

Powell County Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 21, 2026 6:00 PM
Powell County Board of Education Board Room

Attendance Taken at : 5:54 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 #26-174 - 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

The Powell County High School students participated in a mock wreck with local EMS to encourage people to not drink and drive. The short film that was created was shown to the board to highlight the hard work that our students and community did to prevent a tragic accident.

V. Communication Report

Communication Report- 04.21.26

- We have made a great deal of progress on our renovation of the school to a central office. We have hired two sub maintenance men that have been doing a good job painting and preparing rooms for office wall construction. The supplies have arrived for the building of the walls in the rooms to make offices and that work will start this Thursday. Other clean up and moving out of surplus is being taken care of. The bathroom floors have been redone in this part of the building and by the alternative school and they look really good. Flooring may start as early as May 1.
- We got the approval to move forward with the work at the shed outside the new school. The roof work and inside work is complete and the doors now close and lock. We have a little work to do before the garage door can be hung and the brick will be starting soon.
- We had a preconstruction meeting today at Clay City Elementary with our architect and the builders. They will be getting us a schedule sometime tomorrow. The outside work will start before the end of the school year and Mrs. Meadows will adjust the entrance of the building to the hallway doors. The Clay City work has a substantial completion date of November 30 but barring any material shortages they hope to be done by the end of September. The Bowen Elementary project should occur over the summer.

· There was no GAP funding awarded to any district during the legislative session. I will be working with our financial advisor to determine what funding is available and what projects we may be able to work on soon.

· Three teachers from Dessie Scott came to our district today and took a look at the trailers and went through the materials we have for surplus. They were very appreciative of being able to have student desks, chairs, teacher desks, etc. for their new facility. They said they lost everything and are currently working on folding tables in a small space. They said that the land is almost prepared for the trailers to move and they just couldn't stop talking about how nice it was to have the opportunity to have the supplies and furniture.

VI. Public Comments

Adam Brown addressed the Board.

Starlina Brown addressed the Board.

VII. Consent Agenda

Order #26-175 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items as presented passed with a motion by Diann Meadows 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 Special Called Meeting 04.02.26
- B. Approval of Payment of Claims
- C. Approval of Monthly Financial Report
- D. Approval of Orders of Treasurer
- E. Approval of Indirect Cost
- F. Approval to Participate in CEP for Food Service
- G. Approval of the 2025-2028 PCS District Technology Plan (26-27 Update)
- H. Approval of O&M Services for the 26-27 School Year
- I. Monthly Trip Requests

VIII. Approval of High School Congressional Academy Trip

Order #26-176 - Motion Passed: Approval of Congressional Academy Trip 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. Approval of 8th Grade Trip

Order #26-177 - Motion Passed: Approval of 8th grade trip 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

X. Approval of Bass Fishing Trip

Order #26-178 - Motion Passed: Approval of bass fishing trip and funding support for rooms and mileage reimbursement as described 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

Coach Julie Clark and Coach Jackie Arvin sought approval of an overnight trip to attend the 2026 KHSAA State Bass Fishing Tournament at Kentucky Lake May 3-10 based upon those who qualify at the regional tournament.

They also asked for lodging to be paid by the Board at a cost of up to \$3,554.51 depending upon how many teams qualified.

Additionally, they sought mileage for up to 7 boat captains to be paid. They calculated this at \$264.14 per vehicle for a total of \$1,848.98.

XI. Banking Agreement Renewal

Order #26-179 - Motion Passed: Approval of the renewal of Banking Agreement with Peoples Exchange Bank for FY 26-27 passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Mark Collier.

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

People's Exchange Bank proposed to retain the current rate of 3.75% interest on the funds deposited in our account as well as all other terms of the agreement from 2023 to remain the same.

XII. Approval of Revision to Dean of Students Job Description

Order #26-180 - Motion Passed: Approval of revisions to the Dean of Students job description 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

The Dean of Students for the high school job description needs to clearly define that this position is a position carrying the same authority of an assistant principal. Additionally, that position may be needed at another school in the future, so we removed the words "high school" from the job description. The final change is that we will evaluate based on the certified evaluation plan rather than stating it must be done annually.

XIII. Approval of Revisions to Dean of Students- Alternative Education Job Description

Order #26-181 - Motion Passed: Approval of revisions to Dean of Students Alternative Education job description 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 Dean of Students for the alternative school acts much like a principal and the job description needs to specify this. Additionally, we changed the evaluation language at the end of the description to state the evaluation is in accordance with the certified evaluation plan.

