

Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting

August 25, 2025 6:00 PM

In Person and Video Teleconference

Floyd County Board of Education

Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center

Eastern, KY



Attendance Taken at : 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Linda Gearheart

Mr. William Newsome

Dr. Chandra Varia

Mr. Steve Slone

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Tonya Horne-Williams, Board Secretary and Board Attorney was in attendance.

1. Chair's Welcome/Call to Order

A. Roll Call/Welcome

B. Review Focus Areas- Safety and Health of Students and Staff; Remain Fiscally Solvent; Attendance 94%; Postsecondary Readiness; ACT 19.5

C. Reminder for a Request to Speak

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. The Adoption of Agenda

Order #20700 - Motion Passed: Motion to adopt the agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart

Yes

Mr. William Newsome

Yes

Dr. Chandra Varia

Yes

Mr. Steve Slone

Yes

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Yes

Order #20701 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve action by consent Item 6-A through Item 6-M was approve out of order passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

Anthony Strong, Tim Spencer, and Michael George with Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC addressed the Board concerning Advisory Services for the Board

2. Special Reports and Spotlight

A. Recognition of Kyle O'Quinn

The Board recognized Kyle O'Quinn

Wes Turner presented before the Board a presentation "The Floyd County Data Security Best Practices Presentation"

B. Receive the Floyd County Data Security Best Practices Presentation

3. Community Comments to the Board of Education

A. Students

B. Parents, PTA/PTO

C. SBDM Councils

D. Classified Employees

E. Certified Employees/FCEA

Greta Gilbert spoke to the board concerning FCEA matters.

Bobby Akers presented before the Board concerns and a possible change to the YearBook purchases for the 2026 School Year

F. Principals' Association

G. Members of the Board of Education

Steve Slone said he wished the Board would get back to worrying about kids. I see light at the end of the tunnel. I hear nothing but good stories about Tonya.

H. Public Comment

4. Action or Special Reports - Student Learning

A. Receive Quarterly Attendance Report/Enrollment and Monthly Health Services Report

5. Action or Special Reports - Student Support

A. Receive Utility Report for Prestonsburg High School

Order #20702 - Motion Passed: Receive Utility Report for Prestonsburg High School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

B. Receive Report of Superintendent

Order #20703 - Motion Passed: Receive Report of Superintendent passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

C. Accept Notification of Personnel Matters

Order #20704 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

1. Actions Taken

2. Requests for Leaves of Absences

D. Consider/Approve Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor (Toadvine Enterprises) for Duff Allen Central Elementary Project

Order #20705 - Motion Passed: Approval of Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor (Toadvine Enterprises) for Duff Allen Central Elementary Project passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

E. Consider/Approve Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architects (RossTarrant Architects) for the Central Office and Central Office gym Roof replacement

Order #20706 - Motion Passed: Approval of Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architects (RossTarrant Architects) for the Central Office and Central Office gym Roof replacement passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

F. *Consider/Approve Revised BG-1 for the Duff Allen Central Elementary Renovation project, pending KDE approval

Order #20707 - Motion Passed: Approval of Revised BG-1 for the Duff Allen Central Elementary Renovation project, pending KDE approval passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6. Action by Consent

This Item 6-A thru Item 6-M was approved out of order earlier

A. Consider Approval of Minutes

B. Consider Payment of Bills and Claims

C. Consider/Approve designating the Blackboard Learning Management System as an approved, traceable communication platform for use by Floyd County Schools Dual Credit and Early College Academy students

D. Consider/Approve an agreement with Acadience Online Learning Company to report PELI assessment scores as required by Federal KY CL 25 Grant

E. Consider/Approve Allen Elementary to enter partnership with Hindman Settlement School for two math tutors from AmeriCorps

F. Consider/Approve Allen Elementary PTA's facility use agreement for the 2025-2026 school year

G. Consider/Retroactive Approval to memorandum of understanding between UNITE SERVICE CORPS Partner of Operation UNITE for the Corporation for National and Community Service/AmeriCorps for the 2025-2026 school year

H. Consider/Approve the following school-wide fundraisers for John M. Stumbo Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year: Ice Cream Sales, Scholastic Book Fair, School Spirit Attire Sales, Pencil Machine, and Kona Ice

I. Consider/Approve the Young Athletes Program use of Betsy Layne High School for Special Olympics, ages 2-7 and Cheerleading ages 8 and up, to develop motor skills and social emotional learning for kids in an all-inclusive sport & play program, pending corrected liability insurance form

J. Consider/Approve the use of the Floyd Central High School Gym by Wildfire Championship Wrestling for FCHS Archery fundraiser on September 13, 2025

K. *Consider/Approve the option to change from RSA Advisors, LLC to Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC as the municipal advisory services firm for the Floyd County Board of Education

L. *Consider/Approve increasing the cost-per-mile reimbursement rate that schools pay to the district for transportation costs

M. *Consider/Approve lease agreement for one (1) Chevy Colorado for Technology Department fleet

7. Executive Session to Discuss (Litigation, Property, Personnel, and Expulsions), KRS 61.810

8. Adjournment

Order #20708 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn, the time being 6:55 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

CHAIR

SECRETARY