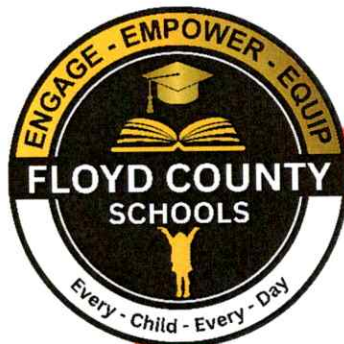


Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting
July 27, 2026 6:00 PM ET (5:00 CT)
In Person and Video Teleconference
Floyd County Board of Education
Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center
Eastern, KY



Attendance Taken at : 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Linda Gearheart
Mr. William Newsome
Dr. Chandra Varia
Mr. Steve Slone
Mr. Keith Smallwood

Tonya Horne-Williams, Board Secretary and Board Attorney was in attendance.

1. Chair's Welcome/Call to Order
 - A. Roll Call/Welcome
 - B. Reminder for a Request to Speak
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance
 - D. The Adoption of Agenda

Order #20909 - Motion Passed: Motion to adopt the agenda as is passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

2. Special Reports and Spotlight

3. Community Comments to the Board of Education

- A. Students
- B. Parents, PTA/PTO
- C. SBDM Councils
- D. Classified Employees
- E. Certified Employees/FCEA
- F. Principals' Association
- G. Members of the Board of Education

Dr. Varia addressed the board - we should not charge any child for academic participation! Ms Williams told her that no child is charged.

Dr. Varia - who provides writing folders for the students? Ms. Williams - that is provided by the board.

Keith Smallwood addressed the board - concern with the amount of time a child should have limits on screen exposure. He purposed a policy and recommendation by next board meeting on limits of screen use.

H. Public Comment

4. Action or Special Reports - Student Learning

A. Receive Attendance & Plans/Enrollment and Health Services Report

Order #20910 - Motion Passed: Received Attendance & Plans/Enrollment and Health Services Report passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

5. Action or Special Reports - Student Support

A. Receive Utility Report for Prestonsburg Elementary School

Order #20911 - Motion Passed: Receive Utility Report for Prestonsburg Elementary School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

B. Receive Report of Superintendent

Order #20912 - Motion Passed: Receive Report of Superintendent passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

C. Accept Notification of Personnel Matters

Order #20913 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

1. Actions Taken

2. Requests for Leaves of Absences

D. Consider/Approve awarding the contract for Special Inspections and Construction Materials Testing for the Betsy Layne High School (BLHS) Synthetic Turf Replacement Project to Solid Ground

Order #20914 - Motion Passed: Approval of awarding the contract for Special Inspections and Construction Materials Testing for the Betsy Layne High School (BLHS) Synthetic Turf Replacement Project to Solid Ground passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

E. Consider/Approve of bids for the preparation, power washing, crack repairs, sealing, and exterior painting of South Floyd Elementary School

Order #20915 - Motion Passed: Approve of bids for the preparation, power washing, crack repairs, sealing, and exterior painting of South Floyd Elementary School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
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Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

F. Consider/Retroactive approve a Lease Agreement for five (5) Chevrolet Express 2500 vans, one (1) Chevrolet Silverado 2500 truck, one (1) Ford F-150, and one (1) Chevrolet Silverado

Order #20916 - Motion Passed: Retroactive approval of a Lease Agreement for five (5) Chevrolet Express 2500 vans, one (1) Chevrolet Silverado 2500 truck, one (1) Ford F-150, and one (1) Chevrolet Silverado passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

G. Consider/Approve of Revised BG-1 for Central Office Track Renovations

Order #20917 - Motion Passed: Approval of Revised BG-1 for Central Office Track Renovations passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

H. Consider/Approve the Revised BG-1 for the Synthetic Turf Replacement at Betsy Layne High School

Order #20918 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Revised BG-1 for the Synthetic Turf Replacement at Betsy Layne High School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

