

**Powell County Board of Education Regular Meeting
February 17, 2026 6:00 PM
Powell County Board of Education Board Room**

Attendance Taken at : 5:46 PM

Present Board Members:

Mark Collier
Brenda Crabtree
Lisa Mays
Diann Meadows
Kathy Merriman

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Adopt/Approve Agenda

Order #26-135 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve agenda passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

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

IV. Communication Report

Superintendent Wasson provided the following communication report:

Communication Report- 02.17.26

- We have been through a rough patch of weather with the ice and snow and the cold temperatures that kept it around so long. I want to commend our maintenance crew and our custodians for all the hard work they did to get our grounds in good shape. We have two trucks and plows and they had them both out on the first Sunday of the storm scraping the lots. Had they not taken the initiative to start on that day, our parking lots would have been unusable much longer. The custodians and maintenance crew did everything they could do to try to help get the ice and snow off of sidewalks including using spades and pick axes and anything else they could find to chip away at the ice. This was a tough scenario, but our team didn't give up which allowed us to get teams in gyms earlier than some districts and allowed us to get staff in who could travel.
- The second week of the storm we were able to provide food for our children because we utilized NTI days that entire week. We distributed 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches to 282 students for a total of 2,820 meals. Our cooks prepared all those meals on the Friday before and the morning of distribution and had everything organized for pick up and then we had a lot of staff come to help hand out the meals as well as deliver meals to families who couldn't come. I am proud of our staff for working so well together to accomplish something so important.
- We had several companies come last Friday and walk through all the buildings to see the doors so we can start the bidding for the COPS grant work. This funding will help us put key card access on all

exterior doors that we determined were high traffic doors and rekey every exterior door in the district with the same system.

- The Kentucky Women in Educational Leadership conference that was scheduled in January has been rescheduled for this Thursday and Friday. With our Cognia visit I will not attend as planned, but Dr. Kincaid will still be inducted into KWEL at that event.
- I attended a house budget review committee meeting last week in Frankfort in which they discussed the need for the second half of the GAP funding. We are working with representatives and senators to share the need for funding the projects.
- I met with a representative from ECU's Upward Bound program. They are interested in providing high school credit for students taking Spanish during the Upward Bound summer program. This would be a good opportunity for students to have in person Spanish classes to help meet the requirements of the Upward Bound program grant.
- Our Cognia team has arrived to complete their review of our program at the Middle School and determine goals for our turn-around. We look forward to the process and hope to learn from the team in order to improve.
- This week is the KSBA conference in Louisville. I look forward to learning alongside of you.
- Next week I will attend the Commissioner's Superintendent Advisory Council meeting in Frankfort. Some of the topics we will discuss are preschool funding, SAT administration, and we will have a presentation from the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness to share the work related to permissions and content for hard to fill positions such as sciences.

People's Exchange Bank provided the highest interest rate for the scholarship funds.

Scholarship Investment-
RFQ

| | Interest Rate- | | | |
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| | APR | APY | 6 mos | 3 mos |
| Peoples Exchange Bank | 4.05% | 4.05% | | |
| Whitaker Bank | 3.35% | 3.40% | | |
| Traditional Bank | 3.50% | 3.5% | 3.60% | 3.70% |
| U.S. Treasury | 3.50% | | | |

V. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Consent Agenda

Order #26-136 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

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| Mark Collier | Yes |
| Brenda Crabtree | Yes |
| Lisa Mays | Yes |

Diann Meadows Yes
Kathy Merriman Yes

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting 01.20.26
- B. Approval of Payment of Claims
- C. Approval of Monthly Financial Report
- D. Approval of Orders of Treasurer
- E. Pledge of Collateral
- F. Approval of February and March Trip Requests
- G. Approval To Apply for Summer Boost: Reading & Mathematics Grant
- H. Approval To Apply for AED Grant with KDE
- I. Approval of Athletic Director Job Description Revisions
- J. Approval of Senior Trip
- K. Shortened School Week for Student

VII. Technology Student Association Competition Overnight Trip

Order #26-137 - Motion Passed: Approval of overnight trip for TSA passed with a motion by Diann Meadows and a second by Mark Collier.

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

Assistant Superintendent Tiffany Anderson shared that in her role as CTE Coordinator she understands that the Technology Student Association was not able to host a regional competition due to the snow and ice storm. She explained that the fees for the competition would be largely paid from a Pigman foundation grant and other funding for the trip would be paid for through CTE.

VIII. 2025-2026 Impact Kentucky Working Conditions Survey Results

Assistant Superintendent Tiffany Anderson reported the results of the Kentucky Impact Survey. This survey assesses how staff feel about working in their schools. She shared that as a district we came up in every area from the 23-24 survey and she was proud of the work we have done. In many areas we are above the state average, and Clay City and the Middle School made significant improvement from their previous scores.

IX. Approval of Calendar Adjustment

Order #26-138 - Motion Passed: Approval of amended calendar as presented passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

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

In the original calendar, the last make-up day was June 1. Due to weather days missed recently, we need to extend the days for school to June 4 as on the attached calendar. We are also asking for approval to make June 5 the next make-up day if need and then go to April 6, 7, and 8 only if we miss more than one more day. If the legislature does something else with potential make-up or release of days we will consider other options, but

currently we must have 170 days of instruction and would like to prevent going into the second week of June with student instruction if possible.

X. Instruction

A. Clay City Elementary CSIP Presentation

Principal Suzanne Meadows and Assistant Principal Andrea Foster presented the Clay City Elementary Comprehensive School Improvement Plan.

