

Powell County Board of Education Regular Meeting
December 16, 2025 6:00 PM
Powell County Middle School Media Center

Attendance Taken at : 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mark Collier

Brenda Crabtree

Lisa Mays

Kathy Merriman

Absent Board Members:

Diann Meadows

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Adopt/Approve Agenda

Order #26-98 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve agenda passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

IV. Communication Report

Superintendent Wasson gave the following communication report:

- This has been a very busy month preparing for the move to the new Stanton Elementary. We have a moving plan ready and we will be doing the majority of the moving on Thursday and some on Friday.
- I am disappointed with the outcome of the vote for our tax rate. Regardless of how much information we provided and how transparent with the process we were, we could not overcome the false perception that tax rates would have increased 16.5%. We want our students to know that regardless of this outcome, we are going to continue to try to improve all aspects of their educational experience. We will not be able to build the new facilities that we believe they deserve, but we will work to do the best we can to make small improvements that they will see.
- Our assessment results came out right after our last Board meeting. We have had a lot of growth and a lot of progress that we are proud of. We also have areas that concern us and that we are working with urgency towards improvement. Our Chief Academic Officer will present a report on the scores tonight and our principals will talk about their successes and areas for improvement. I want to address that there was a lot of incorrect information in relation to our Middle School being a CSI school as being a state takeover. CSI stands for comprehensive system of improvement. KDE is providing our middle school additional systems of support. This includes three people with much experience at helping schools get turned around. We know that the top need of our school is fully certified teachers and we are working towards that goal each year. Our principal and her leadership team have already put several things in place to work towards improving academic outcomes. We know there are needs and areas that we have to work on, and we appreciate the support from

KDE, CKEC, and our leadership team to make good things happen. KDE is here to support us, not take us over.

· The last step to fixing the Middle School wall that is cracking will be taken care of over the winter break.

New School Updates

· Even though we will be moving in, there are still some things that are not finished. Because of the electric poles not being able to be moved out of the way early on in the project, we were not able to complete the blacktopping. Most of the blacktop in the back of the school and in our parking lot do have the final surface. Out front, we will have to live with the base surface and a rough bump until it warms back up.

· Our cafeteria furniture fits nicely in the room and we will have room for preschool tables. I'm working on ordering them so we will take the current tables for now and then get the new ones when they can ship them out.

· We are doing a back to school night for children and families to find their classrooms on January 5th from 4:00- 6:00 p.m.

V. Public Comments

No public comments

VI. Consent Agenda

Order #26-99 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items as presented passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting 11.18.25
- B. Approval of Payment of Claims
- C. Approval of Monthly Financial Report
- D. Approval of Orders of Treasurer
- E. MOA With OneGoal
- F. Library Grants for Bowen Elementary
- G. January Trip Requests

VII. PCHS Boys Basketball Out of State Trip

Order #26-100 - Motion Passed: Approval of PCHS Boys Basketball Out-of-State trip in Williamson, WV on 12/29/2025 passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

PCHS Boys basketball team consisting of 28 players will be playing in a game at Tug Valley High School in Williamson, West Virginia on 12/29/2025. The team will have 5 male chaperones and transportation will be a district school bus.

VIII. Middle School Overnight Cheer Trip to Bowling Green

Order #26-101 - Motion Passed: Approval of overnight trip for Middle School Cheer team and paying rooms, a meal, and transportation passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Lisa Mays.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

The middle school cheerleading squad earned the right to compete at the state competition. The Board has paid the expenses of rooms and one meal in the past for state competition as well as transportation.

IX. First Reading of 26-27 School Calendar Survey Results

Order #26-102 - Motion Passed: Approval of first reading of 26-27 calendar passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Director of Pupil Personnel Meredith Robinson presented the first reading of the 26-27 school calendar. This will be followed up in January with the final reading and request for approval.

X. Instruction

A. KSA Assessment Update

Chief Academic Officer Tonya Roach presented the scores from the last year's KSA assessment. She highlighted the strengths and weaknesses for elementary, middle, and high school.

B. Comprehensive District Improvement Plan

Chief Academic Officer Tonya Roach presented the District level Comprehensive District Improvement Plan

C. Principal Data Result Comments

The principals spoke to their KSA results and shared positive elements about their state testing scores as well as things that they are still working on. Dr. Skidmore discussed the CSI status and how KDE is here to help them.

XI. Facilities

A. New Stanton Elementary Pay App #22

Order #26-103 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay App #22 passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes

Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

B. New Stanton Elementary Change Orders

Order #26-104 - Motion Passed: Approval of Change Orders 02-02, 04-04, 14-02, 18-05, 21-10, 21-11 for New Stanton Elementary School passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Kathy Merriman.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

1. CO 02-02 To Hinkle Contracting Company

CO #02-02 issued to Hinkle Contracting Company in the amount of \$2,987.06 in accordance to remediate soft soils in the parent loop.

2. CO 04-04 to Mason Structure, Inc.

3. CO 14-02 to Martin Flooring Company

CO #14-02 issued to Martin Flooring Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,530.17 in accordance to PR#20 for the cost associated to add logo, stain wood inside 3-point line and delete 21 letters on gym floor.

4. CO 18-05 To CKSM

CO #18-05 issued to CKSM for a deduct in the amount of (\$9450.00) in accordance to claim #14- the local utility co decided to leave the section of existing force main in place near the connector road to the middle school.

5. CO 21-10 to Rising Sun Developing Company

CO#21-10 issued to Rising Sun Developing Company in the amount of \$4,010.34 in accordance to claim#11-add epoxy paint on concrete slab where gym floor ends to the exterior door thresholds

6. CO 21-11 to Rising Sun Development Company

CO#21-11 issued to Rising Sun Development in the amount of \$4,788.58 in accordance to remediate soft soils in the parent loop.

C. District HVAC Project DPO Payment

Order #26-105 - Motion Passed: Approval of DPO Payment to Thermal Equipment passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Mark Collier.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

D. High School Roof Pay App #3

Order #26-106 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay App #3 for High School roof project passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

E. Middle School Roof Pay App #2

Order #26-107 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay App #3 for High School roof project passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

F. Chiller & Boiler Project DPO and Pay App#1

Order #26-108 - Motion Passed: Approval of pay app #1 for Bowen Chiller and DPO to Plumbers Supply for boiler at Clay City Elementary passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Mark Collier.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

XII. Establish Board Meeting Dates for 2026

Order #26-109 - Motion Passed: Approve Board meeting dates for 2026 as presented passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

We currently have Board meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Board decided to continue to meet on this same schedule. The 2026 Board meeting dates are:

January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

XIII. Establish Board Meeting Location

Order #26-110 - Motion Passed: Approval of establishing the former Stanton Elementary library as the new Board Meeting location beginning January 20, 2025 passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

With the opening of the new Stanton Elementary, the current elementary school will become the new central office. We will be creating a Board room in the library of the current school and would like to begin meeting there at the January 20, 2025 meeting. This will become the permanent Board meeting location for all future meetings unless changed for a specific purpose.

XIV. Medical Leave

Order #26-111 - Motion Passed: Approval of unpaid medical leave for Susan Lairson passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Susan Lairson has requested unpaid medical leave.

XV. Informational Items

A. Personnel Report

Superintendent Wasson presented the personnel report.

XVI. Other Business

No other business was presented.

XVII. Adjourn

Order #26-112 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Absent
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Board Chairperson

Board Secretary