

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

Attendance Taken at : 5:50 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 #26-155 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve agenda 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

IV. Staff/Student Recognitions

Two students from the high school presented the Board with a steel Pirate cut out that they made in their class at the high school. They designed the Pirate on the computer and then cut it out on the machine. They sanded it and painted it and they designed the hangers on the back of the cut out. They welded the hangers to the back of the display. The students shared that they have made ornaments and used them as a fundraiser for their class and they also made the hangers that the access points were hung on at the new elementary school. Teacher Cole Wills accompanied the students and shared that the students have learned a lot in the process of the creation of the Pirate and other items they have made.

V. Communication Report

Superintendent Wasson shared the following communication report:

- I want to sincerely thank all the Board members and the District and School Administration and our staff for all they did to make sure the district was taken care of as I was with my family in Iowa caring for my mother after her accident and then mourning her death. Every member of our team went above and beyond to ensure that I had time with my family, and I didn't worry about the district because they were doing such a great job. I appreciate everyone more than I can truly express.
- Since our last meeting we have had the Cognia Diagnostic Review for the Middle School and District. Both teams that came in to assess our systems were very complimentary and provided us with goals. We will share the results of those reports this evening.
- The pre-bid meeting for the vestibule projects has taken place and bids will be due on Tuesday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. The anticipated start date for the project is April 27th with work beginning at Clay City Elementary. It is our intention to get Bowen Elementary work completed during the summer. We had

originally been told by the architect that if we start the work outside of Clay City Elementary before school is out this year we should be able to get the interior done throughout the summer months, but he has established a timeline to have substantial completion done by November 30, 2026.

- The bids for the door hardware and key card access are due this coming Friday. We will open those bids and review them to make sure that they meet the needs of our district.

- To move forward with the vestibule project and the door project, we would like to have a special-called meeting for the Board to review those bids. There are a couple of other items that we could address during the special-called meeting. We have sought bids for auditing services since we have used our current auditors for five years, but we did not receive any bids. CFO Alicia Frazier said this was a busy time for auditors due to a particular tax season, and she would like to extend the bids to the end of the month. Additionally, we would like to bring policies to the Board specifically for our Police Department. We have operating policy now, but it hasn't been fully approved by the Board. If you are available, we would like to meet on March 31 or April 2.

April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. was selected for the special called meeting.

- Last Friday, March 13, we moved our three remaining employees from the trailers and cleared all items out, so the trailers are ready to move. We are in the process of terminating the electricity and water to the trailers and are just waiting for Wolfe County to let us know the sites are prepared for the trailers and they are ready to come get them.

- We now have the infant daycare operating at our new location in the former elementary school. This daycare is open to any employee in the district and is currently caring for 4 babies with more ready to enter this coming school year.

- We completed painting and floor cleaning in the rooms our staff from the trailers moved into. These rooms will be temporary locations for them while we build the office spaces in the classrooms by the Board room. There are three other rooms in the older section of the school that are almost completed and we are getting furniture moved out of classrooms so we can start pricing walls for offices. We also have been obtaining quotes for bathroom flooring and stalls to get all the bathrooms in good shape.

VI. Public Comments

The following people spoke to the Board:

Adam Brown, Tyler Jarrell, Jason McIntosh, Sarah Branham, and Amber Collins.

VII. Consent Agenda

Order #26-156 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

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

A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting 02.17.26

B. Approval of Payment of Claims

C. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

D. Approval of Orders of Treasurer

- E. Retroactive Approval of Entry for CD
- F. Approval of MOU between Powell County High School and Jobs For American Graduates (JAG)
- G. Approval of MOU between Powell County Middle School and Jobs For American Graduates (JAG)
- H. FBLA State Competition Trip to Louisville April 27-29
- I. FCCLA State Competition Trip to Louisville, March 24-27
- J. After Prom Party Overnight Trip
- K. Approval of Donation
- L. Approval to apply for the No Kid Hungry Grant
- M. Approval of March-April Trip Requests
- N. FRYSC Contract

VIII. KETS 2nd Offer of Assistance

Order #26-157 - Motion Passed: Approval to accept and match the 2nd KETS Offer of Assistance of \$15,396 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

IX. Set Powell County High School Graduation Date

Order #26-158 - Motion Passed: Approval to set Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. for PCHS senior graduation ceremony passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Diann Meadows .

