

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Regular Meeting
February 2, 2026

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 February 2, 2026, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6:03 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 Vice Chair Amy Green invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic deaths of Joselyn “Josie” Verdugo Hernandez, who was a freshman at Tates Creek High School, and had also attended Eastside Technical Center, Southern Middle,

Southside Technical Center, Leestown Middle, Cardinal Valley Elementary and Meadowthorpe Elementary, Joshua Collins, who had been a member of Team FCPS for more than 15 years, having taught at Edythe J. Hayes Middle, Martin Luther King Jr. Academy, Bryan Station Middle, and Crawford Middle, James Emerson, who joined Fayette County Public Schools in 2021 and has served as both a Bus monitor and Bus Driver, and Helen Witt McQuinn, who served on the Fayette County Board of Education from 1997 through 2000. Our hearts remain with their families, friends, and all those touched by their passing.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Vice Chair Amy Green led the pledge of allegiance.

E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Board Vice Chair Amy Green 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.*

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

G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE

G.1. Paul Laurance Dunbar High School Visual Arts

Discussion: Fine Arts Director Katherine Lowther introduced Paul Laurance Dunbar High School Visual Art Teacher Jamie Montclair and Paul Laurance Dunbar High School Junior Amay Xu, who shared highlights of a special project called the Mythos Experience done in collaboration with Seth Tuska, studio director of Tuska.

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 Laura Duffy, an AVID teacher at Bryan Station Middle School, who was named the January 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. Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition

Discussion: Superintendent Demetrus Liggins led the celebration of Maxwell Spanish Immersion Elementary School and Meadowthorpe Elementary School, which had both been selected as recipients of the National Blue Ribbon School Award prior to the discontinuation of the program in August. Videos featuring Maxwell Principal Matthew Spottswood and Meadowthorpe Principal Stephanie Price talking about what make their schools special were also shared.

H.1.a.2. Community Partner - Edelen Renewables

Discussion:

H.1.a.4. Board Member Recognition

Discussion: In honor of National School Board Recognition Month, FCPS Fine Arts Director Katherine Lowther unveiled portraits of each board member painted by student artists Adriana Farfan, a senior at Bryan Station High, Jiya Sheth, a sophomore at Lafayette High, Quincy Adams, a junior at Tates Creek High, Reese Hooks, a junior at Frederick Douglass High, and Nico Zhou, a senior at Paul Laurence Dunbar.

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

Discussion: The following members of the public addressed the board: Sarah Flood-Baumann spoke about the cohousing of George Washington Carver STEM Academy and Rise STEM Academy, and Erika Pennington thanked the board members for their service and collaboration on policy changes.

I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

I.1. Minutes from January 12, 2026

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, Planning Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education passed with a motion by Monica Mundy and a second by Penny Christian.*

Amanda Ferguson	Yes
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. Request for Extended Field Trips**
- J.4. Special and Other Leaves of Absence**
- J.5. Tour Group Contract- GWC**
- J.6. Tour Group Contract- BMS**
- J.7. 2026-2027 Board Meetings Calendar**
- J.8. Policy Updates**
- J.9. SFCC Offer January 2026**
- J.10. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Seventeen) to the Contract for the Renovation of The HILL BG# 22-167**
- J.11. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Four) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Rise STEM Academy for Girls BG# 23-547**
- J.12. Approval of Construction Documents and Approval to Advertise 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**

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the items on the consent calendar including any items added by addendum, with a clarification that on item J.1. the Football Defensive Fundamentals and Athlete Safety Clinic would take place in Arkansas, 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

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 December 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.*

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

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

L.1. Biannual Construction Report (as of December 31, 2025)

L.2. Winter 2025 MAP Assessment Performance Data

L.3. School Activity Funds Report

L.2. Personnel Changes

L.3. Running Board Approved Contracts

L.4. Budget Transfer Report

L.3. Procedure Update

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

Discussion: The following members of the public addressed the board: Sarah Fightmaster Bayerle spoke regarding collective bargaining.

N. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated February 2, 2026, 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 Penny Christian.*

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

O. Motion Passed: *KRS 61.810(1)(c) for the discussion of proposed or pending litigation, and KRS 61.810(1)(f) for discussions of allegations that if substantiated may lead to personnel action, a motion to go into executive session at 8:12 p.m. 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

O.1. Reconvene in Open Session

Motion Passed: *A motion to reconvene in open session at 8:46 p.m. 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. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 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