

# **RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

## **(MINUTES)**

Regular Meeting  
December 19, 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 December 19, 2024, with the following members present:

### **Attendance Taken at 6:06 p.m.**

#### **Present Board Members:**

Ms. Marilyn Clark

Ms. Amanda Ferguson

Ms. Amy Green

Mr. Jason Moore

Mr. Tyler Murphy

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### **Administration Present**

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent

Houston Barber, Deputy Superintendent

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**

Mr. Tyler Murphy invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic death of Francis Blackford, who served the Preschool Program at Williams Wells Brown for

more than a decade. Our hearts remain with her family, friends, and all those touched by her passing.

#### **D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Tyler Murphy led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT**

Mr. Tyler Murphy 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. 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

#### **G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

##### **G.1. Student Holiday Art Review**

FCPS Director of Fine Arts Katherine Lowther shared a video featuring the student entries in the 2024 holiday card art competition.

#### **H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **H.1. Progress Reports**

##### **H.1.a. Superintendent's Report**

**Discussion:** Superintendent Demetrus Liggins thanked outgoing board members Mr. Jason Moore and Ms. Marilyn Clark, who received flowers and a commemorative clock to thank them for their time of service on the Fayette County Board of Education. Of special note, Liggins presented Ms. Marilyn Clark with a special plaque acknowledging that she was the first African-American woman to serve on the Fayette County Board of Education.

##### **H.1.a.1. Kid Champion Award**

**Discussion:** Chief of Staff Tracy Bruno introduced the December recipient of the Kids' Champion Award, Tolley Carter, a paraeducator who works with students with special needs at Beaumont Middle School.

##### **H.1.a.2. Community Partner Update - Bluegrass Youth Sustainability Council**

**Discussion:** Miranda Scully, FCPS Director of Family and Community Engagement, introduced Henry Clay High School students Ines Agbekpenou and Campbell Fann, who are Bluegrass Youth Sustainability Council Co-Facilitators, to share more about the organization and a few recent accomplishments, such as water bottle refilling stations in schools, energy audits in FCPS and LFUCG buildings, and trees and solar benches on campuses.

#### **H.1.a.3. Specialized & Magnet Program Review**

**Discussion:** Carl Hayden, Chief of Information and Analytics introduced representatives from Hanover Research to present highlights of their data analysis of student achievement, behavior, and program access at seven of magnet and school programs: Carter G. Woodson Academy, George Washington Carver STEM Academy, Rise STEM Academy, STEAM Academy, Re-Engagement Center at Success Academy, Virtual Learning Academy, and Dixie Magnet Elementary.

#### **H.1.a.4. Unity, Belonging, & Student Efficacy Update**

**Discussion:** Chief Officer of Unity, Belonging, and Student Efficacy Soraya Matthews presented the 2024 PG Peeples Equity Champion Award to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity’s Psi Tau Chapter, whose members volunteer their time and mentor youngsters at George Washington Carver STEM Academy for Boys.

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

#### **H.2.a. There are two opportunities for the public to address the Board:**

**Discussion:** Fayette County Education Support Professional Association President Barbara Priest spoke in favor of proposed changes to transportation staff hours.

## **I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS**

### **I.1. Minutes from December 9, 2024**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the minutes of the December 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	Yes
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. Request for Extended Field Trips**

**J.5. Professional Leave**

**J.6. 2025-2026 Calendar Amendment**

**J.7. Common Good Ed Contract**

**J.8. Metis Associates Contract**

**J.9. The DBQ Project Contract**

**J.10. Miller Transportation Contract**

**J.11. Transportation Staff Hours**

**J.12. Approval of a BG-4 Contract Closeout Form for the Construction of the New Tates Creek High School BG# 20-082**

**J.13. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Ten) to the Contract for the Renovation of the New Combined CTE School at Midland Avenue BG# 22-167**

**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. Personnel Changes**
- L.2. School Activity Funds Report**
- L.3. Running Board Approved Contracts**
- L.4. Budget Transfer Report**
- L.5. Position List Document**
- L.6. Construction Progress Report**

## **M. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **M.1. Public Comment**

**Discussion:** The following citizen addressed the board: Tanyqua Oliver shared thoughts on a matter concerning her son.

## **N. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to make the agenda dated December 19, 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 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

## **O. CLOSED SESSION**

### **O.1. Reconvene in Open Session**

## **P. ADJOURNMENT**

**Discussion:** Outgoing Fayette County Board of Education members Jason Moore and Marilyn Clark thanked other school board members and FCPS staff members for the support they received in their times of service.

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. 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

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Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

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Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Board