

# **RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

## **(MINUTES)**

Regular Meeting

March 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 March 24, 2025, with the following members present:

### **Attendance Taken at 6:01 p.m.**

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

Amy Green

Tyler Murphy

Penny Christian

Monica Mundy

#### **Absent Board Members:**

Amanda Ferguson

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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 Penny Christian invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic death of Arsenio Jackson, Jr., a 16-year-old Henry Clay High School

student who had also attended Frederick Douglass High School, Crawford Middle School, Garrett Morgan Elementary School, Yates Elementary School, and Tates Creek Elementary School. Our hearts remain with his family, friends, and all those touched by his passing.

#### **D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board member Penny Christian led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT**

Board member Penny Christian 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 Monica Mundy.*

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

#### **G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

##### **G.1. Leestown Middle School Choir**

**Discussion:** FCPS Director of Fine Arts Katherine Lowther and Leestown Middle School Choir Director Lynn Przygoda introduced a video featuring the Leestown Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade advanced choir.

#### **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 acknowledged the March recipient of the Kids' Champion Award, Fayette County Public Schools Bus Monitor Velinda Wilson. She was unable to attend the meeting, so a video of her being surprised with her award was shown. She will also receive a check for \$100, sponsored by Forcht Bank.

##### **H.1.a.2. Community Partner Update: Bluegrass Care Navigators**

**Discussion:** Miranda Scully, FCPS Director of Family & Community Engagement, and Bluegrass Care Navigators PACE Outreach Coordinator Gerri Botts Stuart presented information about the collaboration between Bluegrass Care Navigators and The Learning Center.

#### **H.1.a.3. Mary E. Britton Middle School Opening Update**

**Discussion:** Mary E. Britton Middle School Principal Dave Hoskins shared information about the plans being made to welcome students to the new school in the fall, including academic programming, course offerings, and community partnerships.

#### **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:** 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 March 10, 2025**

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

Amanda Ferguson	Absent
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 Monica Mundy and a second by Amy Green.*

Amanda Ferguson	Absent
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 Amy Green and a second by Monica Mundy.*

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

### **K.2. 2024-2025 Calendar Amendment**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the amendments to the 2024-2025 Fayette County Public Schools Instructional Calendar passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Monica Mundy.*

Amanda Ferguson	Absent
Amy Green	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes

Penny Christian	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes

## **L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **L.1. Personnel Changes**

### **L.2. Board Approved Contracts**

### **L.3. Construction Progress Report**

### **L.4. Position Control Document**

### **L.5 Budget Transfer Report**

### **L.6 School Activity Funds Report**

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

**Discussion:** The following members of the public addressed the board: James Woodhead shared thoughts about federal education funding cuts. Heather Cherry spoke about the budget and 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 March 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	Absent
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 7:13 p.m. passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Monica Mundy.*

Amanda Ferguson	Absent
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