

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Regular Meeting
November 24, 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 November 24, 2025, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6:01 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 Penny Christian invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic deaths of Luis Luna Cervantes, a seventh grader at Jessie Clark Middle

School who previously attended the Preschool Center, Millcreek Elementary, and Clays Mill Elementary; Nishant Palle, a sophomore at Frederick Douglass High School who previously attended Edythe J. Hayes Middle and Athens-Chilesburg Elementary; and bus driver Ryan Chancellor, who had been a member of Team FCPS in the Transportation Department since 2015. Our hearts remain with their families, friends, and all those touched by their passing.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Penny Christian led the pledge of allegiance.

E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

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

G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE

G.1. Lafayette High School Jazz Band

Discussion: FCPS Director of Fine Arts Katherine Lowther introduced Lafayette High School senior Chloe Hillard who spoke about her experience as trumpet player in the Lafayette Jazz Ensemble and provided background for a video shown of the group performing “Livin Larger Than Life” by Alan Baylock.

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 led the recognition for Damon Sexton, the Family Resource Center coordinator at Sandersville Elementary, who was named the November FCPS

Kids' Champion for making a difference in the lives of students. Monthly winners receive a check for \$100 courtesy of Forcht Bank.

H.1.a.2. Community Partner Update: KC7 Foundation

Discussion: External Partnerships Manager Michael Adams Jr. and Bryan Quillen, cybersecurity instructor at The Hub for Innovative Learning and Leadership, shared a presentation highlighting the impact of the district's partnership with KC7 Foundation. Bates Creek High School freshman Bennett Lanter and Henry Clay High School freshman Ruby Kirkland spoke about how the collaboration has helped them prepare for life after high school.

H.1.a.3. State Assessment & Accountability Update 2025

Discussion: Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership Bill Bradford shared the results from the 2025 state accountability data released in November by the Kentucky Department of Education. The district met or exceeded every goal in its Comprehensive District Improvement Plan.

H.2. Board Governance Manual

Discussion: Board members reviewed possible changes to the board governance manual and determined which ones to incorporate or reject.

H.3. Legal Update: Collective Bargaining Agreement

Discussion: Board attorney Josh Salsburey told board members that they had received a privileged memo with answers to their questions and encouraged them to send him any other questions.

H.4. PUBLIC COMMENT (persons who have signed up to speak)

Discussion: The following members of the public addressed the board on issues including closing programs, district finances, collective bargaining, the annual external audit, and board governance: Cherish Wheeler-Copeland, Phillip Morgan, James Woodhead, Larry Moore, Donna Verhoeven, Noah Cornett, Laura Hartke, Laura Webb, Colin Harris, Stephen Dorsey, Isaac Looney, Jeni Ward, Haylee Tackett, Amanda Preston, Heather Ferguson, Matthew Vied, and Rachel Buser.

I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

I.1. Minutes

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 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. FUTURE ACTION ITEM

J.1. Financial Records Audit Report

Discussion: Katie Reed and Meaghan Reynolds from the firm of LBMC presented the findings of the annual external financial audit.

K. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

K.1. Audit Committee Recommendation

Discussion: Audit Committee members Dave Osborne, Lindsay Dial, and Larry Forrester provided the committee's recommendation regarding the possibility of ordering an independent audit.

Motion Withdrawn: *A motion by Monica Mundy to table the matter was withdrawn and the board took no action.*

K.2. Monthly Financial Reports

Discussion: Executive Director of Financial Accounting, Budget, and Benefits Services Rodney Jackson presented the monthly finance report for October 2025.

Motion: *A motion to accept the Monthly Treasurer's Report of Revenue/Expense reports as presented to the Board passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Amy Green.*

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

L. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

L.1. Award of Bids/Proposals

L.2. Professional Learning

L.3. Request for Extended Field Trips

L.4. Post Approval Report

L.5. Special and Other Leave of Absence

L.6. Group Tour Contract

L.7. Training and Coaching Contract

L.8. FY 26 KETS First Offer of Assistance

L.9. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Thirteen) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Mary E. Britton Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard BG# 21-176

L.10. Approval of a BG-4 Contract Closeout Form for the Replacement of HVAC Systems at Booker T. Washington Elementary School BG #24-168

L. Declaration of Surplus and Sale of 1800 Harrodsburg Road (Southside Technical Center) BG# 26-136

L.12. Declaration of Surplus, Approval to Dispose, and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) for the Granting of a Temporary Easement and the Sale of Unimproved Portion of Real Property Located at Liberty Elementary School (Parcel 1)

L.13. Declaration of Surplus, Approval to Dispose, and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) for the Granting of Two (2) Permanent and One (1) Temporary Easements, and the Sale of Unimproved Portion of Real Property Located at the Liberty Road Bus Garage (Parcel 49)

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

M. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

M.1. Personnel Changes

M.2. Running Board Approved Contracts

M.3. Fall 2025 Brigrance Kindergarten Screener Data

M.4. Monthly Construction Report School

M.5. Budget Transfer Report

M.6. School Activity Funds Report

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, including The Stables and district finances: Kevin Faris, Jeffrey Zahn, Tereka Moyler, Donna Verhoeven, Mica Nicole, Katherine Nicole, Jai'Vion Johnson, Madisen Reynolds, Izzabella Lewis, Becky Tandy, Mariah Jones, Noelle Grey, Pat Kline, Jih'Mahria Johnson, Jennifer Peyton, Robert Barton, and Matthew Vied.

O. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated November 24, 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 Monica Mundy.*

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

P. CLOSED SESSION

P.1. Reconvene in Open Session

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m. 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

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board