I. Consider/Approve Change Order #1 and Change Order #2 for the Central Office Track Renovation

Order #20919 - Motion Passed: Approval of Change Order #1 and Change Order #2 for the Central Office Track Renovation passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

J. Consider/Approve the selection of an architectural firm to provide architectural services for the renovation of the Floyd County Area Technology Center

Order #20920 - Motion Passed: Approval of the selection of an architectural firm to provide architectural services for the renovation of the Floyd County Area Technology Center, choosing Summitt as the architect of choice passed with a motion by Mr. Steve Slone and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

4 Yeas - 1 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	No
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

K. Consider/Approve the selection of an architectural firm to provide architectural services for the Betsy Layne High School Softball Field Renovation Project

Order #20921 - Motion Passed: Approval of the selection of an architectural firm to provide architectural services for the Betsy Layne High School Softball Field Renovation Project, choosing Summitt as the architects of choice passed with a motion by Mr. Steve Slone and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

4 Yeas - 1 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	No
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

L. Consider/Approve the construction documents and authorize the request to advertise for bids for the conversion of the baseball and softball infields to synthetic turf and the correction of ongoing drainage issues at Floyd Central High School, pending KDE approval

Order #20922 - Motion Passed: Approval of the construction documents and authorize the request to advertise for bids for the conversion of the baseball and softball infields to synthetic turf and the correction of ongoing drainage issues at Floyd Central High School, pending KDE approval passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

M. Consider/Approve Change Order No 1 and Change Order No 2 for the Betsy Layne High School (BLHS) Athletic Improvements Project

Order #20923 - Motion Passed: Approval of Change Order No 1 and Change Order No 2 for the Betsy Layne High School (BLHS) Athletic Improvements Project passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6. Action by Consent

Order #20924 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mr. William Newsome and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

A. Consider Approval of Minutes

B. *Consider Payment of Bills and Claims

C. Consider/Approve of Memorandum of Agreement by and between on the part of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center/Healing Program designed crisis center for the Big Sandy Region and Floyd Central High School for 2026-2027 school year

D. Consider/Approve revisions/additions to the Floyd County Athletic Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year. (Second Reading)

E. Consider/Approve the first reading of a policy that requires parent or guardian authorization for all students, regardless of age, to check out during the school day. This requirement remains in effect until students are officially withdrawn, emancipated by court order, or have graduated from the district

F. Consider/Approve school wide fundraisers for Duff-Allen Central Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year

G. Consider/Approve local agreement for cooperation on full utilization of Head Start for 2026-2027 school year

H. Consider/Retroactive approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Floyd County Schools and Big Sandy Community and Technical College System (BSCTC) to support the dual credit media arts pathway. The grant will partially fund the salary of the qualified faculty member offering dual credit

I. Consider/Retroactive Approve the FY 27-Community Education Grant Memorandum of Agreement

J. Consider/Retroactive Approve out of state travel in May 2027 to Kings Island in Cincinnati, Ohio via Floyd County School transportation for students of the 8th grade class at DACE. Possible dates are: May 1, May 8, and May 22nd

