

# **RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

## **(MINUTES)**

Regular Meeting

May 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 May 27, 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 Vice Chair Amy Green invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic death of Carlos Aguilera-Flores, a 9-year-old third-grader at Northern

Elementary School who had also attended Cardinal Valley Elementary School. Our hearts remain with his family, friends, and all those touched by his passing.

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

Board Vice Chair Amy Green led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Board Vice Chair Amy Green read the mission statement.

#### **F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the agenda with the lifting of J.1. Professional Leave from the consent section to become item K.5 under action items and allow for discussion, 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

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

##### **G.1. Lafayette High School Technical Theatre Showcase**

**Discussion:** FCPS Director of Fine Arts Katherine Lowther introduced Lafayette High School students Savannah Hoover and Tessa Franklin to speak about the impact of the technical theatre program at Lafayette.

#### **H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **H.1. Progress Reports**

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

##### **H.1.a.1. Community Partner Update: CivicLex**

**Discussion:** CivicLex Executive Director Richard Young and Director of Civic Education Stephanie Mobley addressed the board about how their nonprofit organization interacts with our schools and helps develop students as fully engaged citizens.

##### **H.1.a.2. Seal of Arts Excellence and Seal of Biliteracy Presentation**

**Discussion:** Director of Fine Arts Katherine Lowther and Director of Multilingual Services and Gifted & Talented Services Rose Santiago shared information about the number of FCPS students earning the Seal of Arts Excellence and Seal of Biliteracy.

##### **H.1.a.3. Special Recognition**

**Discussion:** Senator Reginald Thomas and Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman honored outgoing Fayette County Education Association President Jessica Hiler for her 15 years of service.

#### **H.1.a.4. OLT Presentation**

**Discussion:** Deputy Superintendent Houston Barber presented information about a proposed resolution to request an increase in the occupational license tax.

### **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: Amanda Preston, Rachel Buser, Norma Justice, Mark Russell, Anne Gay Donworth, Phillip Morgan, Whit Whitaker, C.B. Akins, Sr., Douglas Holloway, Emily Hobbs, Leanne Sebourn, Christian Adair, Camisha Powell, Jessica Hiler, Erika Pennington, Gabriela Lopez Rosas, Rob MacSwan, Matthew Vied, and Hershel Short addressed the proposed occupational license tax and tentative budget. Erica Snow shared concerns about preschool transportation. Sarah Bayerle, Michael Hawse, Rian Davis, and Sara Green addressed collective bargaining for employees. Heather Cherry addressed diversity, equity, and inclusion. Tucker Williams and Jon Fletcher addressed artificial turf for baseball and softball fields.

## **I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS**

### **I.1. Minutes from May 12, 2025**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025, Planning Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education 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

## **J. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**J.1. Professional Leave:** moved to K.5.

**J.2. Post Approval Report**

**J.3. Request for Extended Field Trips**

**J.4. Award of Bids/Proposals**

**J.5. Declaration of Surplus**

**J.6. Special and Other Leaves of Absence**

**J.7. Two-Way Communication Platform Contract**

**J.8. Assessment Contract Renewal**

**J.9. Student Support Learning Contract Renewal**

**J.10. Information System Contract Renewal**

**J.11. Credit Recovery Platform Contract Renewal**

**J.12. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Ten) 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 Bids and Proposed Contracts, and a Revision to the BG-1 Project Application for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195**

**J.14. Approval of Bid, Interim and Proposed Contracts, and a Revision to the BG-1 Project Application for the Construction of the New Henry Clay High School BG# 24-279**

**J.15. Approval of Construction Documents and Approval to Advertise for the Renovation of Two Classrooms into Preschool Classrooms at Arlington Elementary School BG #25-321**

**J.16. Approval of Construction Documents and Approval to Advertise for the Replacement of HVAC Systems at Winburn Middle School BG #25-323**

**J.17. Acceptance of Hearing Officer Report from the Public Hearing with Regard to the 2025 District Facility Plan (DFP)**

**J.18. Capital Funds Request - Various Schools Repairs and Services**

**J.19. School Activity Fund 2025-26 Tentative Budget**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve items J.2 through J.19 on the consent calendar including any items added by addendum 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

## **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 Penny Christian.*

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

## **K.2. Consider a Resolution**

**Motion Failed:** *A motion to table the presented Occupational License Tax resolution to June 9, 2025, failed with a motion by Amanda Ferguson and a second by Monica Mundy.*

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

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to accept the presented Occupational License Tax resolution passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

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

## **K.3. FY26 Salary Schedule**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the 2025-2026 Salary Schedules as presented passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Amy Green.*

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

## **K.4. FY26 Tentative Budget**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the 2025-2026 Tentative Budget as presented passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

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

### **K.5. Professional Leave**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the professional leave as presented passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Amy Green.*

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

### **L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**L.1. Running Board Approved Contracts**

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

**L.3. Personnel Changes**

**L.4. Position List**

**L.5. Letter of agreement**

**L.6. Interfund Transfer Report**

**L.7. Construction Report**

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

**Discussion:** The following members of the public addressed the board: Matthew Vied and Emma Curtis spoke about the occupational license tax. Heather Cherry spoke about diversity, equity, and inclusion. George Wakim addressed the bidding process for Greendale Elementary School. Jessica Hiler and Erika Pennington spoke about the partnership between the Fayette County Education Association and Fayette County Board of Education.

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

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

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 9:55 p.m. passed with a motion by Amy Green 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