

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Regular Meeting

April 28, 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 April 28, 2025, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Amanda Ferguson

Amy Green

Tyler Murphy

Penny Christian

Monica Mundy

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 Amanda Ferguson invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic deaths of Matthew Perrine, a 17-year-old junior at Frederick Douglass High School, who had also attended Crawford Middle and Liberty elementary schools, Christian

Smith, a 13-year-old Beaumont Middle School 7th grader who had also attended James Lane Allen Elementary School, Jacqueline Garner, who had been a member of Team FCPS as a bus monitor since 2021, and Wanda Jones, who joined the Fayette County Public Schools in 2016 and most recently worked as a Food Service Assistant serving Dixie Elementary. Our hearts remain with their families, friends, and all those touched by their passing.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board member Amanda Ferguson led the pledge of allegiance.

E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Board member Amanda Ferguson 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.*

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| Amanda Ferguson | Yes |
| 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 SCAPA at Bluegrass Director of Vocal Studies Amanda Wells introduced a video featuring the rehearsal for the annual Fayette County Public Schools elementary honors chorus concert.

H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

H.1. Progress Reports

H.1.a. Superintendent's Report

H.1.a.1. Legislative Update

Discussion: Abby Piper from the firm Piper|Smith presented information about the results of the 2025 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly as well as an overview of current shifts at the federal level.

H.1.a.2. Kids' Champion Award

Discussion: Chief of Staff Tracy Bruno introduced the April recipient of the Kids' Champion Award, Russell Cave Elementary School paraeducator Troy Woods. He was presented with a check for \$100, sponsored by Forcht Bank.

H.1.a.3. Community Partner Update: Lexington Public Library

Discussion: Miranda Scully, FCPS Director of Family & Community Engagement, and Lexington Public Library Director of Education Kelli Parmley presented information about the incredible resources being provided to students, employees, and families by the Lexington Public Library.

H.1.a.4. Update from The HILL

Discussion: Michelle Wilson, principal of The Hub for Innovative Learning and Leadership, 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.5. Communications & Public Engagement: Website Update

Discussion: External Partnerships Manager Michael Adams Jr. and Acting Director of Communications Teri Wilson showcased enhancements to the district's website designed to help connect with community partners interested in supporting schools.

H.1.a.6. Family & Community Survey Results

Discussion: Chief of Staff Tracy Bruno shared the results of the 2025 FCPS Family Survey.

H.1.a.7. FY26 Tentative Budget Discussion

Discussion: Deputy Superintendent Houston Barber, Executive Director of Budget and Financial Planning Ann Sampson-Grimes, and Executive Director of Financial Accounting & Benefits Services Rodney Jackson, led a discussion regarding the development of the 2025-26 Tentative Budget.

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 members of the public addressed the board: James Woodhead, Lisa Maggio, and Jenny Collins shared their thoughts on the 2025-26 Tentative Budget.

I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

I.1. Minutes from April 17, 2025

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025, Planning Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Monica Mundy.*

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

J. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

J.1. Professional Leave

J.2. Request for Extended Field Trips

J.3. Post Approval Report

J.4. Award of Bids/Proposals

J.5. Special and Other Leave of Absence

J.6. Resolution Relating to the Refunding of Prior Bond Issues

J.7. Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds to fund multiple capital projects

J.8. Resolution Relating to the Reimbursement of Capital Expenditures

J.9. FY 25 KETS Second Offer of Assistance

J.10. Multilingual Learning K-5 Contract

J.11. Multilingual Learning 6-12 Contract

J.12. Contract for Data Evaluation Platform for EL students

J.13. Contract for Instructional Strategies Curriculum for EL students

J.14. Naming Recommendation for Lexington Traditional Magnet School

J.15. Approval of Design Consultant and Initial BG-1 Project Application for the Renovation of Two Classrooms into Preschool Classrooms at Arlington Elementary School BG #25-321

J.16. Approval of the Design Consultant and the BG-1 Project Application for the Installation of Portable Classroom Unit (Offices) at Lafayette High School BG# 25-322

J.17. Approval of Design Consultant and Initial BG-1 Project Application for the Replacement of HVAC Systems at Winburn Middle School BG #25-323

J.18. Approval of the 2025-2029 Draft District Facility Plan (DFP)

J.19. Board to Establish a Date, Time, and Location for the Public Hearing and Appoint a Hearing Officer in regard to the 2025-2029 Draft District Facility Plan (DFP)

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.*

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| 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 Amy Green and a second by Monica Mundy.*

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

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

L.1. Personnel Changes

L.2. Running Board Approved Contracts

L.3. School Activity Funds Report

L.4. Position List

L.5. Interfund Transfer Report

L.6. Budget Transfer Report

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

Discussion: The following members of the public addressed the board: Heather Cherry spoke about diversity, equity, and inclusion, 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 April 28, 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 Penny Christian.*

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| 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 8:24 p.m. passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Monica Mundy.*

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

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board