discussion: Ms. Amanda Ferguson asked about the Professional Leave requests for teachers to attend professional learning at the Ron Clark Academy. Chief Elementary School Leadership Officer Matt Marsh gave additional details about the opportunity and some of the best practices teachers will implement when they return to the district.

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve D.1. Professional Leave passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Mr. Jason Moore.*

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

E. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

E.1. Superintendent's Report

E.1.a. Academic Services

E.1.a.1. Artificial Intelligence Guidance

Discussion: Director of Technology Amy Johns and Associate Director of Instructional Technology Rachel Barcus shared the Artificial Intelligence Guidance developed by the technology team for students and staff.

F. PLANNING DISCUSSION ITEMS

F.1. CONSENT ITEMS FOR REGULAR ACTION MEETING

F.1.a. Award of Bids/Proposals

F.1.b. Special and Other Leave of Absence

F.1.c. Food Corps Partnership Contract

F.1.d. ACT Grade 10 Contract

F.1.e. Pearson Contract

F.1.f. School Improvement Plans for three TSI Schools

F.1.g. Taylor Tours Contract

F.1.h. Review of Board Governance Manual

Discussion: Board members indicated a consensus to amend the board governance manual and board practice to include public comment at all monthly planning meetings as well as monthly action meetings and to ensure that members of the community have an opportunity to address the board before any action is taken. The board will vote on these proposed changes at a future meeting.

F.1.i. Monthly Financial Report

F.1.j. Unaudited Year End Financial Report

Discussion: Executive Director of Financial Accounting and Benefits Services Rodney Jackson presented the Monthly Financial Report for July and the Unaudited Year End Financial Report.

F.1.k. Working Budget

Discussion: Budget and Financial Planning Director Ann Sampson-Grimes, Associate Director of Budget and Finance Michael Swearingen, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Houston Barber, and Executive Director of Financial Accounting and Benefits Services Rodney Jackson shared an overview of the proposed working budget. Under state law, local school boards are required to adopt a working budget annually before September 30 of each fiscal year.

F.1.l. Approval of Membership for the Local Planning Committee (LPC) for 2025-2029

F.1.m. Approval of Hearing Officer Report from the Public Hearing with Regard to the Amended (#3) 2021 District Facility Plan (DFP)

F.1.n. Capital Funds Request - New Chiller at George Washington Carver

F.1.o. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Six) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Mary E. Britton Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard BG# 21-176

F.1.p. Approval of Letters of Agreement with Kentucky American Water for the Renovation of the New Combined CTE School at Midland Avenue BG# 22-167

F.1.q. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Nine) to the Contract for the Renovation of the New Combined CTE School at Midland Avenue BG# 22-167

F.1.r. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One) to the Contract for an Early Demolition Package of Existing Structures at the Site for the New Rise STEM Academy for Girls BG# 23-547

F.1.s. Approval of Contract for HVAC Testing and Balancing Services for the Construction of New Rise STEM Academy for Girls BG 23-547

F.1.t. Approval of Commissioning Agent Agreement for the Construction of New Rise STEM Academy for Girls BG 23-547

F.1.u. Approval of Third-Party Special Inspection Agreement for the Construction of New Rise STEM Academy for Girls BG 23-547

G. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Discussion: The following citizens addressed the board: Khadijah Sims and Carime Santos spoke about the positive experiences they and their families had during the Latino Literacy program and College Awareness/ACT Prep program offered by the Department of Family and Community Engagement. Matthew Vied addressed the board adoption of the property tax rate.

H. ACTION ITEMS FOR PLANNING MEETING

H.1. Review of Legal Guidance on Tax Levy Vote

Discussion: Board attorney Josh Salsburey reviewed state requirements for school board meetings and annual property tax rate adoptions and advised the board that the August 8, 2024, vote setting property tax rates was valid.

Motion Passed: *A motion to direct the board of education minutes to reflect the affirmation that the vote on August 8th, 2024, establishing the motor vehicle, real estate, and personal property tax rates for the 2024-2025 fiscal year was lawful and valid passed with a motion by Ms. Marilyn Clark and a second by Ms. Amy Green.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	No
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Jason Moore	Yes
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

I. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated September 9, 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 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

J. CLOSED SESSION

J.1. Reconvene in Open Session

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board