

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS (MINUTES)

Ft. Mitchell, KY

The BEECHWOOD Board of Education met in the Beechwood Teacher Learning Center at 6:00 PM ET (5:00 CT), on July 13, 2026, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Jeanne Berger
Mr. Kyle Burns
Mr. Bradford Hood
Mrs. Amy Sleet
Mrs. Laura Wooten

I. Call to Order

Rationale:

The mission of Beechwood Independent School District is to provide innovative education grounded in tradition. Our educational vision is to inspire students to embrace responsibility, productivity and compassion of a global community. Our vision is communicated to students, faculty, and our community by various media from the printed word to the internet and is exemplified by our district slogan: Innovative education grounded in tradition.

I.A. Call to Order / Roll Call

I.B. Staff Members Present

Mr. Justin Kaiser, Superintendent
Dr. Sarah Schobel, Asst Superintendent
Mrs. Jessica Pass, High School Principal
Mrs. Ashley Ritchie, Asst High School Principal
Mr. Zach Ashley, Elementary Principal
Mrs. Alicia Wittmer, Asst Elementary Principal
Mrs. Lauren Steltenkamp, Special Ed Director

Mr. Tim Lillard, Technology Director
Mrs. Stephanie Layton, Business and University Liaison
Mr. Ryan Booth, Dir of Athletics/DPP
Mrs. Kristi Ward, Finance Director
Mrs. Lori Reed, Board Secretary
Also in attendance: Board Attorney, Aaren Meehan

I.C. Recognition of Guests

I.C.1. Boys Track 1A State Team Champions, Brody Aylor, Individual Winner and Boys 4x800M Relay Team Gannon Parke, Elijah Muck, Braxton Lindloff and Charlie Skeen

I.C.2. Lily Parke and Caroline Nordman, Girls Individual State Track Winners

I.D. Public Comment

Each Person wishing to address the Board of Education must sign in. When called upon to speak the person who speaks should stand, give his/her name and group he/she represents, and then address his/her comments directly to the Board of Education Chairperson.

No public comment was made.

II. Motion to amend agenda to include KRS 61.810(1)(b) for the Closed Session

Motion Passed: Motion to amend agenda to include KRS 61.810(1)(b) for the Closed Session, passed with a motion by Mr. Bradford Hood and a second by Mrs. Laura Wooten.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Kyle Burns	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Laura Wooten	Yes

III. Discussion and Action Agenda

III.A. Policy Updates for 26-27

Rationale:

First Reading was June 8, 2026

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the policy updates for the 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Mr. Bradford Hood and a second by Mrs. Laura Wooten.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Kyle Burns	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Laura Wooten	Yes

III.B. Procedure Updates for 26-27

Rationale:

First reading was June 8, 2026

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the updated procedures for 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Wooten and a second by Mr. Bradford Hood.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Kyle Burns	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Laura Wooten	Yes

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: Approval to adopt consent agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Bradford Hood and a second by Mrs. Laura Wooten.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Kyle Burns	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Laura Wooten	Yes

IV.A. Approval of Minutes

IV.A.1. June 8, 2026

IV.B. Monthly Bills

IV.C. Use of Facility Requests

IV.C.1. Traders Joe's

IV.D. Field Trips/Overnight

IV.D.1. Girls Basketball Team / Camp

IV.E. 2025-2026 Donations

IV.F. Latonia Storage Rental Agreement 26-27

IV.G. Related Services (OT/PT) Contract with Pediatric Specialists DBA Empower House

IV.H. Zalla Properties (Buttermilk Bus Parking Agreement)

Rationale:

Bus parking/lease renewal for the 26-27 school year. Please notice that as of 8/1/26, rent will increase to \$550 per month.

IV.I. The Zembrodt Educational Center (The Point) Agreement for 26-27

IV.J. Project Search Agreement with Kenton County 26-27

IV.K. University of Cincinnati SLP Graduate Student Agreement

IV.L. NKU OT Graduate Student Agreement

IV.M. Title III Consortium MOU with Fort Thomas and Dayton

IV.N. RFP for LED Board in Varsity Gym

Rationale:

It is recommended that we accept the proposal from BLUUM, USA

IV.O. Kenton County MOU for Supplemental Transportation Services

IV.P. Pay Applications #6 for Phase 6C

IV.Q. Pay Applications #39 for Phase 6B

IV.R. Annual Funding Assurances

IV.S. Handbooks 2026-2027

IV.S.1. Emergency Action Plan

IV.S.2. Crisis Response Plan

IV.S.3. Safety Plan

IV.S.4. Employee Handbook

IV.S.5. Substitute Handbook

IV.S.6. Volunteer Handbook

IV.S.7. Athletics Handbook

IV.S.8. Coaches Handbook

IV.S.9. Student-Athlete Handbook

IV.S.10. Athletics Title IX Handbook

IV.S.11. Gifted and Talented Handbook

IV.S.12. Internship Handbook

IV.S.13. High School Handbook

IV.S.14. Elementary Handbook

IV.T. Superintendent Reimbursement

IV.T.1. KASS, KASA Cohort, NKCES Retreat, Cincy AI Week June 9-12

IV.T.2. AASA June 24-27

V. Information

V.A. Superintendent's Report

Discussion:

- The Board held their retreat last week to discuss the 2nd year of the strategic plan and seeking feedback from them to discuss at Cabinet retreat.
- The AP scores pass rates are the highest they ever been at 82.2%. Congratulations to our teachers and students!
- We are fully staffed for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.
- Construction update discussed the issue with the new set of bleachers being too close to the concession stand/narrow walkway. All parties are looking at the most cost effective and timeliness resolution.

