

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Regular Meeting
September 23, 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 September 23, 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

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. EXTEND WELCOME TO GUESTS

C. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ms. Amy Green invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic death of Zach Pickard, a Lafayette High School senior, who previously attended Jessie Clark Middle and Stonewall Elementary schools. Our hearts remain with his family, friends, and all those touched by his 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 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

G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE

G.1. Districtwide Visual Art Showcases

Discussion: FCPS Director of Fine Arts Katherine Lowther and Fine Arts Instructional Specialist Rachel Losch recapped the Districtwide Visual Art Showcase, featuring over 1,100 pieces displayed in April and May at the Living Arts & Science Center. The art show was the first in FCPS to include all grade levels on a large scale, thanks to dedicated teachers and advocates across our district.

H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

H.1. Progress Reports

H.1.a. Superintendent's Report

H.1.a.1. Safety Update

Discussion: Fayette County Public Schools Police Chief Martin Schafer and Chief Student Support Officer Dedeeh Newbern provided an update on the district's safety measures and mental health supports, made possible by the \$107.2 million public investment since 2018. They

also previewed a new online tool where families and the community can get summaries of health and safety situations impacting our school community.

H.1.a.2. Academic Services - Strategic Plan Update

Discussion: Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services Meocha Williams and Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership Bill Bradford provided a progress report on the New Way Forward Strategic Plan.

H.1.a.3. Unity, Belonging, & Student Efficacy Update

Discussion: Chief Officer of Unity, Belonging, and Student Efficacy Soraya Matthews previewed upcoming opportunities for students, including Stronger Connections in elementaries, mentoring for middle schoolers, and student voice initiatives in the high schools.

H.1.a. Community Partnership Update - Kentucky State University

Discussion: Miranda Scully, FCPS Director of Family & Community Engagement, Jack Wollman, Kentucky State University Coordinator for Advising and Recruiting for the School of Nursing, and Brandy Ashford, College and Career Readiness Coach at Bryan Station High School provided information about Pathways to Success, a partnership between Fayette County Public Schools and Kentucky State University.

H.1.a.5. Construction Progress Report

Discussion: Facilities and John D. Price Building Manager Kiyon Jenkins gave an update on current construction projects, including Mary E. Britton Middle School, the Hub for Innovative Learning & Leadership (The HILL), preschool classrooms at Harrison Elementary, and a new building for Rise STEM Academy for Girls.

H.2. Public Comment (persons who have signed up to speak):

Discussion: The following citizens addressed the board: Richard Gaines spoke about the board governance manual.

I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

I.1. Minutes from September 9, 2024 Planning Meeting

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024, Planning Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education passed with a motion by Mr. Jason Moore 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. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.*

Ms. Marilyn Clark

Yes

Ms. Amanda Ferguson

No

Ms. Amy Green

Yes

Mr. Jason Moore

Yes

Mr. Tyler Murphy

Yes

J.1. Award of Bids/Proposals

J.2. Post Approval Report

J.3. Special and Other Leave of Absence

J.4. Professional Leave

J.5. Policy 09.422

J.6. Request for Extended Field Trips

J.7. Food Corps Partnership Contract

J.8. ACT Grade 10 Contract

J.9. Pearson Contract

J.10. School Improvement Plans for three TSI Schools

J.11. Taylor Tours Contract

J.12. Monthly Financial Report

J.13. Unaudited Year End Financial Report

J.14. Approval of Membership for the Local Planning Committee (LPC) for 2025-2029

J.15. Approval of Hearing Officer Report from the Public Hearing with Regard to the Amended (#3) 2021 District Facility Plan (DFP)

J.16. Capital Funds Request - New Chiller at George Washington Carver

J.17. 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

J.18. Approval of Letters of Agreement with Kentucky American Water for the Renovation of the New Combined CTE School at Midland Avenue BG# 22-167

J.19. 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

J.20. 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

J.21. Approval of Contract for HVAC Testing and Balancing Services for the Construction of New Rise STEM Academy for Girls BG 23-547

J.22. Approval of Commissioning Agent Agreement for the Construction of New Rise STEM Academy for Girls BG 23-547

J.23. Approval of Third-Party Special Inspection Agreement for the Construction of New Rise STEM Academy for Girls 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. Marilyn Clark and a second by Mr. Jason Moore.*

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

K.2. Working Budget

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the Fayette County Public Schools Working Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Mr. Jason Moore.*

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

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

L.1. Personnel Changes

L.2. Position List Document

L.3. Running Board Approved Contracts

L.4. Review of Board Governance Manual

L.5. School Activity Funds Report

M. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

M.1. Public Comment (persons who have signed up to speak)

Discussion: The following citizens addressed the board: Heather Cherry shared thoughts about the bathrooms at the new Mary E. Britton Middle School, Jessica Hiler addressed the proposed constitutional amendment 2 that voters will decide in November, and Tanyqua Oliver spoke about a situation involving her student.

N. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES:

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated September 23, 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 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. CLOSED SESSION

O.1. Reconvene in Open Session

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 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