

Special Called Meeting
January 20, 2026 1:30 PM
In Person and Teleconference
Floyd County Board of Education Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center
Eastern, KY



Attendance Taken at : 1:30 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Linda Gearheart
Mr. William Newsome
Mr. Steve Slone
Mr. Keith Smallwood

Absent Board Members:

Dr. Chandra Varia

Tonya Horne-Williams, Board Secretary and Board Attorney was in attendance.

1. Call to Order - Roll Call
2. Receive FY 2025 Financial Audit Report, FY 2025 Annual Financial Report, and Final FY 2025 Balance Sheet
3. Consider/Approve the 2026 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

Order #20798 - Motion Passed: Approval of the 2026 Board of Education Meeting Calendar passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

4. Consider/Approve board members travel for FY 2026

Order #20799 - Motion Passed: Approval of board members travel for FY 2026 passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

5. Consider/Approve revising Floyd County BOE policy 03.1233 Parental Leave Options-Certified Personnel to meet the requirements of KRS 161.155 and be more specific to the needs of the employees and the district

Order #20800 - Motion Passed: Approval of revising Floyd County BOE policy 03.1233 Parental Leave Options-Certified Personnel to meet the requirements of KRS 161.155 and be more specific to the needs of the employees and the district passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6. Consider/Retroactive Approval of purchasing projection mapping systems for our three high school gymnasiums

Order #20801 - Motion Passed: Retroactive Approval of purchasing projection mapping systems for our three high school gymnasiums passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

7. Consider/Approve Surplus items for Food Service Department

Order #20802 - Motion Passed: Approval for Surplus items for Food Service Department passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

8. Consider/Approve the acceptance of an award for the Floyd County School of Innovation (FCSI) Samsung Solve for Tomorrow team

Order #20803 - Motion Passed: Approval of the acceptance of an award for the Floyd County School of Innovation (FCSI) Samsung Solve for Tomorrow team passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

9. Consider/Retroactive Approval to allow Betsy Layne High School Boys Basketball team to travel to Marshall University's basketball game on January 17,2026

Order #20804 - Motion Passed: Retroactive Approval to allow Betsy Layne High School Boys Basketball team to travel to Marshall University's basketball game on January 17,2026 passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

10. Receive the 2025 KDE Transportation Audit

Order #20805 - Motion Passed: Receive the 2025 KDE Transportation Audit passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

11. Consider/Approve the certified staffing allocation formula/process to be used spring 2026 for school year 2026-2027 planning

Order #20806 - Motion Passed: Approval of the certified staffing allocation formula/process to be used spring 2026 for school year 2026-2027 planning passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

12. Consider/Approve Change Order #1 with Rising Sun Developing for the BLES School Gym Renovation

Order #20807 - Motion Passed: Approval of Change Order #1 with Rising Sun Developing for the BLES School Gym Renovation passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

13. Consider/Approve 2026-2027 School Calendar Options (1st reading)

Order #20808 - Motion Passed: Approval of 2026-2027 School Calendar Options (1st reading) passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

14. Election of Board Officers

Order #20809 - Motion Passed: Election of Board Officers for Chairman - Linda Gearheart and Vice-Chair - Keith Smallwood passed with a motion by Mr. Steve Slone and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

Order #20810 - Motion Passed: Election of Board Officers Secretary - Tonya Williams and Treasurer - Tiffany Campbell passed with a motion by Mr. William Newsome and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes

Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

15. Adjournment

Order #20811 - Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting, the time being 2:17 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Absent
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

Secretary

Board Chair