

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Regular Meeting

January 27, 2025

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 January 27, 2025, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6:02 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Penny Christian

Amanda Ferguson

Amy Green

Monica Mundy

Tyler Murphy

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

Ms. Amy Green invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic deaths of Teagan Whittle, an 18-year-old senior at Bryan Station High School, who also attended Leestown Middle School; Joshua Ragland, a 16-year-old sophomore at Frederick Douglass High

School, who also attended Crawford Middle School, Garrett Morgan Elementary School, and Yates Elementary School; William Ison, who most recently worked as a substitute paraeducator, but had also served as a custodian, vehicle mechanic assistant and food service worker during his eight years with Fayette County Public Schools; Stephanie Massengale, a special education paraeducator at Beaumont Middle School, who joined Team FCPS in the fall of 2024; and Sherese Ellison, who had been a member of Team FCPS for more than 22 years, during which time she served as a staffing and budget specialist, a school business office trainer, a student account funds budget analyst, a fiscal assistant, and an administrative assistant.. Our hearts remain with their families, friends, and all those touched by their 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

Discussion: A motion to table item K.1. Contract Employing Superintendent until after the board's budget workshop, failed with a motion by Monica Mundy and a second by Amanda Ferguson failed.

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

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 Penny Christian and a second by Amy Green.*

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

G. BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Discussion: Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Demetrus Liggins shared that January is National School Board Recognition Month and introduced the following members of

the community to share words of appreciation for the members of the Fayette County Board of Education:

- Chris Ford, Commissioner of General Services for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
- Carla Blanton, Chair of the Commerce Lexington Board of Directors
- Carrie Boling, Fayette Education Foundation Executive Director
- Susan Voglesong, 16th District PTA President
- Kim Sweazy, Community Relations and External Affairs Senior Analyst from Toyota North America
- Jessica Hiler, Fayette County Education Association President
- Barbara Priest, a paraeducator at Julius Marks Elementary School and President of the Fayette County Educational Support Professionals Association
- Sarah Bayerle, American Federation of Teachers President
- Laurel Martin, President of Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass
- Logan Bays, Tates Creek High School junior
- Jadynn Cornett, Tates Creek High School senior

H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

H.1. Progress Reports

H.1.a. Superintendent's Report

H.1.a.1. Kid Champion Award

Discussion: Superintendent Liggins introduced a video highlighting the January recipient of the Kids' Champion Award, Cody Foster, who teaches math at Tates Creek Middle School.

H.1.a.2. Community Partner Update: Fayette Education Foundation

Discussion: Miranda Scully, FCPS Director of Family and Community Engagement, introduced Abdul Muhammad, Chair of the Fayette Education Foundation Board of Directors, Kaelyn Query Caldwell, Vice Chair of the Fayette Education Foundation Board of Directors, and Carrie Boling, Fayette Education Foundation Executive Director, to share more about the ways the foundation supports the success of students, teachers, families, and schools. Since 2020, the foundation has invested \$2.2 million in private funding toward early childhood education, classroom grants, scholarships, arts and STEM education.

H.1.a.3. FCPS Athletics Update

Discussion: FCPS Athletics Director Rob Sayre and FCPS Middle School Athletics Director Nick Runyon shared information about the athletic opportunities provided to students at the middle and high school levels, as well as the benefits they receive and the successes they've achieved.

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

Discussion: Chief Officer of Unity, Belonging, and Student Efficacy Soraya Matthews presented the monthly Unity, Belonging, and Student Efficacy update.

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: The following citizens addressed the board: Danny Everett, LeTicia Williams Preacely, Roy Woods, Sr., Norma Justice, Mark Russell, Rachel Buser, Melissa Hagans, Ebony Hutchinson, Bryne Jacobs, Lester Diaz, Virginia Zoller, Shambra Mulder, DeMarcu Lewis, Barbara Priest, George A. Brown, Jr., Judi Conrad, and Heather Cherry addressed the board regarding the renewal of the superintendent's contract. Julie Goodpaster shared her thoughts regarding the RFP process for school health services.

I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

I.1. Minutes from January 13, 2025

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025, Planning 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

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 Penny Christian and a second by Amy Green.*

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

J.1. Award of Bids/Proposals

J.2. Post Approval Report

J.3. Professional Leave

J.4. Special and Other Leave of Absence

J.5. Request for Extended Field Trips

J.6. Scholastic Book Fairs MOU

J.7. Nations Classroom Contract

J.8. SafeFLEET Contract

J.9. Freedom Tours Contract

J.10. Field Trip Company Contract

J.11. Facilities (Naming and Constructing)

J.12. 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

J.13. 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

J.14. 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

J.15. Approval of Construction Documents and Advertisement for Bids for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195

J.16. Approval of Revised BG-1 Project Application for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195

K. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

K.1. Contract Employing Superintendent

Motion Passed: *A motion to renew the superintendent's contract for a period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, passed with a motion by Tyler Murphy and a second by Amy Green.*

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

K.2. 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 Penny Christian and a second by Monica Mundy.*

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

L. DISCUSSION ITEMS

L.1. FCPS Wellness Report

Discussion: Health Services Coordinator Debbie Boian and Child Nutrition Director Michelle Coker provided an update on the Annual Nutrition and Physical Activity Report.

L.2. RFP Process for Health Services

Discussion: Health Services Coordinator Debbie Boian shared information about the request for proposals process for school health services.

L.3. School Board Governance Manual Update

Motion Passed: *A motion to adopt changes to the School Board Governance Manual with the addition of the Committee Guidelines passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Monica Mundy.*

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

M. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

M.1. School Activity Funds Report

M.2. Biannual Construction Report (as of December 31, 2024)

M.3. Construction Progress Report

M.4. 24-25 District Trauma Informed Education Plan

M.5. Position List Document

M.6. Budget Transfer Report

M.7. Personnel Changes

N. PUBLIC COMMENT

N.1. Public Comment

Discussion: No citizens addressed the board.

O. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated January 27, 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 Penny Christian and a second by Monica Mundy.*

Penny Christian	Yes
Amanda Ferguson	Yes

Amy Green	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes

P. CLOSED SESSION

P.1. Reconvene in Open Session

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. 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

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board