XI. Powell County Schools Transportation Surplus Parts List

Order #26-139 - Motion Passed: Approval to authorize the Superintendent to surplus items on the Transportation Surplus list per Board policy passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

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

Transportation Director Doug Brewer presented a list of surplus parts from the bus garage. The list of surplus items includes a comprehensive list of parts that are obsolete and don't fit any of the buses we currently use to transport students.

XII. Facilities

A. SFCC Offer of Assistance

Order #26-140 - Motion Passed: Approval to accept the SFCC Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$17, 424 passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Diann Meadows .

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

The SFCC presented us with an offer of assistance in the amount of \$17,424 to be utilized for Priority 1 and 2 facility needs. We received an extension to accept the offer and are asking the Board to accept the funds for building projects.

B. Stanton Elementary Project Pay App #24

Order #26-141 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay App #24 for Stanton Elementary passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

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

C. Middle School Wall Consent Items

Order #26-142 - Motion Passed: Approval of Middle School Wall Items passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

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

1. Approval of Deduct Change Orders to Zero Balance
2. Approval of Final Pay App #10 to Tekton
3. Approval of BG4 For Middle School Wall Close Out
4. Approval of Final Project Purchase Order Summary

D. Approval of Pay App # 3 for District HVAC Project

Order #26-143 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay App #3 passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

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

E. Surplus Trailers to Wolfe County Board of Education for use at Dessie Scott

Order #26-144 - Motion Passed: Approval to surplus trailers and give them to the Wolfe County Board of Education for use as a Dessie Scott learning center passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Diann Meadows.

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

The trailers that housed the Powell County Academy and that house our curriculum coaches are no longer needed. The trailers were purchased for the alternative education center and they also housed the Adult Education center when Morehead State University was leasing the property from us as well as district curriculum specialists. Morehead State University no longer leases the property from us and the alternative school has moved into the former Stanton Elementary school. The curriculum specialists as well as gifted and talented teacher will be moving soon to the new school. We no longer have a need to use the trailers and do not want to continue to maintain them or pay for utilities to the trailers. The suggestion presented to the Board to consider was to donate them to the Wolfe County Board of Education to use for an educational facility for Dessie Scott children's home. Wolfe County provides educational services to the children in the school and the center they used at Dessie Scott recently burned down. This would provide them with a temporary place to educate their students. The expense of moving the trailers would not be our district's expense.

F. Surplus School Bus To Fiscal Court for Disaster Drill

Order #26-145 - Motion Passed: Approval to give one surplus bus to the Powell County Fiscal Court to use in a disaster drill passed with a motion by Diann Meadows and a second by Mark Collier.

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

With the recent surplus of school buses we would like to give one bus to the Powell County Fiscal Court to use in a drill. This would assist our first responders if there were ever a bus accident.

G. Approval of Plans for Bowen Elementary and Clay City Elementary Vestibule Projects

Order #26-146 - Motion Passed: Approval of vestibule project plans for Bowen Elementary and Clay City Elementary passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

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

Plans for the vestibule projects for Bowen Elementary and Clay City Elementary were presented to the Board. The plans were discussed by Superintendent Wasson to show what structural changes would take place at Clay City Elementary in the front office area and to the doors at Bowen Elementary.

H. Approval for Vestibule Project to Go To Bid

Order #26-147 - Motion Passed: Approval to submit the vestibule projects to bid passed with a motion by Lisa Mays and a second by Mark Collier.

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

Within the next week or two the final architectural plans will be finalized and JRA would like to submit the project for bids so that the Board can review the bids at the March meeting. The goal is to begin the Clay City exterior part of the project before school is out so we can finalize all of the project by the time school starts back in the fall.

XIII. Policy and Procedure Changes

A. Approval of Second Reading of Policy 04.3111 District Issuance of Checks

Order #26-148 - Motion Passed: Approval of second reading of policy 04.3111 passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

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

This is the second reading to the policy we heard in November. This change gets us in compliance with financial audit suggestions.

B. First Reading of Policy 03.125 Certified Reimbursement

Order #26-149 - Motion Passed: Approval of first reading of Policy 03.125 passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

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

CFO Alicia Frazier requested to change the policy for reimbursement back to a percentage per meal. The recommended percentage is 20%.

C. First Reading of Policy 03.225 Classified Reimbursement

Order #26-150 - Motion Passed: Approval of first reading of Policy 03.225 passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

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

D. First Reading of Policy 03.1233 Certified Parental Leave

Order #26-151 - Motion Passed: Approval of first reading of policy 03.1233 passed with a motion by Diann Meadows and a second by Mark Collier.

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

When we developed the maternity leave policy the leave started the day after the birth of the baby. We want to change that so the leave may be utilized on the day of the birth of the baby as well as clarify that it starts that day regardless of what time of year it is.

E. First Reading of Policy 03.2233 Classified Parent Leave

Order #26-152 - Motion Passed: Approval of First Reading of Policy 03.2233 passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Kathy Merriman.

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

F. Review of Procedure 03.125 AP.22 Travel Expense Voucher

XIV. Leave Requests

Order #26-153 - Motion Passed: Approval of leave for Susan Lairson and Meredith Robinson passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Mark Collier.

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

Leave requests are attached for Susan Lairson and Meredith Robinson.

XV. Informational Items

A. Personnel Report

HR Director David Lyons presented the personnel report.

XVI. Other Business

XVII. Adjourn

Order #26-155 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

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

Board Chairperson

Board Secretary