

# RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

## (MINUTES)

Regular Meeting

April 27, 2026

The Fayette County Board of Education met in Room 150 at the John D. Price Administration Building located at 450 Park Place Lexington, KY 40511 at 6 p.m. on February 23, 2026, with the following members present:

### **Attendance Taken at 6:01 p.m.**

#### **Present Board Members:**

Amanda Ferguson

Amy Green

Tyler Murphy

Penny Christian

Monica Mundy

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### **Administration Present**

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent

Houston Barber, Deputy Superintendent

Bill Bradford, Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership

Tracy Bruno, Chief of Staff

Shelley Chatfield, Chief Legal Officer

Myron Thompson, Chief Operating Officer

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **A.1. Roll Call**

### **B. EXTEND WELCOME TO GUESTS**

**C. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Board Member Amanda Ferguson invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic death of Audry “L.T.” Turner, a full-time bus monitor who had been a faithful member of the transportation staff and Team FCPS since 2007. Our hearts remain with his family, friends, and all those touched by his passing.

**D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Member Amanda Ferguson led the pledge of allegiance.

**E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT**

Board Member Amanda Ferguson read the mission statement.

**F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the agenda with any changes voiced including the lifting of items from the consent section for discussion, and tabling agenda item J.6. Meal Prices for 2026-2027 School Year for consideration until May 2026, passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Amy Green.*

Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
Penny Christian	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes

**G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE**

**G.1. Elementary Honors Chorus**

**Discussion:** FCPS Director of Fine Arts Katherine Lowther, Fine Arts Instructional Specialist David Fonda, Cassidy Elementary School music teacher Sabrina Bowmer, and Cassidy fifth grader Via Baker shared information and a video of the 2026 Fayette County Public Schools Elementary Honors Chorus, which brought together 311 fourth- and fifth-graders from 32 different elementary schools.

**H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**H.1. Progress Reports**

**H.1.a. Superintendent's Report**

**H.1.a.1. Kids' Champion**

**Discussion:** Chief of Staff Tracy Bruno led the recognition for April Kids’ Champion Eddie Mefford, a former SCAPA at Bluegrass student who now works as the lead custodian there.

Mefford was hailed as a mentor, artist, and guardian of our SCAPA’s school spirit who proves that every interaction is an opportunity to teach. Monthly winners receive a check for \$100 courtesy of Forcht Bank.

**H.1.a.2. State Assessment & Accountability Update**

**Discussion:** Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership and Learning Bill Bradford provided an update on changes coming to the Kentucky State Assessment and Accountability system.

**H.1.a.3. Community Partner: Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass**

**Discussion:** Miranda Scully, Executive Director of Public Engagement, Laurel Raimondo Martin, President of Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass, Inc. and Isaac Angeles Plakosh, a junior at STEAM Academy, spotlighted the ways that Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass supports student development toward the Portrait of a Graduate.

**H.1.a.4. District Financial Update**

**Discussion:** Interim Chief Financial Officer Kyna Koch provided board members and the community with an update on the following concerns regarding district financial practices: internal controls and oversight, procurement and contract procedures, receivables and payables, miscoded spending and allocations, record keeping, and missed deadlines. She advised the board that the monthly financial reports included in the agenda were inaccurate.

**H.2. PUBLIC COMMENT (regarding topics on the agenda)**

**Discussion:** The following members of the public addressed the board: Lindsey Depenbrock and Amanda Hurley addressed proposed reductions to the librarians’ work calendar, Jabez Caraballo and Liz Tingle Crovo spoke about facility conditions at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Matthew Vied, Herbert Lynn, Isaac Looney, Amanda Preston, Jessica Cleveland, Sara Flood-Baumann, Rachel Buser, and Sarci Eldridge addressed budget and finance issues, Larry Moore spoke about board governance, Barbara Priest and Catherine Blair shared concerns about how financial issues would impact employees.

**I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS**

**I.1. Minutes from April 16, 2026**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026, Planning Meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes

Penny Christian Yes  
Monica Mundy Yes

**J. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**J.1. Post Approval Report**

**J.2. Request for Extended Field Trips**

**J.3. Professional Leave Requests**

**J.4. Award of Bids/Proposals**

**J.5. Special and Other Leaves of Absence**

**J.6. Meal Prices for 2026-27 School Year (tabled until May 2026)**

**J.7. Online Teaching Platform Contract (renewal)**

**J.8. Officer Training Contract**

**J.9. 2026-2027 Student Fees**

**J.10. Instruction and Support Contracts**

**J.11. Credit Recovery Platform Contract (renewal)**

**J.12. Transportation Software Contract (renewal)**

**J.13. Graduation Contract**

**J.14. Request for Policy Waiver for Extended Field Trip**

**J.15. Graduation Traffic Assistance Contract**

**J.16. FY 26 KETS Second Offer of Assistance**

**J.17. Resolution Relating to the Issuance of Bonds**

**J.18. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One) to the Contract for the Installation of Portable Unit (Offices) at Lafayette High School BG# 25-322**

**J.19. Approval of a BG-4 Contract Closeout Form for the Renovation of Two Classrooms into Preschool Classrooms at Arlington Elementary School BG #25-321**

**J.20. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Four) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Henry Clay High School BG# 24-279**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to approve the items on the consent agenda including any items added by addendum, and tabling agenda item J.6. Meal Prices for 2026-2027 School Year for consideration until May 2026, passed with a motion by Monica Mundy and a second by Penny Christian.*

Amanda Ferguson Yes  
Amy Green Yes  
Tyler Murphy Yes  
Penny Christian Yes  
Monica Mundy Yes

**K. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS**

**K.1. Monthly Financial Reports**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion acknowledging that the board is in receipt of inaccurate Monthly Treasurer’s Report of Revenue/Expenses for February and March 2026 passed with a motion by Monica Mundy and a second by Amanda Ferguson.*

Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
Penny Christian	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes

**K.2. Appointment of District Finance Officer/Treasurer**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to appoint Kyna Koch as District Finance Officer/Treasurer passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Monica Mundy.*

Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
Penny Christian	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes

**K.3. Bonding of Treasurer**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to bond Kyna Koch as Treasurer passed with a motion by Amanda Ferguson and a second by Penny Christian.*

Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
Penny Christian	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes

**L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**L.1. Budget Transfer Report**

**L.2. Personnel Changes**

**L.3. School Activity Funds Report**

**L.4. Board Construction Update 4-27-26**

**L.5. Running Board Approved Contracts**

**M. PUBLIC COMMENT (regarding items not on the agenda)**

**Discussion:** The following members of the public addressed the board: Matthew Vied addressed budget and finance issues and Larry Moore spoke about board governance.

**N. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to make the agenda dated April 27, 2026, on which action has been taken at this meeting, a part of the minutes as if copied in the minutes verbatim passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Penny Christian.*

Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
Penny Christian	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes

**O. CLOSED SESSION**

**O.1. Reconvene in Open Session**

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Passed:** *A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. passed with a motion by Penny Christian and a second by Amy Green.*

Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Amy Green	Yes
Tyler Murphy	Yes
Penny Christian	Yes
Monica Mundy	Yes

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Tyler Murphy, Board Chair

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Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Board