

# RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

## (MINUTES)

Regular Meeting  
February 24, 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 February 24, 2025, with the following members present:

### **Attendance Taken at 6:02 p.m.**

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

Amanda Ferguson  
Amy Green  
Tyler Murphy  
Penny Christian  
Monica Mundy

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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**

Board member Monica Mundy invited the audience to observe a moment of silence

**D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board member Monica Mundy led the pledge of allegiance.

**E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT**

Board member Monica Mundy 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 Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

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

**G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

**G.1. Jubilation: A Musical Journey to Freedom**

**Discussion:** FCPS Director of Fine Arts Katherine Lowther introduced Bryan Station High School Orchestra Director Kelli Mayes and Bryan Station High School Senior Eden Johnson, whose original orchestra composition was the monthly arts spotlight. A video of her directing the Bryan Station High School Chamber Orchestra while they performed her piece titled "Jubilation: A Musical Journey from Slavery to Freedom" was shown.

**H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**H.1. Progress Reports**

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

**H.1.a.1. Kids' Champion Award**

**Discussion:** Chief of Staff Tracy Bruno introduced the February recipient of the Kids' Champion Award, Fayette County Public Schools Police Officer Aundria Elam, who serves at Southern Elementary School. She was presented with a check for \$100, sponsored by Forcht Bank.

**H.1.a.2. Big Brother/Big Sister Community Partner Update**

**Discussion:** FCPS Family & Community Engagement Liaison Charliese Lewis and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass Executive Director Meredith Downey Watts shared information about the mentoring the organization provides to FCPS students, both in and out of school.

**H.1.a.3. Transparency Dashboard**

**Discussion:** Chief Information and Analytics Officer Carl Hayden and Acting Director of Communications Teri Wilson unveiled the district’s new transparency dashboard.

**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.1.a.5. AVID Update**

**Discussion:** School Leadership Support Specialist Latonya Meekins, along with xx and xx provided an update on how a program called AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is supporting student success. along with a student, Jessica, from Morton and a teacher

**H.1.a.6. Construction Progress Report**

**Discussion:** Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson gave a progress report on the district’s current construction projects, including Mary E. Britton Middle School, the Hub for Innovative Learning & Leadership (The HILL), preschool classrooms at Harrison Elementary, and a new building for Rise STEM Academy for Girls.

**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:** No members of the public signed up to address the board regarding items on the agenda.

**I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS**

**I.1. Minutes from February 10, 2025**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025, Planning Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Amy Green.*

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

**J. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**J.1. Award of Bids/Proposals**

**J.2. Post Approval Report**

- J.3. Professional Leave**
- J.4. Request for Extended Field Trips**
- J.5. Comprehensive School Improvement Plans (CSIPs)**
- J.6. Special and Other Leave of Absence**
- J.7. Tutoring Services Contract**
- J.8. Student Travel Contract**
- J.9. School Wide Fundraising Projects**
- J.10. Approval of a BG-5 Project Closeout Form for the Construction of the New Tates Creek High School BG# 20-082**
- J.11. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Twelve) to the Contract for the Renovation of the New Combined CTE School at Midland Avenue BG# 22-167**
- J.12. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Eleven) to the Contract for the Renovation of the New Combined CTE School at Midland Avenue BG# 22-167**
- J.13. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Nine) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Mary E. Britton Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard BG# 21-176**
- J.14. Capital Funds Request for maintenance and other improvements at various schools**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the items on the consent calendar including any items added by addendum passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

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

## **K. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS**

### **K.1. Monthly Financial Reports**

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

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

**L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**L.1. Position List Document**

**L.2. School Activity Funds Report**

**L.3. Running Board Approved Contracts**

**L.4. Personnel Changes**

**M. PUBLIC COMMENT (persons who have signed up to speak)**

**Discussion:** The following members of the public addressed the board: Norma Justice, Amanda Preston, and Sarah Bayerle shared concerns regarding the budget. Heather Cherry spoke about concerns with the implementation of Senate Bill 150.

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

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to make the agenda dated February 24, 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 Monica Mundy and a second by Amy Green.*

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

**O. CLOSED SESSION**

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

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Monica Mundy.*

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

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Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

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Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Board