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

X. Cognia Diagnostic Review Reports

Superintendent Wasson shared with the Board that the Cognia Diagnostic Review was completed by two teams of educators, one who reviewed the District Capacity and one who reviewed the Powell County Middle School capacity to turn around the school and improve the test scores at the Middle School. The teams were led by people out of the state of Kentucky and also had KDE representatives and current and former administrators on the teams.

Assistant Superintendent Anderson shared a presentation with the Board stating that both teams found the school and district have the capacity to turn the school around. She shared the strengths of the school and district as well as the opportunities for improvement that were listed in the reports.

The improvement priority for the District is to create clear expectations by developing a vision, mission, and belief framework through an inclusive stakeholder process. The school was given two improvement priorities. 1. Refine, implement and monitor the established PLC process to ensure it guides instructional conversations around curriculum, assessment, and instructional expectations aligned with Kentucky Academic Standards and 2. Develop, implement, and monitor a process for the design and delivery of evidence-based instructional practices, including differentiation and student engagement strategies, to meet the needs of all students and build professional capacity.

Mrs. Anderson explained that the Site Based Decision Making Council authority was now transferred to the Superintendent, but the school would have an advisory leadership team representing school stakeholders formed in collaboration with the principal as well as a turnaround team. The turnaround team and plan will be presented at the April Board meeting for approval.

XI. Instruction

A. Principal Instruction Presentations

James Crase, Principal of Stanton Elementary presented the following:

- *Analyzing MAP data and student needs
- *Looking at curriculum maps to make sure curriculum is covered in time

Suzanne Meadows, Principal of Clay City Elementary discussed the following:

- *Goal setting with students in preparation for MAP testing 3/23-4/3
- *Instructional focus on questioning (PLCs/walkthroughs)

Julie Foster, Principal of Bowen Elementary presented the following:

- *Focusing on individual student needs and RTI during weekly PLCs
- *Consistent walkthroughs and PLCs focusing on curriculum usage

Martina Skidmore, Principal of Powell County Middle School and Whitney Merriman, Assistant Principal discussed the following:

- *Diagnostic Review Report
 - Strengths- Culture and Climate
- *PLC Process
 - Lesson Internalization
 - Data PLC

Jennifer Kincaid, Principal of Powell County High School presented the following:

- *Overhaul of offerings and examining standards
- *Redoing pacing guides for next year
- *CTE competition season

XII. Approval of Bus Bids and Bus Parts Bid

Order #26-159 - Motion Passed: Approval to accept the highest bids for buses and bus parts as presented passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Diann Meadows .

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

Superintendent Wasson presented the bid results for the buses and the bus parts. The following results were approved for the sales:

- Bus 838 - Michael Gilkerson for \$3,009
- Buses 631, 632, 834, 835, 836, 839, 840 - Wildcat Recycling for a total of \$10,250.00
- Bus Parts - Bath County Schools for a total of \$1,650.00

XIII. Facilities

A. Middle School Wall Project Items

Order #26-160 - Motion Passed: Approval of DPO Summary, Clay Ingels Invoice, AIA, and DPO Change Order for Middle School Wall Project passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Mark Collier.

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

CFO Alicia Frazier shared the addition of a Clay Ingels invoice that was left out of the previous submittals. This invoice changed the Direct Purchase Order Summary as well as the change orders.

B. Middle School Roof Pay Apps #3 and #4

Order #26-161 - Motion Passed: Approval of pay apps #3 and #4 passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Diann Meadows .

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

CFO Alicia Frazier explained that the roofing company for the Middle School roof project had not submitted a pay application on time for the previous Board meeting, so they kept separate pay applications and presented both for this meeting.

XIV. Approval of Leaves of Absence

Order #26-162 - Motion Passed: Approval of leaves of absence for Patiance Justice and Christy Walters 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

HR Director David Lyons presented the following leaves of absence requests: Patiance Justice is seeking medical leave and Christy Walters is seeking intermittent medical leave.

XV. Informational Items

A. Personnel Report

HR Director David Lyons presented the personnel report.

XVI. Other Business

None

XVII. Adjourn

Order #26-163 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn 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

Board Chairperson

Board Secretary