

Pikeville Independent Board of Education Regular Meeting

March 17, 2026 6:00 PM

John Waddell Administration Building

Attendance Taken at 6:03 PM:

Present Board Member(s):

Dr. Kevin Pugh

Mrs. Brittany Ratliff

Mr. Bill Staggs

Mr. Joe Ray Thornbury

Absent Board Member(s):

Mrs. Ashley Brown

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

At this time, we would like to recognize our Elementary and Junior High Spelling Bee winners. These students demonstrated exceptional spelling skills, strong preparation, and academic excellence. We are proud of their hard work and the dedication they showed while representing their schools. Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to our teachers and families for supporting their success.

B. Other Business

Members agreed to move agenda item up to allow Mr. Artie White to present the 2024-2025 Audit Report. Mr. White explained the new reporting requirements from KDE Pushed the audit due date back later than in previous years. He noted that the district was in sound financial standing and that the district had no material findings noted and only 2 minor findings, one at each school. He thanked the Board for their trust in his firm to perform the annual audits.

Order #2109 - Motion Passed: Approve 2024-2025 Audit Report passed unanimously with a motion by Mr. Bill Staggs and a second by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff.

C. 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.

D. 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.

E. District Administrator Reports

Mrs. Kim Clevinger is reporting for herself and Mrs. Taffie Wells. SAT Group 1 tested today, and the process went very smoothly with no absences. CTE EOPs have concluded, with 29 students tested across three areas: Marketing, Accounting, and Mechanical Engineering. KSA planning has begun, and we are reviewing possible testing dates within the last 14 days of the school calendar. Pre-registration has opened, and appointments are scheduled for Thursday and Friday. Preschool biweekly newsletters are being sent, and a tentative graduation date is set for May 19th. DIAL-4 screenings will take place on April 24th.

Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Clevinger continue to tag team many responsibilities, including EPIC math training for a cohort of teachers. Textbook discussions for the math adoption are taking place, and professional development planning has begun for the 2026–2027 school year. With the SBDM election season approaching, training for elections has started. The GT Committee has met to review data with Mrs. Marcum, and it has been amazing to see the work being done with those students. The mentor program is in full swing, and adjustments are being made to enhance support for new teachers.

IV. Action/Consent Items

- A. Excuse absence of Dr. Kevin Pugh at the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting
- C. Approve Bills, Payrolls, and Financial Reports for the period February 18, 2026 to March 17, 2026

- D. Ratify Transportation/Trip Requests
 - 1. PHS Tennis to Logan, WV on March 10, 2026
 - 2. PHS Softball to Williamson, WV on March 16, 2026
 - 3. PHS TSA to Louisville, KY on March 16-18, 2026
- E. Approve Transportation/Trip Requests
 - 1. PHS Softball to Clintwood, VA on March 23, 2026
 - 2. PHS Baseball to Knoxville, TN on March 27-29, 2026
 - 3. PHS Baseball to Atlanta, GA on March 29-April 2, 2026
 - 4. PES Lego League to Worcester, MA on June 11-14, 2026
- F. Approve KETS 2nd Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$9,120
- G. Approve 2026-2027 MOU with JAG KY

Order #2110 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all action/consent items as presented passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff and a second by Dr. Kevin Pugh.

V. Action/Discussion Items

A. 2026-2027 School Calendar

Superintendent Trimble explained the options presented to the calendar committee and to staff to submit their choices on start dates and calendar options. The overwhelming choice was a start date for staff of August 10th and students August 13th.

Order #2111 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented passed unanimously with a motion by Dr. Kevin Pugh and a second by Mr. Bill Staggs.

B. 2025 Property Tax Ticket Sale

Board Attorney presented the following timeline for the 2025 Tax Ticket Sale for approval by the Board.

March 27, 2026 – Mail Out Second Notice Courtesy Letters

April 17, 2026 – List of 2025 Delinquent Taxpayers on Website

May 8, 2026 – Half Page Advertisement in Newspaper

May 15, 2026 – Advertisement of 2025 Delinquent Taxpayers

May 20, 2026 – Tax Ticket Sale at Central Office at 10am

Order #2112 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve 2025 Property Tax Ticket Sale dates as presented passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff and a second by Mr. Bill Staggs.

VI. Information/Review Items

A. Personnel Report

Superintendent's Personnel Report March 2026

RESIGNATIONS:

Lukas Burchett, Media Librarian/Athletic Director/Asst. Baseball Coach - PHS
Brandi Lowe, Secretary/Bookkeeper - PES

EXTRA-DUTY POSITIONS:

Bradley Allen, Athletic Director
Jonah Justice, CO-Assistant Athletic Director - Junior High
Nathan Mullins, CO-Assistant, Athletic Director - Junior High
C. Shane Simpkins, Assistant Athletic Director
Matt Walls, Assistant Baseball Coach

B. Miscellaneous

None

VII. Closed Session

None

VIII. Return to Regular Session

None

IX. Adjournment

Order #2113 - Motion Passed: Adjournment passed unanimously with a motion by Mr. Bill Staggs and a second by Dr. Kevin Pugh.

Joe Ray Thornbury, Chairman
Pikeville Independent Board of Education

David Trimble, Superintendent/Secretary
Pikeville Independent Board of Education