XIV. Approval of Positions Over Allocations

Order #26-182 - Motion Passed: Approval of recommended staff above allocations passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

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

The chart below shows how many current staff are paid from general fund and how many staff the schools would receive if allocated per the board approved formula. The third column shows how many staff each school would lose if the allocation formula was used without variation. The Recommended column is how many staff the superintendent recommends the Board let us utilize at each school based on current needs and what she knows the budget can sustain. The Gain/Loss column shows how many staff the schools would gain or lose based on the recommended staff and the Amount Over Allocation shows what that recommended staff is utilized for.

	Current Staff	Allocated Staff	Amount Should Gain or Lose	Recommended	Gain or Loss Over Current Year	Amount Over Allocation
Bowen Elem	12.5	11.8	-0.7	12.5	0	.7 (Continue Music)
Stanton Elem	17	16.1	-0.9	17	0	.9 (Continue Music)
Clay City Elem	21	17.7	-3.3	20	-1	2.3 (1 for music and 1 assist. Principal)
Powell Middle	23.14	22.10	-1.04	23.2	0	1.1 (Support JAG and keep current teachers)
Powell High	32	27.9	-4.1	30	-2	2 (Keep 2 teachers for HS Schedule)

XV. Approval of Revised Powell County Schools Police Department Policy Manual

Order #26-183 - Motion Passed: Approval of revision to Powell County Police Department policy manual 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

The officers in the Powell County Schools Police Department are trained and qualified on their duty weapon two times each year but that was not specified in the policy. This revision specifies that training occurs two times annually on p. 16.

XVI. Instruction

A. Approval of First Reading of Policy 08.113-Graduation Requirements

Order #26-184 - Motion Passed: Approval of first reading of Policy 08.113 Graduation Requirements 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

The high school would like to go to a 6 period day giving more time in each class period for instruction. In doing this, over a 4 year time period, there would be the availability to earn 24 credits. We would like to change current policy of requiring 24 credits to graduate to the state minimum of 22. None of the required credits change with this new requirement of credits, and more credits can be earned. However, requiring more than the state required number of credits sets some students up for not obtaining a diploma.

B. Approval of Turnaround Team for Middle School

Order #26-185 - Motion Passed: Approve the Turnaround Team as listed 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

Those included in the Middle School Turnaround Team are:

Teachers: Jonathan Conley, Katie Moore, Leslie Mullins, Brian Wilson

Administration: Martina Skidmore, Whitney Merriman, Tiffany Anderson, Tonya Roach, Crystal Kirk

Education Recovery Personnel: Kelley Mills, Denva Smith, Kimberlee Coyle

C. Approval of Turnaround Plan for Middle School

Order #26-186 - Motion Passed: Approval of Turnaround Plan passed with a motion by Diann Meadows and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

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

Principal Dr. Martina Skidmore and Assistant Principal Whitney Merriman explained the turnaround plans that include the two improvement priorities specified by the Diagnostic Review Team.

XVII. Facilities

A. Approval of Architect Invoice for MS Wall Project

Order #26-187 - Motion Passed: Approval to pay final architect invoice for Middle School wall project 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

B. Approval of Pay App #5 for Middle School Roof Project

Order #26-188 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay App #5 for Middle School roofing project 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

C. Approval of Boiler & Chiller Project Invoices

Order #26-189 - Motion Passed: Approval of CPS invoice for the Boiler & Chiller Project passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Lisa Mays.

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

D. Approval of Pay App for District HVAC Project

Order #26-190 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay App for District HVAC Project 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

E. Elementary School Vestibule Project

Order #26-191 - Motion Passed: Approval of items in relation to the elementary school 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

The list of construction items needed for the security vestibule projects was listed as a consent agenda.

1. Approval of DPOs for Vestibule Project
2. Approval of KDE DPO Summary
3. Approval of Owner-Contractor Agreement for Vestibule Project
4. Approval of KBC Special Inspections Proposal

XVIII. Informational Items

A. Personnel Report

Superintendent Wasson presented the personnel report.

XIX. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

XX. Approval to enter closed session per KRS 61.810(1)(f) for a hearing that might lead to the discipline of a student

Order #26-192 - Motion Passed: Approval to enter closed session 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

XXI. Approval to return to open session

Order #26-193 - Motion Passed: Approval to return to open session 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

XXII. Adjourn

Order #26-194 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn 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

Board Chairperson

Board Secretary