

Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting

December 16, 2024 6:30 PM

In Person and Video Teleconference

Floyd County Board of Education

Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center

Eastern, KY



Attendance Taken at : 6:30 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Linda Gearheart

Mr. William Newsome

Dr. Chandra Varia

Mr. Steve Slone

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Larry Hammond, Board Secretary and Board Attorney was in attendance.

1. Chair's Welcome/Call to Order

A. Roll Call/Welcome

B. Review Focus Areas- Safety and Health of Students and Staff; Remain Fiscally Solvent; Attendance 94%; Postsecondary Readiness; ACT 19.5

C. Reminder for a Request to Speak

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Bobby Akers led those in attendance with the pledge.

Steve Slone asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Ms. Joann Hall.

Linda Gearheart asked for a moment of silent reflection for those affected by the shooting in Wisconsin today.

Bobby Akers asked for all to wear green tomorrow.

E. The Adoption of Agenda

Order #20579 - Motion Passed: Motion to adopt the agenda, adding Item 6-K, the adoption of Mr. Larry Hammond's contract passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

2. Special Reports and Spotlight

3. Community Comments to the Board of Education

A. Students

B. Parents, PTA/PTO

C. SBDM Councils

D. Classified Employees

E. Certified Employees/FCEA

Greta Gilbert addressed the board.

F. Principals' Association

G. Members of the Board of Education

H. Public Comment

4. Action or Special Reports - Student Learning

A. Receive Attendance & Plans/Enrollment and Health Services Report

5. Action or Special Reports - Student Support

A. Receive Utility Report for Renaissance Learning Center/Floyd County School of Innovation

Order #20580 - Motion Passed: Receive Utility Report for Renaissance Learning Center/Floyd County School of Innovation passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

B. *Receive Report of Superintendent

Order #20581 - Motion Passed: Receive Report of Superintendent passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

C. *Accept Notification of Personnel Matters

Order #20582 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

1. Actions Taken

2. Requests for Leaves of Absences

D. *Receive and review School Needs Assessments

Order #20583 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6. Action by Consent

Order #20584 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items (Item 6-A thru Item 6-K) as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

A. Consider Approval of Minutes

B. Consider Payment of Bills and Claims

C. Consider/Approve Superintendent Timesheet, Travel and Expenses

D. Consider/Approve Floyd Central Wrestling Team out of state travel to Wise, Virginia on December 20, 2024 through December 21, 2024 to compete in the 12th Annual Bobby Bates Wrestling Classic

E. Consider/Approve travel to Orlando, FL via charter bus and maximum amount for Prestonsburg High School Cheerleaders to assist with expenses associated with national advancements

F. Consider/Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Floyd County Board of Education and Marshall University

G. Consider/Approve the purchase of ArbiterPay for all of our county schools

H. Consider/Approve time and date for January 2025-board meeting; January 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Floyd County Board of Education in the Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center

I. *Consider/Approve applying for an emergency certificate for one Middle School Science teacher

J. *Consider/Approve permission Betsy Layne High School Varsity Cheer to Florida for the National Cheer Competition in February 2025, February 7-13, 2025

7. Executive Session to Discuss (Litigation, Property, Personnel, and Expulsions), KRS 61.810

8. Adjournment

Order #20585 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the meeting, the time being 6:39 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

CHAIR

SECRETARY