

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Regular Meeting
October 27, 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 October 27, 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 Member Monica Mundy invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic death of Gary Carrigan, who was a member of Team FCPS for nine

years, having served as a bus driver with the district since 2016. Our hearts remain with his family, friends, and all those touched by their passing.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Monica Mundy led the pledge of allegiance.

E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Board Member Monica Mundy read the mission statement.

F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Failed: *A motion to amend the agenda by adding an item to the action portion of the agenda to consider and vote on a resolution in support of collective bargaining for district employees failed with a motion by Monica Mundy and a second by Amanda Ferguson.*

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

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

G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE

G.1. Morton Middle School Band

Discussion: FCPS Director of Fine Arts Katherine Lowther and Morton Middle School Principal Twanjua Jones introduced the world premiere of the Morton Middle School symphonic band performance of “Legacy of the Land,” a piece that was written specifically for their school.

H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

H.1. Progress Reports

H.1.a. Superintendent's Report

Discussion: Superintendent Demetrus Liggins shared a video celebrating October as Principal Appreciation Month, noting that school leadership is second only to classroom instruction in school-related impacts on student learning.

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

Discussion: Chief of Staff Tracy Bruno led the recognition for Lafayette High School English teacher Sherri McPherson, who was named the October FCPS Kids' Champion for making a difference in the lives of her students. Monthly winners receive a check for \$100 courtesy of Forcht Bank.

H.1.a.2. PBIS Recognitions

Discussion: Chief of Student Support Services Dedeeh Newbern and Safe Schools Coordinator Sara Pickering highlighted schools in FCPS that have received state recognition for successfully implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

H.1.a.3. Special Education Update

Discussion: Executive Director of Special Education Adam Liechty provided an update on the services provided for FCPS students with special needs

H.1.a.4. Community Partner Update: Seedleaf

Discussion: External Partnerships Manager Michael Adams Jr. and Seedleaf Executive Director Christine Smith shared an overview of the district's 16-year community partnership with the organization. Among the students who shared their experiences with Seedleaf were Bryan Station High School senior Kamryn Carr, who also attends Locust Trace AgriScience Center, Southern Middle School seventh-grader Caris Francis, and Javen Whit, who attends school virtually.

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 district finances, collective bargaining, concerns from teachers, and an external forensic audit: Isaac Looney, Noah Cornett, Kat McClung, Sara Green, Laura Hartke, Colin Harris, Brandy

Baker, Heather Ferguson, Larry Moore, Michael Probst, Emily Morris, Benjamin Romeo, James Woodhead, Katherine Ison, Catherine Blair, Shambra Mulder, Deborah Gerth, Stephen Dorsey, Chad Peavler, Matthew Vied, Bonnie Ogle-Taylor, and Teri Crutcher.

I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

I.1. Minutes

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 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. Award of Bids/Proposals

J.2. Professional Leave

J.3. Request for Extended Field Trips

J.4. Post Approval Report

J.5. Special and Other Leave of Absence

J.6. External Audit, Review, or Investigation Recommendation

J.7. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Twelve) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Mary E. Britton Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard BG# 21-176

J.8. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Sixteen) to the Contract for the Renovation of The HILL BG# 22-167

J.9. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Three) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Rise STEM Academy for Girls BG# 23-547

J.10. Approval of a BG-4 Contract Closeout Form for the Replacement of HVAC Systems at Lexington Middle School BG #24-080

J.11. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Five) to the Contract for the Addition of Three Preschool Classrooms and HVAC Replacement at Harrison Elementary School BG #23-124

J.12. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Two) to the Contract for the Replacement of HVAC Systems at Northern Elementary School BG #24-081

J.13. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One, Bid Package No. Twenty-one) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195

J.14. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One, Bid Package No. Five) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195

J.15. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One, Bid Package No. Eight) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195

J.16. Approval of Design Consultant and Initial BG-1 Project Application for the (1) Replacement of the Roof and (2) Replacement of Artificial Turf Field and Resurfacing of Track at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School BG #26-113

J.17. Bus Purchase-General Obligation Bond

J.18. Bus Purchase-KISTA

J.19. UK Center For Next Gen. Leadership Partnership

J.20. Convener and Partner Liaison Contract

J.21. Wide Area Network Service Contract

J.22. School-wide Fundraising Project

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

K. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

K.1 Monthly Financial Report (September 2025)

Discussion: Executive Director of Financial Accounting, Budget, and Benefits Services Rodney Jackson presented the monthly finance report and pointed out an anomaly on the graph which showed what appeared to be a revenue spike in the general fund. Jackson explained that there was a bond sale in September 2024, which is out of the ordinary. Once the proceeds from the bond sale were moved into the building fund that figure returned to normal.

Motion: *A motion 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. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

L.1. Running Board Approved Contracts

L.2. Personnel Changes

L.3. Fall 2025 MAP Assessment Performance Data

L.4. School Activity Funds Report

L.5. Construction Report

M. 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: Bradley Hill spoke about a forensic audit and collective bargaining, Heather Cherry spoke about diversity issues; Rock Daniels spoke about athletic opportunities at Meadowthorpe Elementary, Christie Volpenhein spoke about collective bargaining, and Roszaly Akins spoke about efforts to cause chaos, confusion, and conflict in order to dismantle public education.

N. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated October 27, 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 Monica Mundy and a second by Amy Green.*

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

O. CLOSED SESSION

Motion Passed: *Pursuant to 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 passed at 9:06 p.m. 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

P.1. Reconvene in Open Session

Motion Passed: *A motion to reconvene in open session at 9:25 p.m. passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Monica Mundy.*

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

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 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