

Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting

January 27, 2025 6:00 PM

In Person and Video Teleconference

Floyd County Board of Education

Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center

Eastern, KY



Attendance Taken at : 6:00 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

E. The Adoption of Agenda

Order #20605 - Motion Passed: Motion to adopt the agenda as is adding (Item 6-I), Approve Maximum amount \$2,000.00 to Betsy Layne High School Dance Team to assist with expenses associated with State Advancement passed with a motion by Mr. Steve Slone and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

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

F. Principals' Association

G. Members of the Board of Education

Dr. Varia addressed the Board asking the Board to give every employee a \$500 bonus.

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 May Valley Elementary School

Order #20606 - Motion Passed: Receive Utility Report for May Valley Elementary School 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

B. Receive Report of Superintendent

Order #20607 - Motion Passed: Receive Report of Superintendent 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

C. Accept Notification of Personnel Matters

Order #20608 - Motion Passed: 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

1. Actions Taken

2. Requests for Leaves of Absences

D. Receive FY 2024 Financial Audit Report, FY 2024 Annual Financial Report, and Final FY 2024 Balance Sheet

Order #20609 - Motion Passed: Received FY 2024 Financial Audit Report, FY 2024 Annual Financial Report, and Final FY 2024 Balance Sheet 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

E. Consider/Approve acknowledging receipt and review for the 2026 Draft Budget

Order #20610 - Motion Passed: Approval of acknowledging receipt and review for the 2026 Draft Budget 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

6. Action by Consent

Order #20611 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items (6-A to 6-I) 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 maximum amount of \$2,000 to Betsy Layne High School Cheerleaders to assist with expenses associated with national advancements

E. Consider/Approve the purchase of Smart Sense cooler and freezer monitoring hardware with on-line monitoring ability

F. *Consider/Approve school calendar committee for school year 2025-2026

G. *Consider/Approve the Kentucky Blood Center to host blood drives at John M Stumbo School for the 2024-2025 year

H. *Consider/Retroactive approval for Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home to use the old Allen Central High School Gymnasium for the funeral services of Bonita Compton on Sunday, January 26, 2025

I. *Consider/Approve maximum amount of \$2000 to Betsy Layne High School Dance Tam to assist with expenses associated with the state advancement

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

Order #20612 - Motion Passed: Motion to go into executive session to discuss (general nature of the business), (the reason for the closed session) per KRS 61.810 (specific provision _____) passed with a motion by Mr. Steve Slone and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

Order #20613 - Motion Passed: Motion to come out of executive session 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

8. Adjournment

Order #20614 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn, the time being 6:29 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