

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Regular Meeting
December 18, 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 December 18, 2025, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6 p.m.

Present Board Members:

Amy Green

Tyler Murphy

Monica Mundy

Absent Board Members:

Amanda Ferguson

Updated Attendance:

Penny Christian was updated to present at: 6:39 p.m.

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 Chair Tyler Murphy invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic death of David Gulley, who joined Team FCPS as a bus driver in August of this year. Our hearts remain with his family, friends, and all those touched by his passing.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Tyler Murphy led the pledge of allegiance.

E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Board Chair Tyler Murphy 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 Monica Mundy.*

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

G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE

G.1. FCPS Athletics Showcase

Discussion: FCPS Athletic Director Jackie Gordon Duvall shared a fall athletics showcase featuring staff and students from Bryan Station High School and Paul Laurance Dunbar High School.

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 Markiara Smith, the lead custodian at Morton Middle School, who was named the December 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. Health and Nutrition Report

Discussion: Health Services Coordinator Debbie Boian and Healthy Schools Specialist Angela Stark provided a brief update on districtwide health and wellness initiatives.

H.2. PUBLIC COMMENT (persons who have signed up to speak)

Discussion: The following members of the public addressed the board about long-term proposals for George Washington Carver STEM Academy, Rise STEM Academy, and The Stables: Richard Gaines, Nikole Gieske, Isaac Looney, Ezra Anglin, Ismail Khan, Garon Rucker, Christian Adair, Lisa Field, Calizza Farrell, Sarah Flood-Baumann, Amy Gibson, Heather Cherry, Erica Faulkner, Oliver Palacios, and Brady Tudor.

I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

I.1. Minutes from December 8, 2025

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025, Planning Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education passed with a motion by Monica Mundy and a second by Amy Green.*

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

J. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

J.1. Professional Leave

J.2. Post Approval Report

J.3. Award of Bids/Proposals

J.4. Declaration of Surplus

J.5. Special and Other Leaves of Absence

J.6. Request for Extended Field Trips

J.7. Comprehensive District Improvement Plan

J.8. Amendment to Fayette Education Foundation Agreement

J.9. Biannual Family Resource & Youth Services Centers School District Assurance Certification

J.10. Professional Support Contract

J.11. Approval of Revised BG-1 Project Application 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. Six) to the Contract for the Addition of Three Preschool Classrooms and HVAC Replacement at Harrison Elementary School BG #23-124

J.13. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Henry Clay High School BG# 24-279

J.14. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Two) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Henry Clay High School BG# 24-279

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 Monica Mundy.*

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

K. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

K.1. Monthly Financial Reports

Discussion: Executive Director of Financial Accounting, Budget, and Benefits Services Rodney Jackson presented the monthly finance report for November 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 Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

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

K.2. Financial Records Audit Report

Discussion: Auditors Katie Reed and Meaghan Reynolds, from the independent certified public accounting firm LBMC, reviewed the findings of the state-required annual external audit. The firm issued a clean, unmodified opinion to FCPS, which is the highest level of assurance an auditor can provide.

Motion: *A motion to accept the Independent Auditors' Report as presented to the Board passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

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| Amanda Ferguson | Absent |
| Amy Green | Yes |
| Tyler Murphy | Yes |

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| Penny Christian | Yes |
| Monica Mundy | No |

K.3. Program Recommendation for The Stables

Motion: *A motion to support the recommendation that the district identify an alternative funding stream for long-term sustainability of The Stables passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

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

K.4. Facility Recommendation for STEM Academies

Motion: *A motion to approve the multi-year facility recommendation for Rise STEM Academy for Girls and George Washington Carver Academy for Boys as presented to the Board passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Amy Green.*

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

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

L.1. School Activity Funds Report

L.2. Personnel Changes

L.3. Monthly Construction Report

L.4. School Running Board Approved Contracts

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, including collective bargaining, the equity council committee, and evaluations for preschool students with special needs: James Woodhead, Scott Horn, and Vicki Molstad.

N. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated December 18, 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.*

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

O. CLOSED SESSION

O.1. Reconvene in Open Session

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. passed with a motion by Monica Mundy and a second by Amy Green.*

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

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board