

# Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting

September 22, 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 #20735 - 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

## **2. Special Reports and Spotlight**

## **3. Community Comments to the Board of Education**

- A. Students
- B. Parents, PTA/PTO
- C. SBDM Councils
- D. Classified Employees
- E. Certified Employees/FCEA
- F. Principals' Association
- G. Members of the Board of Education
- H. Public Comment

**4. Action or Special Reports - Student Learning**

- A. Receive Attendance & Plans/Enrollment and Health Services Report

**5. Action or Special Reports - Student Support**

- A. Receive Utility Report for Duff-Allen Central Elementary School

**Order #20736 - Motion Passed:** Receive Utility Report for Duff-Allen Central Elementary School 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

- B. Receive Report of Superintendent

**Order #20737 - Motion Passed:** Receive Report of Superintendent 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

- C. \*Accept Notification of Personnel Matters

**Order #20738 - Motion Passed:** 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

**1. Actions Taken**

**D. Consider/Approve Initial BG-1 for the Central Office Track Renovations**

**Order #20739 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Initial BG-1 for the Central Office Track Renovations 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

**1. Requests for Leaves of Absences**

**E. Consider/Approve construction documents and request advertise for bids for the Betsy Layne ES Gymnasium Renovation, pending KDE Approval**

**Order #20740 - Motion Passed:** Approval of construction documents and request advertise for bids for the Betsy Layne ES Gymnasium Renovation, pending KDE Approval 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

**F. \*Consider/Approve Independent Consulting Agreement for site assessment and land renovation**

**Order #20741 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Independent Consulting Agreement for site assessment and land renovation 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

**G. \*Consider/Approve pay estimate #1 for Duff-Allen Central Elementary School project**

**Order #20742 - Motion Passed:** Approval of pay estimate #1 for Duff-Allen Central Elementary School project 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

**H. \*Consider/Approve** easement of property for American Electric Power (AEP) identified in geographical area to Prestonsburg High School

**Order #20743 - Motion Passed:** Approval of easement of property for American Electric Power (AEP) identified in geographical area to Prestonsburg High School 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

#### **6. Action by Consent**

**Order #20744 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve all consent items as presented, including (Item 6-S) Floyd Central High School Baseball team travel and (Item 6-T) Drug Testing Program Contract 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

#### **A. Consider Approval of Minutes**

#### **B. \*Consider Payment of Bills and Claims**

**C. Consider/Approve** Morehead State University (MSU) 339 Learning Contract by and between Morehead State University and Floyd County Schools

**D. Consider/Approve** Floyd County School of Innovation grant conditions acknowledgment form

**E. Consider/Approve** the submission of notice to KDE for Students with Disabilities who require a shortened school day or school week based upon their IEP and physician recommendation for the 2025-2026 school year

**F. Consider/Approve** the use of the Floyd County Facilities, when approved by Principals, by Floyd County Youth Wrestling from October 1st, 2025-April 1st, 2026

**G. Consider/Approve** to allow Prestonsburg High School Baseball team to travel to Kingsport, Tennessee to compete in a weekend baseball tournament on April 17-18, 2026

**H. Consider/Approve** to allow the Prestonsburg High School Baseball team to travel to Lawrenceville, Georgia to compete in a baseball tournament during Spring Break 2026, March 30-April 3, 2026

**I. Consider/Approve** leasing (3) Chevrolet 2500 trucks

**J. \*Consider/Approve** the purchase of HUDL a performance based analysis platform for Prestonsburg High School athletes

**K.** \*Consider/Approve the MOA between University of Pikeville and the Floyd County Board of Education for Initial Certification Teacher Education Programs for the 2025-2026 school year

**L.** \*Consider/Approve the Dance ETC to use PHS gymnasium during Jenny Wiley Days on October 8, 2025

**M.** \*Consider/Approve the consultant job agreement between Cassandra Akers and the Floyd County Board of Education for a period beginning on July 1 to June 30 each year with specific days being determined by both parties. Also, the contract is extended if both parties agree

**N.** \*Consider/Approve 2nd Reading of Floyd County Board of Education Policy 08.2324 (SB 181- Traceable Communication) as well as the AP.2 which is the parental waiver attachment

**O.** \*Consider/Approve a resolution declaring the intent of the Board of Education of Floyd County to reimburse the general fund or building fund through tax-exempt bond proceeds

**P.** \*Consider/Approve up to \$2,000 for Prestonsburg High School Boys Soccer Team to cover travel expenses, including food and transportation, for the All A Classic State Tournament on 9/19/25-9/21/25

**Q.** \*Consider/Approve South Floyd Elementary School Honor Club Trip for Middle Grades to travel to Florida during Spring Break of the 2025-2026 School Year

**R.** \*Consider/Approve FY 2026 Final Working Budget

**S.** \*Consider/Approve Floyd Central High School Baseball team to travel to Tampa Bay Spring Training in Tampa, Florida on March 30th, 2026 thru April 2nd, 2026

**T.** \*Consider/Approve New Drug Testing Contract with Cornerstone Diagnostics

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

**8.** Adjournment

**Order #20745 - Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn, the time being 6:31 PM 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

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY