

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Regular Meeting
July 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 July 28, 2025, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Amanda Ferguson
Amy Green
Tyler Murphy
Penny Christian

Absent Board Members:

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 Penny Christian invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic deaths of 7-year-old Santino Yancey Hardwick, a rising second grader at Dixie Elementary, who had also attended Mary Todd, Millcreek, Northern, and William Wells Brown elementary schools, and, Christopher Wagner, a 17-year-old rising senior at Frederick Douglass High School, who had also attended Crawford Middle School. Our hearts remain with their families, friends, and all those touched by their passing.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Penny Christian invited the audience to observe a moment of silence.

E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Board Member Penny Christian invited the audience to observe a moment of silence.

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	Absent

G. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

G.1. Progress Reports

G.1.a. Superintendent's Report

G.1.a.1. Budget Solutions Workgroup Update

Discussion: Deputy Superintendent Houston Barber provided an update on the work of the Budget Solutions Workgroup.

Superintendent Demetrus Liggins shared an overview of the past and future Student Outcomes Training for the entire governance team provided by the Council of Great City Schools, to continue to work toward improved student outcomes, as a Team of Six.

G.2. PUBLIC COMMENT (persons who have signed up to speak)

Discussion: The following members of the public addressed the board: Heather Cherry shared her thoughts about district policies.

H. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

H.1. Minutes from July 14, 2025

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2025, Planning Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education 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	Absent

I. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

I.1.a. Professional Leave

I.1.b. Post Approval Report

I.1.c. Award of Bids/Proposals

I.1.d. Declaration of Surplus

I.1.e. Request for Extended Field Trips

I.1.f. FY26 Internal Audit Plan

I.1.g. Certified Evaluation Plan

I.1.h. University Partnership Contract

I.1.i. Policy Updates Second Read

I.1.j. Professional Learning Contract

I.1.k. College and Career Contract Renewal

I.1.l. Special Education Assistant Contract

I.1.m. Sign Language Interpreting Contract

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I.1.o. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Contract

I.1.p. Orientation and Mobility Services Contract

I.1.q. Occupational Therapy Contract

I.1.r. Music Therapy Contract

I.1.s. Music Therapy Contract

I.1.t. Music Therapy Contract

I.1.u. Music Therapy Contract

I.1.v. Nursing Services and Speech Therapy Contract

- I.1.w. Nursing Services Contract**
- I.1.x. Nursing Services Contract**
- I.1.y. Applied Behavioral Analysis Contract**
- I.1.z. Third Party Medicaid Administrative & Recovery Services Contract**
- I.1.aa. HCHS Nursing Contract (FT Registered Nurse)**
- I.1.bb. Lease Renewal – LFUCG**
- I.1.cc. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Two) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Rise STEM Academy for Girls BG# 23-547**
- I.1.dd. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One) to the Contract for the Replacement of HVAC Systems at Northern Elementary School BG #24-081**
- I.1.ee. Approval of a Revision to the BG-1 Project Application for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195**
- I.1.ff. Approval of Contract for HVAC Testing and Balancing Services for the Construction of New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG 24-195**
- I.1.gg. Approval of Commissioning Agent Agreement for the Construction of New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG 24-195**
- I.1.hh. Approval of Third-Party Special Inspection Agreement for the Construction of New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG 24-195**
- I.1.ii. Approval of Commissioning Agent Agreement for the Construction of the New Henry Clay High School BG# 24-279**
- I.1.jj. Approval of Third-Party Special Inspection Agreement for the Construction of the New Henry Clay High School BG# 24-279**
- I.1.kk. Approval of Contract for HVAC Testing and Balancing Services for the Construction of the New Henry Clay High School BG# 24-279**
- I.1.ll. Approval of Bid, Proposed Contract, and a Revision to the BG-1 Project Application for the Replacement of HVAC Systems at Winburn Middle School BG #25-323**
- I.1.mm. Approval of Real Estate Exchange Agreement with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Concerning Approximately 4.467 Acres of the Winburn Middle School Site**

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the consent agenda 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	Absent

J. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

J.1. A Resolution Urging the Release of Federal Funds

Discussion: Chair Tyler Murphy stated that late in the day on July 25, the Kentucky Department of Education received notice from the United States Department of Education that the remaining Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title program funding that was previously withheld will be released this week therefore a vote on this item was no longer necessary.

K. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

K.1. Personnel Changes

K.2. School Activity Funds Report

K.3. Running Board Approved Contracts

K.4. Biannual Construction Report (as of June 30, 2025)

L. 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.

M. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated July 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 Penny Christian and a second by Amy Green.*

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

N. CLOSED SESSION

Motion Passed: *Pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(m) to discuss public records the disclosure of which would have a reasonable likelihood of threatening the public safety by exposing a vulnerability in preventing, protecting against, mitigating, or responding to a terrorist act, and pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k) meetings required to be conducted in privacy by law, a motion to enter closed session at 6:51 p.m. passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Amanda Ferguson.*

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

N.1. Reconvene in Open Session

Motion Passed: *A motion to reconvene in open session at 7:03 p.m. passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Amanda Ferguson.*

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

Discussion: Chair Tyler Murphy stated that the annual acknowledgement of the Data Security and Breach Notification Best Practice Guide has been reviewed during the closed session.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. 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	Absent

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board