

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(MINUTES)

Regular Meeting
February 23, 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 23, 2026, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6:02 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 Monica Mundy invited the audience to observe a moment of silence.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Monica Mundy led the pledge of allegiance.

E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Board Member Monica Mundy 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. Athletic Showcase

Discussion: FCPS Athletic Director Jackie Gordon-Duvall shared a video featuring the members of the girls' basketball team at Tates Creek High School who recently demonstrated the importance of building relationships, fostering leadership, and practicing empathy by learning American Sign Language to be able to communicate with their opponents from the Kentucky School for the Deaf.

H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

H.1. Progress Reports

H.1.a. Superintendent's Report

H.1.a.1. Kids' Champions

Discussion: Chief of Staff Tracy Bruno led the recognition of the members of the Operations Team, who were named the February FCPS Kids' Champions for their dedicated efforts after the recent winter storm. Honorees included employees in the Grounds and Custodial Support, Maintenance, and Transportation departments.

H.1.a.2. P.G. Peoples Equity Champion Award

Discussion: Chief Officer of Student Belonging and Success Soraya Matthews presented the 2025 P.G. Peoples Equity Champion Award to Basel Touchan, executive director of Lexington's Global Engagement and Immigration Affairs Center.

H.1.a.3. MLK Unity Breakfast Essay Winners

Discussion: Chief of Staff Tracy Bruno led the celebration of three students from SCAPA at Bluegrass who won the community-wide MLK Unity Breakfast Essay Contest. Emily Beck took third place, Jessina Duan placed second, and Noor Badin, who won first place, was invited to read her winning submission.

H.1.a.4. Community Partner: Black Soil KY

Discussion: Ashley Smith, Executive Director of Black Soil KY, and Sandersville Elementary students Aeslyn Green, and Graham Boian discussed the impact that the organization has had not only at Sandersville, but also across the community.

H.1.a.5. Alternative School of Distinction Recognition

Discussion: Chief of Staff Tracy Bruno led the recognition of The Learning Center for being one of just six alternative support programs in Kentucky to be named a Program of Distinction.

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

Discussion: The following members of the public addressed the board: Matthew Vied addressed budget and finance issues, and Rian Davis discussed renaming Henry Clay High School, salaries for hourly employees, and collective bargaining.

I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

I.1. Minutes from February 9, 2026

Motion Passed: *A motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 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 Leave of Absence

J.5. Award of Bids/Proposals

J.6. Comprehensive School Improvement Plans (CSIPs)

J.7. Reinstatement of SBDM Councils

J.8. School-wide Fundraising Projects

J.9. Modular Lease Renewal

J.10. Modular Lease Renewal

J.11. Approval of Initial BG-1 for Declaration of Surplus and Sale of 1800 Harrodsburg Road (Southside Technical Center) BG# 26-136

J.12. Approval of Revised BG-1 Project Application 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

J.13. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Three) 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. Three, Bid Package No. Twenty-one) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195

J.15. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Two, Bid Package No. Twenty-one) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195

J.16. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One, Bid Package No. Nineteen) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195

J.17. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One, Bid Package No. Two) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Elementary School on Greendale Road BG# 24-195

J.18. Approval of a BG-4 Contract Closeout Form for the Replacement of HVAC Systems at Northern Elementary School BG #24-081

J.19. Approval of a BG-5 Project Closeout Form for the Replacement of HVAC Systems at Lexington Middle School BG #24-080

J.20. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Seven) to the Contract for the Addition of Three Preschool Classrooms and HVAC Replacement at Harrison Elementary School BG #23-124

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.*

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 January 2026 and provided the board with a quarterly update of revenue and expenses.

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. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

L.1. Running Board Approved Contracts

L.2. Monthly Construction Report

L.3 Personnel Changes

L.4. School Activity Funds Report

L.5. Interfund Transfer Report

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

Discussion: The following members of the public addressed the board: Matthew Vied discussed budget and finance issues, Bella Benningfield addressed middle school athletes playing on high school teams, Christian Adair addressed improvements and accolades during Superintendent Liggins’ tenure and renaming Henry Clay High School, Justin Royal discussed renaming Henry Clay High School, Larry Moore discussed budget and finance issues, Frank Hall expressed appreciation for school board members and the career and technical programs offered in FCPS, April Taylor addressed equity and collective bargaining, Roszalynn Akins expressed appreciation for Superintendent Liggins and improvements made during his tenure, Richard Gaines addressed equity and achievement gaps, Amanda Preston discussed the findings of the investigation report conducted by Leigh Latherow.

N. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

Motion Passed: *A motion to make the agenda dated February 23, 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 Amy Green and a second by Monica Mundy.*

Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes

Tyler Murphy	Yes
Penny Christian	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes

O. CLOSED SESSION

Motion Passed: Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k) meetings required to be conducted in privacy by law, KRS 61.810(1)(c) for the discussion of proposed or pending litigation, KRS 156.557 (6)(c) preliminary discussions related to the evaluation of the superintendent, and KRS 61.810(1)(f) for discussions of allegations that if substantiated may lead to personnel action, a motion to go into closed session at 7:57 p.m. 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.1. Reconvene in Open Session

Motion Passed: A motion to reconvene in open session at 8 p.m. to hear additional public comment 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	Absent

Motion Passed: Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k) meetings required to be conducted in privacy by law, KRS 61.810(1)(c) for the discussion of proposed or pending litigation, KRS 156.557 (6)(c) preliminary discussions related to the evaluation of the superintendent, 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 8:03 p.m. passed with a motion by Monica Mundy and a second by Amy Green.

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

Motion Passed: *A motion to reconvene in open session at 9:43 p.m. to passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Amy Green.*

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

Discussion: Board Chair Tyler Murphy stated that the board continues its work and evaluation on the appropriate next steps and will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 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

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board