

Pikeville Independent Board of Education Special Meeting

October 20, 2025 6:00 PM

John Waddell Administration Building

Attendance Taken at 6:02 PM:

Present Board Member(s):

Mrs. Ashley Brown

Dr. Kevin Pugh

Mrs. Brittany Ratliff

Mr. Joe Ray Thornbury

Absent Board Member(s):

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

We are pleased to welcome the University of Pikeville students visiting our board meeting as part of their education course. We look forward to showcasing the engaging teaching and learning taking place in our district.

III. Student Achievement

A. Student/Staff Recognition

We are excited to welcome our Teaching and Learning Pathway students to tonight's board meeting. Their dedication to working alongside their mentor teachers at the elementary school reflects their commitment to becoming future educators.

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

Director of Pupil Personnel Frosty Davis provided his report, noting the district's overall attendance rate at 95.76%, with Pikeville Elementary School at 95.82% and Pikeville High School at 95.68%. He expressed pride in these strong numbers, emphasizing that they reflect the high expectations of our students and families who value learning and engagement. Mr. Davis commended the tremendous effort of the attendance staff at each building, recognizing their dedication and teamwork in maintaining such impressive attendance rates across the district.

Technology Director Neil Arnett presented his report, noting that September and October are major reporting months for the district's technology department. He explained that the district's new five-year refresh cycle is now in place for student Chromebooks and desktop devices, allowing the team to plan ahead through 2027 and beyond to ensure consistent coverage and timely replacements. Mr. Arnett discussed the Digital Readiness Survey, which begins with inventory and extends into training availability and resource planning, an important investment in technology growth. He also reviewed the district's technology activity report, highlighting collaboration with district coordinators to identify and address needs, develop plans for the coming year, and await state approval. Additionally, he noted that Phase 1 of the Rapid Identity rollout has been completed for teachers, with students scheduled to be included next.

IV. Action/Consent Items

- A. Excuse Absence of Bill Staggs and Kevin Pugh at the September 23, 2025 Special Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the September 23, 2025 Special Meeting
- C. Approve Bills, Payrolls, and Financial Reports for the period September 24, 2025 to October 21, 2025
- D. Ratify Transportation/Trip Requests
 - 1. PJHS Girls Basketball to Lexington, KY on October 10-12, 2025
- E. Approve Transportation/Trip Requests
 - 1. KYA to Louisville, KY on November 13-15, 2025
- F. Approve Series 2006 Bond Payment in the amount of \$637.50
- G. Approve Series 2019 Bond Payment in the amount of \$3,655.76
- H. Approve 2024-2025 Technology Activity Report
- I. Approve Special Education Modified School Day Waiver Request

Order #2090 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all action/consent items as presented passed unanimously with a motion by Dr. Kevin Pugh and a second by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff.

V. Action/Discussion Items

A. FY2026 School Bus Purchase

Order #2091 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve FY2026 School Bus Purchase in the amount of \$173,216 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 October 2025

RESIGNATIONS:

Charles Brennan Alderman, Tennis Coach – PHS

SUBSTITUTES:

Anthony DeMarco, Certified

Sarah Justice, Certified

Terry Justice, Certified

PARAPROFESSIONALS:

Clara Blair, HS Assistant Softball Coach

J. Shane Hensley, HS Assistant Softball Coach

Braydn Hunter, HS Wrestling Coach

B. Miscellaneous

None Given

VII. Closed Session

None

VIII. Return to Regular Session

None

IX. Adjournment

Order #2092 - Motion Passed: Adjournment passed unanimously with a motion by Dr. Kevin Pugh 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