V.A.1. Finance Report

V.A.2. SBDM Meeting Minutes

V.B. Personnel Report

Resignations

Jana Bromley, Elementary Music

New Hires

Ashley Ritchie, High School Assistant Principal

Kylene Depenbrock, High School Secretary

Danielle Giannini, Elementary Science

Kelley Schaefer, HS/MS Science

Allison Orzali, G/T Coordinator

Madison Gunnels, Elementary Music Teacher

Extra Curriculars

Assistant Athletic Director
Brandon Slusher

JV/Varsity Assistant
Brandon Berger

Varsity Assistant
Bob Bruno

Freshman Head FB Coach
Justin Weyer

Varsity Assistant
Greg Hergott

Freshman Assist FB
Brady Slusher

JV/Varsity Assistant
Matt Mercer

Freshman Assist FB
Jason Moore

JV/Varsity Assistant
Ryan Baugh

Middle School Head Football
Billy Waddell

JV/Varsity Assistant
Daniel Mescher

Middle School Assistant FB
Roddy Powell

Middle School Assistant FB
Scott Parton

Middle School Assistant FB
Greg Taphouse

Head Boys Basketball
Ross Hart

Freshman/Varsity Assistant Coach - Boys
Owen Alcorn

Middle School Boys-6th
Mitchell Schilling

Middle School Boys-7th
Adam Greber

Middle School Boys-8th
Connor McGuire

Head Girls Basketball
Celeste Hill Brockett

Head Boys Tennis
Nick Bengé

Assistant Boys Tennis
Nick Bengé

Head Boys Golf
Casey Schneider

Assistant Boys Golf
Casey Schneider

Head Girls Golf
Jack Wooten (\$2,100) - donate to
program

Assistant Girls Golf
Stephanie Hall

Head Boys Coach
Michele Colangelo

Assistant Boys Coach
Michele Colangelo

Head Girls Coach
Drew Nordmeyer

Assistant Girls Coach
Drew Nordmeyer

Head Coach
Turner, Katrina

Head Boys Baseball
Kevin Gray

Head Girls Softball
Chris Scott

Varsity Cheerleader
Alexander, Eden

Varsity Assistant /JV Cheer
Brand, Abby

Freshman Cheer
Slusher, Jessica

Middle School Cheer
Johnson, Emily

Head Soccer- Boys
Zach Young

Varsity Assistant Soccer
Justin Bowen

Varsity Assistant/JV Soccer
Craig Grabow

Varsity Assistant/JV Soccer
Zach Young

Head Soccer- Girls
Eileen Dowd

Varsity Assistant Soccer
Jillian Francois

Varsity Assistant/JV Soccer
Jillian Francois

Middle School Girls-7th
Krista Perkins

Varsity Assistant/JV Soccer
Alex Blackaby

Middle School Girls-8th
Trish Payette

Assistant CC
Kristin Hetzel

Chorus
Taylor Walton

Assistant CC
Marsha Parke

Accompanist
Kristi Hiner

Head Girls Volleyball
Matt Long

Musical Director
Amanda Borchers

Varsity Assistant/JV Coach GIRLS
Ashley Bush

Musical Director - Lead Assistant
Taylor Walton

Assistant Varsity Coach
Clancy Gay

Musical Director - Assistant
Taylor Walton

Assistant Varsity Coach
Clancy Gay

Musical - Choreographer
Amanda Borchers

Varsity Assistant/Freshman Coach GIRLS
Shannon Lewandowski

Accompanist
Kristi Hiner

Middle School Girls-6th
Jennifer Davis

Costumes
Amanda Borchers

VI. Closed Session for Superintendent Evaluation per KRS 61.810(1)(k) and KRS 61.810(1)(b) for acquisition of property

Rationale:

Agenda was amended to also include KRS 61.810(1)(b) for this closed session

Motion Passed: Motion to go into Closed Session for superintendent evaluation per KRS 61.810(1) (b) and (k) passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Wooten and a second by Mr. Bradford Hood.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Kyle Burns	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Laura Wooten	Yes

VII. Exit Closed Session

Motion Passed: Motion to exit closed session passed with a motion by Mr. Bradford Hood and a second by Mrs. Laura Wooten.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Kyle Burns	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Laura Wooten	Yes

VIII. Superintendent Evaluation

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the Superintendent Evaluation passed with a motion by Mrs. Laura Wooten and a second by Mr. Bradford Hood.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Kyle Burns	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Laura Wooten	Yes

IX. Agenda in Official Board Minutes

Motion Passed: Approval of making the agenda part of the official board minutes passed with a motion by Mr. Bradford Hood and a second by Mrs. Laura Wooten.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Kyle Burns	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Laura Wooten	Yes

X. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Bradford Hood and a second by Mrs. Laura Wooten.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Kyle Burns	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Laura Wooten	Yes

ATTEST: _____

Secretary

APPROVED: _____

Chairman

Meeting Minutes July 13, 2026