

Powell County Board of Education Special Called Meeting
April 02, 2026 6:00 PM
Powell County Board of Education Board Room

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Adopt/Approve Agenda

Order #26-164 - 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. Approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting 03.17.26

Order #26-165 - Motion Passed: Approval of minutes 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

V. Review & Approve Vestibule Bids

Order #26-166 - Motion Passed: Approval of Blaze Enterprises,LLC for the vestibule projects 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

We received two bids for the vestibule projects: Blaze Enterprises, LLC bid \$586,000 and Allen Construction, LLC bid \$589,000. Blaze Enterprises, LLC was the lower bid and after checking with a contractor who has done work with them before we would like to recommend hiring them for the work.

VI. Approval of Revised BG-1 For Vestibule Project

Order #26-167 - Motion Passed: Approval of Revised BG-1 for Vestibule Project passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Diann Meadows.

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

VII. Approval of Architect Payment for Vestibule Project

Order #26-168 - Motion Passed: Approval of Architect Invoice 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

The invoice requested for payment is only for the architectural work that has taken place so far.

VIII. Approval of BG-4 For Middle School Wall Project

Order #26-169 - Motion Passed: Approval of BG-4 for Middle School Wall Project 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

IX. Review and Approve Bids for Finance Audit

Order #26-170 - Motion Passed: Approval of Summers, McCrary, Sparks, PSC to perform the Finance Audit 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

CFO Alicia Frazier shared the bids received for a financial audit. Summers, McCrary, Sparks, PSC bid \$24,000 for FY26, \$24,300 for FY27, and \$24,600 for FY28. Allen & Associates bid \$30,000 for one year. Patrick and Associates bid \$27,500.

After a short discussion weighing the pros and cons of continuing with the same firm, it was discussed that the same audit firm knows our systems and has performed the work well and is a lower cost option for the district. They were also the only company who gave us pricing for three years. The Board voted to issue the contract to Summers, McCrary, Sparks, PSC.

X. Approval of School Police Department Policy Manual Updates

Order #26-171 - Motion Passed: Approval of Powell County Police Department policy manual with the addition for vehicles being taken home but not used for personal use passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Kathy Merriman.

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

The Board reviewed the updated policy manual for the Powell County Schools Police Department noting that the first section was directly from Board Policy and the remaining policy documents were based on the Clark County Schools Police Department policies and taken from the League of Cities policies. Chief Yarber explained that we adjusted the pursuit policy to state that the Powell County School Police Department does not pursue vehicles. Questions about items in the policy were answered. Board Member Mark Collier wanted to ensure that the policy was clear regarding police officers could take their vehicles home but not use them for personal use. Superintendent Wasson stated she would add that to the policy document. The Board also clarified that the policies could be updated at any time the Board or Police Department needed to make an adjustment.

XI. Approval of Powell County Schools Police Dept. MOA With BACKUPPS

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the BACKUPPS program as well as the possibility of having an interlocal agreement with the Powell County Sheriff's office. The necessity of having some type of agreement was discussed by Chief Yarber. He said in the past two weeks there have been three instances where he had to go into the county to investigate school issues. Without some type of agreement, he does not have police powers should he run across something that he needs to address not related to the issue he was there for the schools. Board members shared their concern that our officers might be utilized outside of the county for security or back up or performing work for another department and that our insurance wouldn't cover. Chief Yarber explained his intent was to protect his officers in instances where they needed to perform police functions as they were performing school police duties. He does not intend officers in the department to "moonlight" or work as back up officers outside the county. There was no action taken on this item to give the district time to get information on insurance and to get some samples of interlocal agreements from the Board attorney.

XII. Second Reading of Policies

Order #26-172 - Motion Passed: Approval of second reading of policies 03.125, 03.225, 03.1233, 03.2233 passed with a motion by Diann Meadows and a second by Kathy Merriman.

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

- A. Second Reading of Policy 03.125 Certified Reimbursement
- B. Second Reading of Policy 03.225 Classified Reimbursement
- C. Second Reading of Policy 03.1233 Certified Parental Leave
- D. Second Reading of Policy 03.2233 Classified Parent Leave

XIII. Adjourn

Order #26-173 - 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