

Pikeville Independent Board of Education Regular Meeting

February 17, 2026 6:00 PM

John Waddell Administration Building

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Member(s):

Mrs. Ashley Brown

Mrs. Brittany Ratliff

Mr. Bill Staggs

Mr. Joe Ray Thornbury

Absent Board Member(s):

Dr. Kevin Pugh

I. Call to Order

Chairman Joe Ray Thornbury called the meeting to order and began with a moment of silence afterward, leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Comment

None Given

III. Student Achievement

A. Student/Staff Recognition

None Given

B. PES Principal's Report

Principal Glenda Adkins shared with a brief recap of activities of both academic and athletic achievements and what is happening to plan for the upcoming school year.

C. PHS Principal's Report

Principal Brandon Blackburn shared with a brief recap of activities of both academic and athletic achievements and what is happening to plan for the upcoming school year.

D. District Administrator Reports

Amanda Hartsock, Family Resource Coordinator, provided an update on current initiatives and programs. She shared information regarding the Continuous Improvement Plan Assurance Page and obtained the required board signature. Ms. Hartsock reported ongoing partnerships that support students and families, including D.A.R.E., Vision and Dental services, and expanded mental health resources. She highlighted the importance of continued focus on student well-being and noted growth in services, especially in the area of mental health support. While progress is evident and moving in the right direction, she emphasized the need to continue strengthening mental health supports for students and families. She also shared details about recent and upcoming Family Night events, which have encouraged strong family engagement across grade levels. Additionally, she provided an overview of the Family Resource Center budget and updates from the Advisory Council. Ms. Hartsock discussed the Unite Program, a free resource that connects students and families to needed services across all grade levels. This program continues to strengthen support systems within the district and ensure families are connected to available community resources. Overall, the report reflected positive growth, expanded services, and continued efforts to support the whole child and family.

Mr. Trimble presented the Transportation and Safety Report on behalf of Chris McNamee, Transportation Director. He shared that the district has received new Bus #251, which will replace an older bus in the fleet. Students and the district are excited about the addition, as it enhances both reliability and safety. He emphasized that safety remains the top priority in all transportation decisions. Route planning continues to be carefully reviewed, as creating efficient and safe bus routes is truly like putting together a puzzle. The transportation department consistently evaluates routes to ensure students are transported safely and efficiently. Mr. Trimble also reported on school safety efforts. The district recently received an excellent report from the Security Marshal. He credited this success to the district's top-notch staff and strong collaboration among leadership. Ongoing safety drills and teamwork continue to strengthen the district's preparedness and commitment to keeping students safe.

IV. Action/Consent Items

- A. Excuse absence of Ashley Brown & Dr. Kevin Pugh at the January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
- C. Approve Bills, Payrolls, and Financial Reports for the period January 21, 2026 to February 17, 2026

- D. Approve Transportation/Trip Requests
 - 1. PHS Indoor Track to Louisville, KY on March 2-3, 2026
 - 2. PHS KUNA to Louisville, KY on March 12-14, 2026
 - 3. PHS Math Counts to Lexington, KY on March 13-14, 2026
- E. Approve 2017 KISTA Debt Service payment in the amount of \$19,146.04
- F. Approve 2020 KISTA Debt Service payment in the amount of \$23,583.47
- G. Approve 2021 KISTA Debt Service payment in the amount of \$10,583.75
- H. Approve 2023 KISTA Debt Service payment in the amount of \$15,771.55
- I. Approve One Year Extension of Gearheart Communications Fiber Lease Contract
- J. Approve Special Education Modified School Day Waiver Request
- K. Approve FRYSC District Assurances 2026-2028
- L. Approve Bid for Diesel Fuel Services from Childers Oil Company
- M. Approve SFCC Construction Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$3,369
- N. Approve 2026-2027 SBDM Allocations

Order #2105 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all action/consent items as presented passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff and a second by Mrs. Ashley Brown.

V. Action/Discussion Items

A. 2026-2027 School Calendar

Superintendent Trimble presented the proposed calendar for the 2026-2027 school year as recommended by the calendar committee.

B. Other Business

None Given

VI. Information/Review Items

A. Personnel Report

**Superintendent's Personnel Report
February 2026**

RESIGNATIONS:

Morgan Justice, Food Service Manager - District Wide

EXTRA-DUTY POSITIONS:

Jason Merlo, Head Tennis Coach
Cory Smith, Assistant Tennis Coach

B. Miscellaneous

None Given

VII. Closed Session

Board Chair Joe Ray Thornbury requested the Board go into closed session regarding KRS 61.810.1C.

Order #2106 - Motion Passed: Closed session passed unanimously with a motion by Mr. Bill Staggs and a second by Mrs. Ashley Brown.

VIII. Return to Regular Session

Order #2107 - Motion Passed: Motion to return to regular session passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Ashley Brown and a second by Mr. Bill Staggs.

IX. Adjournment

Order #2108 - Motion Passed: Adjournment passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff and a second by Mrs. Ashley Brown.

Joe Ray Thornbury, Chairman
Pikeville Independent Board of Education

David Trimble, Superintendent/Secretary
Pikeville Independent Board of Education