

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Regular Meeting
September 22, 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 September 22, 2025, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Amanda Ferguson
Amy Green
Tyler Murphy
Penny Christian
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 Vice Chair Amy Green invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic death of Benjamin Ramirez Rodriguez, an 18-year-old junior at Bryan

Station High School, who had also attended Winburn Middle School. Our hearts remain with his family, friends, and all those touched by their 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 Ferguson read the mission statement.

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	Yes

G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE

G.1. FCPS High School Choirs Collaboration with American Spiritual Ensemble

Discussion: FCPS Fine Arts Instructional Specialist David Fonda recalled how three high school choirs collaborated with the American Spiritual Ensemble last spring at Transylvania University. This initiative paved the way for an FCPS All-City Choir performance at UK's Singletary Center as part of a 250Lex music series on September 22, 2025. A video about the collaboration was played.

H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

H.1. Progress Reports

H.1.a. Superintendent's Report

H.1.a.1. Kids' Champion Award

Discussion: Chief of Staff Tracy Bruno introduced a video spotlighting the September recipient of the Kids' Champion Award, Shealynn Duvall, a Special Education teacher at Tates Creek High School who won a check for \$100, sponsored by Forcht Bank.

H.1.a.2. Quarter 1 Professional Learning Update

Discussion: Director of Professional Learning Jesse Mettille presented the first quarter update on professional learning opportunities provided to FCPS employees since July 1, 2025.

H.1.a.3. Community Partner Update: Bullard Engineering

Discussion: External Partnerships Manager Michael Adams Jr., Districtwide STEM Learning Coach Shad Lacefield, Lexington Fire Department Captain Lewis, and Bullard CEO Wells Bullard introduced a project that brought together students, teachers, firefighters, and engineers to design fidget spinners for firefighters to share with children who are impacted by emergencies. The following students from the schools involved shared their personal experiences with the project and spoke to what they learned: STEAM Academy high school students Bailey Barrett, Elodie Betz, Linden Martin, and Luke Lippert, Leestown Middle School students Nathan Snow and Liam Scheibly, Rise STEM Academy for Girls student Marjorie Newman, and George Washington Carver STEM Academy for Boys student Hardin Gillis.

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 on issues including the FCPS Working Budget, collective bargaining, Title I funding, and public calls for a forensic audit: Kathryn McClung, Laura Webb, Bradley Hill, Colin Harris, Larry Moore, Erica Snow, Deborah Gerth, Amanda Preston, Donna Verhoeven, Matthew Vied, Heather Cherry, Clark Williams. Erica Snow also addressed the topic of preschool transportation. Christian Adair spoke about student success and achievement.

I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

I.1. Minutes

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025, Special Called Meeting and the September 16, 2025, Planning Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education 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

J. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

J.1. Request for Extended Field Trips

J.2. Professional Leave

J.3. Award of Bids/Proposals

J.4. Post Approval Report

J.5. Special and Other Leave of Absence

J.6. District Assurances Document

J.7. College & Career Readiness Contract

J.8. Facility Contract

J.9. Charter Bus Contract

J.10. 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

J.11. 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

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the items on the consent calendar 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	Yes

K. DISCUSSION ITEMS

K.1. Governance Manual, Board Meetings - Section H

Discussion: Board members discussed the practice of fact checking members of the public who speak during board meetings or public hearings.

L. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

L.1 Unaudited Year End Financial Report

Motion: *A motion to accept the Unaudited Year-End 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	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
Penny Christian	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes

L.2 2025-2026 Working Budget

Motion: *A motion to approve the 2025-2026 Working Budget and direct staff to develop and present an action plan to restore the contingency fund to 6% 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

L.3. Monthly Financial Report (July 2025)

Motion: *A motion is in order 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	No

L.4. Monthly Financial Report (August 2025)

Motion: *A motion to accept the August 2025 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	No

M. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

M.1. Running Board Approved Contracts

M.2. Personnel Changes

M.3. School Activity Funds Report

M.4. Construction Report

M.5. Procedure Update

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

Discussion: The following members of the public addressed the board about topics not on the board agenda: Noah Cornett addressed a forensic audit, Melissa Hagans addressed H.B. 240; Matthew Vied spoke about the budget and calculation of the contingency fund.

O. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated September 22, 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 Penny Christian.*

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

P. CLOSED SESSION

Motion Passed: *Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) and KRS 61.810(1)(f) a motion to enter closed session for potential litigation discussions about allegations that if substantiated may lead to personal action passed at 9:30 p.m. 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

P.1. Reconvene in Open Session

Motion Passed: *A motion to reconvene in open session at 9:44 pm passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

Amanda Ferguson	Yest
Amy Green	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
Penny Christian	Yes

Monica Mundy Yes

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 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

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board