

Pikeville Independent Board of Education Special Meeting

September 23, 2025 6:00 PM

John Waddell Administration Building

Attendance Taken at 6:03 PM:

Present Board Member(s):

Mrs. Ashley Brown

Mrs. Brittany Ratliff

Mr. Joe Ray Thornbury

Absent Board Member(s):

Dr. Kevin Pugh

Mr. Bill Staggs

I. Call to Order

Chairman Joe Ray Thornbury called the meeting to order and began with a moment of silence afterward, leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Comment

None Given

III. Student Achievement

A. Student/Staff Recognition

None Given

B. PES Principal's Report

Principal Glenda Adkins shared with a brief recap of activities of both academic and athletic achievements and what is happening to plan for the upcoming school year.

C. PHS Principal's Report

Principal Brandon Blackburn shared with a brief recap of activities of both academic and athletic achievements and what is happening to plan for the upcoming school year.

D. District Administrator Reports

Mrs. Denise Clark, CFO reported that the school year is off to a good start. She expressed gratitude for the new food service team and acknowledged that, although there have been a few setbacks due to personal losses, the staff has worked together with patience and resilience. She noted appreciation for the support of Officer Paul, who obtained his food handler's card and stepped in to assist when needed. Mrs. Clark emphasized her thankfulness for the patience and support shown as the department reorganizes, and she highlighted that positive progress is being made. She concluded by affirming the commitment to continue building the program and providing what is needed to serve students and staff successfully at both school buildings.

Mrs. Jeri McNamee, Assistant Food Service Director, provided an update and presentation on current and upcoming food service initiatives. She shared information about the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant, explaining its goals and plans to incorporate local farmers by providing samples during Family Night. The primary objective of the program is to increase children's consumption of fruits and vegetables. Ms. McNamee also discussed the implementation of new breakfast procedures across the district and the introduction of additional lunch options at Pikeville High School. In recognition of National School Lunch Week, scheduled for October 13th through 16th, Pikeville High School will host a "Taste Around the World" event, giving students the opportunity to try foods from different cultures. Additionally, she introduced Mosaic, a new food service software designed to assist with recipes, menu planning, and inventory management, which is expected to increase both efficiency and accuracy in daily operations.

IV. Action/Consent Items

- A. Excuse Absence of Dr. Kevin Pugh at the August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting
- C. Approve Bills, Payrolls, and Financial Reports for the period August 20, 2025 to September 23, 2025
- D. Ratify Transportation/Trip Requests
 - 1. PHS Chorus to Lexington, KY on September 12-13, 2025
- E. Approve Transportation/Trip Requests
 - 1. PHS Academic Team to Solon, OH on October 10-11, 2025
 - 2. PHS Band to Paintsville, KY on January 15-17, 2026
 - 3. PHS Cheerleaders to Orlando, FL on January 28-February 2, 2026
 - 4. PHS Band to Morehead, KY on February 12-14, 2026
 - 5. PHS Band to Paintsville, KY on March 19-21, 2026
 - 6. PHS Band to Paintsville, KY on April 9-11, 2026
- F. Approve Architect/Engineer Fee Proposal with Sherman Carter Barnhart
- G. Approve Surplus Food Service Equipment

Order #2085 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all action/consent items as presented passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff and a second by Mrs. Ashley Brown.

V. Action/Discussion Items

A. 2025-2026 Working Budget

Mrs. Denise Clark, CFO presented the 2026 Final Working Budget. She noted that the budget is not significantly different from previous years, though some adjustments are necessary due to new hires, staffing changes, and rank advancements. She also mentioned that the district is awaiting the arrival of a new bus and is accounting for carryover funds in the pre-audit. Ms. Clark emphasized that the district is in very good shape in its general fund and will soon begin reviewing and updating the District Facility Plan.

Order #2086 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve 2025-2026 Working Budget passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Ashley Brown and a second by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff

VI. Information/Review Items

A. Personnel Report

Superintendent's Personnel Report September 2025

NEW HIRES:

Kimberly Chaney, Instructional Assistant – PES
Morgan Justice, Food Service Manager – District Wide
Jason Merlo, School Resource Officer – PHS
Taylor Spears, Instructional Assistant – PES

RESIGNATIONS:

Sara Sands, Instructional Assistant – PES

SUBSTITUTES:

Britian Johnson, Certified
Christian Kennedy, Classified
Autumn Maynard, Classified
Zachary Ratliff, Classified
Emma Schubert, Certified
Anna Sisco, Certified
Tiffany Stewart, Certified
Kayli Tackett, Certified
Nathan Webb, Certified

EXTRA DUTY POSITIONS:

Cinthia Compton, Head Girls Volleyball Coach

PARAPROFESSIONALS:

Ashley Melvin Thacker, Assistant Girls Basketball (Level 5)

Savannah Nunemaker, Head Softball Coach

Brad Smith, Archery Coach

B. Miscellaneous

None Given

VII. Closed Session

Board Chair Joe Ray Thornbury requested the Board go into closed session regarding KRS 61.810.1C.

Order #2087 - Motion Passed: Closed session passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Ashley Brown and a second by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff.

VIII. Return to Regular Session

Order #2088 - Motion Passed: Motion to return to regular session passed with a motion by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff and a second by Mrs. Ashley Brown.

IX. Adjournment

Order #2089 - Motion Passed: Adjournment passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Ashley Brown and a second by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff.

Joe Ray Thornbury, Chairman
Pikeville Independent Board of Education

David Trimble, Superintendent/Secretary
Pikeville Independent Board of Education