- K.** Consider/Approve of Memorandum of Agreement by and between on the part of the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center/Healing Program designated crisis center for the Big Sandy Region and Betsy Layne High School for 2026-2027 school year
- L.** Consider/Approve of Memorandum of Agreement by and between on the part of the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center/Healing Program designated crisis center for the Big Sandy Region and Prestonsburg High School for the 2026-2027 school year
- M.** Consider/Approve the purchase of the SmartPass subscription for the school year 2026/2027 through Raptor Technologies and complete the agreement submitted by Raptor Technologies
- N.** Consider/Approve the following school-wide fundraisers for John M Stumbo Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year: Ice Cream sales, Scholastic Book Fair, School Spirit Attire, Pencil/Sticker machine, Kona Ice, and Ice Cup
- O.** Consider/Approve the Mud Creek Fire Department use of the Hayes Hamilton Gymnasium at John M Stumbo Elementary for training purposes during weather events
- P.** Consider/Approve the Facility Use Agreement for the John M Stumbo Elementary PTO for various events throughout the 2026-2027 school year
- Q.** Consider/Approve updated Floyd County Public School District Special Education Procedures-2026
- R.** Consider/Approve the Floyd County Schools District-Wide Writing Program for the 2026-2027 school year
- S.** Consider/Approve Memorandum of Agreement between the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and for the benefit of Big Sandy Community and Technical College and Floyd County Schools
- T.** Consider/Approve the attached salary schedule for the 200 Day Physical Therapist position
- U.** Consider/Approve entering a School Based Behavioral Health Services Agreement between Mountain Comprehensive Care Center and Floyd County Board of Education
- V.** Consider/Retroactive Approve a Letter of Commitment and Support for the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC) CARES: Connecting Access, Resilience, Engagement, and Support (CARES) Grant
- W.** Consider/Approve out-of-state travel on Friday, September 11th through Saturday, September 12th, 2026 to compete in the 2026 Rocky Top Classic Volleyball tournament in Sevierville, Tennessee for the varsity members of the Floyd Central High School Volleyball team. Parents will sign the waiver release and indemnity agreement regarding transportation, therefore, transportation from the Floyd County School District will not be necessary/requested
- X.** Consider/Approve the surplus of technology items from Head Start/Preschool on the attached list
- Y.** Consider/Approve Partner Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between Floyd County Schools and UNITE Service Corps (USC), an AmeriCorps program of Operation UNITE
- Z.** Consider/Approve Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Floyd County Schools and Midway University Teacher Education Department
- AA.** Consider/Approve First Reading of the Floyd County Technology Integration Handbook for school year 2026-2027
- BB.** Consider/Approve accepting a \$35,000 grant award from The Steele-Reese Foundation for improvements to the John M. Stumbo Elementary School library and authorizing the Superintendent to execute the grant agreement
- CC.** Consider/Approve the Agreement with PIMSER to provide OpenSciEd training to all middle and high school science teachers here in the district
- DD.** Consider/Approve 2027-2028 School-Wide Fundraiser for Allen Elementary: Scholastic Book Fair Events, Kona Ice, Monthly School Dances, Fall Festival, Christmas Festival, BSN Sports Fundraiser, Old Ky

Chocolates, ABC Fundraising, AES T-Shirt Sales, Icee Days, Dairy Queen Night, Car Show Event, and Otter Pop Sales

EE. Consider/Approve Receive FY 2026 Pre--Audit Annual Financial Report PENDING ATTACHMENT

FF. Consider/Approve the modification #2 of the Kentucky Comprehensive Literacy Grant Year 2 Memorandum of Agreement

GG. Consider/Approve the E-Rate agreement between the Floyd County Schools and Step Communications Group

HH. *Consider/Approve membership with Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) for 2026-2027

II. *Consider/Approve Speech Language Therapy Contracting Services to be provided to students with Speech Language Impairments who require it as part of their IEP

JJ. *Consider/Approve revision to Floyd County Schools' Certified Employee Evaluation Plan for the 2026-2027 school year

KK. *Consider/Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Floyd County Fiscal Court and the Floyd County Board of Education for the FRYSC Opioid Abatement Grant

LL. *Consider/Approve revisions to the Student and/or Visitor Accident/Incident Report to modernize, promote greater consistency, and maintain accident documentation, which, in turn, benefits the overall efficiency of the Floyd County Board of Education

MM. *Consider/Approve selection criteria for High School Valedictorian and Salutatorian beginning with the 2026-2027 incoming Freshman Class

NN. *Consider/Approve Request for Proposal (RFP) for district-wide copier and printing services

7. Executive Session to Discuss (Litigation, Property, Personnel, and Expulsions), KRS 61.810

8. Adjournment

Order #20925 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn, the time being 6:41 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

Secretary

Board Chair

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