

# **RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

## **(MINUTES)**

Fayette County Board of Education Planning Meeting  
September 8, 2025

The Fayette County Board of Education met in Room 150 of the John D. Price Administration Building located at 450 Park Place Lexington, KY 40511 at 5:30 p.m. on September 8, 2025, with the following members present:

### **Attendance Taken at 5:37 p.m.**

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

Amanda Ferguson  
Amy Green  
Penny Christian  
Monica Mundy  
Tyler Murphy

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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. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

## **C. ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES**

### **D. Minutes from August 18, 2025 & August 28, 2025 (Special Called)**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2025, regular meeting, and August 28, 2025, special called 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	Yes

## **E. CONSENT ITEMS FOR PLANNING MEETING**

### **E.1. Request for Extended Field Trips**

### **E.2. Shortened School Day**

### **E.3. Professional Leave**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the consent items as listed passed with a motion by Monica Mundy and a second by Amy Green.*

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

## **F. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **F.1. Superintendent's Report**

### **F.1.a. Crisis Response and Trauma Informed Care Plan**

**Discussion:** Coordinator of Extended School Services, Social Work, and Mental Health Services Shericka Smith, and Director of Employee Wellness Christi Sexton provided a report on the district's trauma informed care and crisis response plans.

## **G. PLANNING DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **G.1. CONSENT ITEMS FOR REGULAR ACTION MEETING**

#### **G.1.a. Award of Bids/Proposals**

#### **G.1.b. Special and Other Leave of Absence**

#### **G.1.c. District Assurance Document**

#### **G.1.d. College & Career Readiness Contract**

#### **G.1.e. Charter Bus Contract**

#### **G.1.f. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Fifteen) to the Contract for the Renovation of the New Combined CTE School at Midland Avenue BG# 22-167**

#### **G.1.g. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One) to the Contract for the Renovation of Two Classrooms into Preschool Classrooms at Arlington Elementary School BG #25-321**

## **H. INFORMATIONAL**

### **H.1. Procedure Update**

**Discussion:** Superintendent Demetrus Liggins addressed an update to district administrative procedures to add several instructional programs and platforms to the list of those allowable under the new state law limiting the electronic interactions that can take place between staff and students.

## **I. ACTION MEETINGS FOR REGULAR MEETING**

### **I.1. 2025-2026 Working Budget**

**Discussion:** Superintendent Demetrus Liggins presented the proposed 2025-26 Working Budget.

## **J. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Discussion:** The following citizens addressed the board: Matthew Vied, Jacob Francis, Bradley Hill, Laura Webb, Donna Verhoeven, and Taylor Slone addressed issues related to the budget. Jacob Francis, Bradley Hill, Laura Webb, and Taylor Slone also requested a forensic audit. Jacob Francis, Laura Webb, and Taylor Slone also addressed collective bargaining. Vera Soules Mabson spoke about the importance of paraeducators. Sonya Renfro spoke about the excellence provided by Fayette County Public Schools.

## **K. ACTION ITEMS**

### **K.1. Property Tax Rate Reduction**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion that the Board of Education for 2025-2026 levies a total tax rate of 79.8 cents (real estate) and 83.0 cents (personal property) per \$100 assessed valuation and a total motor vehicles property rate of 59.2 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, all for the good of the common schools, in preparation of the Working Budget for School Year 2025-2026 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.2. Unaudited Year End Financial Report**

**Discussion:** Financial Accounting, Budget, and Benefits Services Executive Director Rodney Jackson presented the unaudited year end financial report for June 2025.

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

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to make the agenda dated September 8, 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 Chrisitan and a second by Amy Green.*

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

### **K. CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion Passed:** *Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) for the discussion of proposed or pending litigation, KRS 61.810(1)(k) meetings required to be conducted in privacy by law, and KRS 156.557 (6)(c) preliminary discussions related to the evaluation of the superintendent a motion to go into executive session passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

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

### **K.1. Reconvene in Open Session**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to reconvene in open session at 10:36 p.m. 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	Yes

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to authorize board officers, in consultation with the board attorney, to negotiate and present options and terms for a possible investigation to be addressed at a meeting to be scheduled by the board chair passed with a motion by Amanda Ferguson and a second by Penny Christian.*

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

### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 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	Yes

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Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

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Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Board