

# RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

## (MINUTES)

Fayette County Board of Education Planning Meeting  
January 13, 2025

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 January 13, 2025, with the following members present:

### **Attendance Taken at 5:41 p.m.**

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

Penny Christian  
Amanda Ferguson  
Amy Green  
Monica Mundy  
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. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

Penny Christian	Yes
Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

**C.1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to give Superintendent Demetrus Liggins, who also serves as secretary to the board, the authority to preside over the election of a board chair passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Monica Mundy.*

Penny Christian	Yes
Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes

**Discussion:** A motion by Amanda Ferguson to nominate Monica Mundy to serve as Board Chairperson failed for a lack of second.

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to nominate Tyler Murphy to serve as Board Chairperson passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

Penny Christian	Yes
Amanda Ferguson	No
Amy Green	Yes
Monica Mundy	No
Tyler Murphy	Yes

**Discussion:** Superintendent Demetrus Liggins turned the meeting back over to Chairperson Tyler Murphy.

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to nominate Amy Green as Vice Chair passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Monica Mundy.*

Penny Christian	Yes
Amanda Ferguson	No
Amy Green	Yes

Monica Mundy Yes  
Tyler Murphy Yes

#### **D. ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES**

##### **D.1. Minutes from December 19, 2024**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2024, regular meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

Penny Christian Yes  
Amanda Ferguson Yes  
Amy Green Yes  
Monica Mundy Yes  
Tyler Murphy Yes

#### **E. CONSENT ITEMS FOR PLANNING MEETING**

##### **E.1. Request for Extended Field Trips**

##### **E.2. Professional Leave**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the consent items as listed passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

Penny Christian Yes  
Amanda Ferguson Yes  
Amy Green Yes  
Monica Mundy Yes  
Tyler Murphy Yes

#### **F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **F.1. Superintendent's Report**

##### **F.1.a. Elevate Presentation**

**Discussion:** Chief High School Leadership Officer James McMillin, Application Support Specialist Ryan McQuerry, Program Director for Integrated and Supported Employment Rachel Baker, STEAM Academy student Adelynn Cornett, and Leestown Middle School student Emmett Eppley shared an overview of the Elevate platform, where students can log in the experiences that are helping them develop skills in the four Portrait of a Graduate areas.

##### **F.1.b. Winter MAP/Brigance Data**

**Discussion:** Director of Assessment Brooke Stinson presented student achievement data from the winter administration of the Measures of Academic Progress and the fall Kindergarten Screening.

## **G. PLANNING DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **G.1. CONSENT ITEMS FOR REGULAR ACTION MEETING**

#### **G.1.a. Award of Bids/Proposals**

#### **G.1.b. Special and Other Leave of Absence**

#### **G.1.c. 2025-2026 Draft Budget**

**Discussion:** Budget and Financial Planning Executive Director Ann Sampson-Grimes provided an overview of the 2025-2026 Draft Budget.

#### **G.1.d. Scholastic Book Fairs MOU**

**Discussion:** Associate Director of Federal Programs Mendy Mills shared information about the book fairs and the grant funding that is covering the cost.

#### **G.1.e. Nations Classroom Contract**

#### **G.1.f. SafeFLEET Contract**

#### **G.1.g. Freedom Tours Contract**

#### **G.1.h. Field Trip Company Contract**

**Discussion:** Acting Communications Director Teri Wilson provided information about a new online platform called Fayette Forward, which will help families and students learn more about the opportunities available in the Fayette County Public Schools.

#### **G.1.i. Facilities (Naming and Constructing)**

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

#### **G.1.k. Approval of Capital Funds Request from Building Funds and Revised BG-1 Project Application for the Addition of Three Preschool Classrooms and HVAC Replacement at Harrison Elementary School BG #23-124**

#### **G.1.l. Approval of a BG-4 Contract Closeout Form for the Early Demolition Package of Existing Structures at the Site for the New Rise STEM Academy for Girls BG# 23-547**

#### **G.1.m. Approval of Construction Documents and Advertisement for Bids for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195**

#### **G.1.n. Approval of Revised BG-1 Project Application for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195**

## **H. ACTION ITEMS FOR REGULAR MEETING**

### **H.1. School Board Governance Manual Update**

**Discussion:** Board Chair Tyler Murphy asked board members to suggest changes and revisions to the current iteration of the School Board Governance Manual to be incorporated into an

update to be considered for adoption at the January 27, 2025, Fayette County Board of Education Action meeting.

## **H.2. Contract Employing Superintendent**

**Discussion:** Board Chair Tyler Murphy noted that Superintendent Demetrus Liggins' current contract expires in June 2025 and that Fayette County Board of Education policy 02.1311 says "As early as practical in the calendar year in which the Superintendent's contract expires" the board can act on the renewal of the contract. He shared that board members have received a copy of the proposed contract, which does not include any changes, and encouraged board members to send any questions to him in advance of the January 27, 2025, Fayette County Board of Education Action meeting.

## **I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Discussion:** The following citizens addressed the board: Matthew Vied and Leanne Sebourn spoke on the topics of non-traditional instruction and bus routes, and Tanyqua Oliver shared thoughts on a matter concerning her son.

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

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to make the agenda dated January 13, 2025, 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 Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

Penny Christian	Yes
Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes

## **K. CLOSED SESSION**

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

## **L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Monica Mundy.*

Penny Christian	Yes
Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes

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Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

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Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Board