

Powell County Board of Education Special Called Meeting
July 28, 2026 6:00 PM ET (5:00 CT)
Powell County Board of Education Board Room

Attendance Taken at : 5:51 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 #27-1 - 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. Communication Report

Superintendent Wasson provided the following communication report:

- We would like to welcome Mr. Coy Hall. He is the new Chief Operations Officer for the District.
- We have the opportunity to partner with Partners for Rural Impact through another type of grant with their AmeriCorps program to have math tutors at our high school. AmeriCorps is a volunteer organization, but the program does offer the volunteer a \$2,000 living expense each month for 11 months. This is for a total of 1,700 hours of work for the year. They also receive \$7,395 for college on their own or if they are above a certain age they can gift that to a child or grandchild. If student volunteers who are seniors do the tutoring they would receive \$2,000 three times per year as well as an amount close to \$1,956 for college when they graduate. We are working to think through how this would work with some of our students and maybe find some adults who have math skills who would want to volunteer in the schools.
- We received word from the Air Force JROTC that we will not be able to have the program this year, but it was not that they did not think our school or our staff would support it. The representative who met with us said she couldn't get our application on the opening board schedule as she had planned but hopes to do so at the next meeting. She hopes to have an answer for us in October of this year. The opportunity still exists and we are hoping to be able to have a program in the 27-28 school year.
- The vestibule projects are progressing. The interior of Clay City Elementary has most of the demolition work completed on the interior of the building. Block has been laid on the outside to enclose the entrance. The Bowen Elementary project has not started due to waiting on the window frame that will go in the wall to the reception area. That was picked up from Lexington today, so I project the work there to start very soon.
- Last week we had a powerful training on systems thinking as part of the Middle School CSI learning opportunity. I attended the training to hear the concepts and learn how to work towards systems

thinking district wide. We do a lot of this work naturally, but the intentionality of this training will help us get where we need to be.

- Tomorrow begins the Kentucky Association of School Administrators conference and it goes through Friday.
- The New Teacher Academy was yesterday and today, and it was very successful.
- Furniture should be arriving for the new central office spaces at the end of August. Some of us will start moving into offices when the doors are finished and air conditioning works in the office space. We do have one training room set up that we have been using, and furniture is here for the other training room.
- This past Monday Mr. Hall and I met with local fire fighters and EMS workers to tour the new Stanton Elementary. They wanted to see how the building is laid out in the event of an emergency and asked questions about our emergency plans.

V. Public Comments

None

VI. Consent Agenda

Order #27-2 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items as presented 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

A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting 06.16.26

B. Approval of Payment of Claims

C. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

D. Approval of Orders of Treasurer

E. Approval of Pledge of Collateral

Renew Pledge of Collateral for all funds/accounts in Peoples Exchange Bank for FY2026-2027.

F. Approval of High School SBDM Carryover

G. Approval of Surplus Items from Maintenance

H. Approval of Technology Surplus

I. Surplus of Old Jerseys for Youth Football

The Youth Football Team would like to surplus 143 old jerseys and sell them for \$25. Jerseys are at least five years old and are not in good, usable condition. Anticipated profit of all jerseys being sold is \$3,575 and would go towards new uniforms for the current season.

J. Approval of Whitaker Bank Donation for Lady Pirates Soccer

K. Monthly Trip Requests

L. KEDC Membership

M. MOA with Partners for Rural Impact AmeriCorps Volunteers

N. MOA Amendment with Community Action Council

O. Approval to Utilize R & K Drug Testing Clinic

P. Stanton Elementary PTA Fundraisers

VII. Review and Approve Annual Board Goals

The Board discussed the current goals and determined that while academic achievement still must be the number one goal, more information is needed to determine a measurable goal on the new assessments the District will use this year. The goals will be set at a future meeting. No action was taken.

VIII. Updated Superintendent Evaluation Standards

Order #27-3 - Motion Passed: Approval to utilize the revised Superintendent standard model for Superintendent Evaluations and adjust current Board policy to reflect the new standards passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Diann Meadows.

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

The Kentucky Association of School Administrators has been working on a new set of standards for Superintendent Evaluations. KASA has worked on these standards for a long time and piloted them in 7 school districts during the 2025-2026 school year. They have worked with Kerri Schelling, KSBA Executive Director, and have indicated she has been very supportive of the work. She will be working with KASA to support board members who transition to the new standards. This model takes the 7 standards down to 5 and the attached presentation demonstrates where the 2 that are taken off fall. The Board approved to utilize the new standard model presented.

IX. Policies and Procedures

A. Policy and Procedures: IDEA

Order #27-4 - Motion Passed: Approval of Powell County Schools Special Education Policy Changes passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Lisa Mays.

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

Director of Special Education, Crystal Kirk, presented the changes to the policy and procedure manual for special education. She explained the new caseload rules mandated by the legislature as well as recommended that the District utilize the Discrepancy Model for determining special education eligibility.

B. Second Reading of KSBA Policy Updates

Order #27-5 - Motion Passed: Approval of second reading of KSBA policy updates passed with a motion by Lisa Mays and a second by Mark Collier.

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

C. Discussion and Approval of First Reading of Policy 01.1 To Add Student Board Member Representation

Order #27-6 - Motion Passed: Approval of first reading of Policy 01.1 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 Board discussed the addition of a student representative to the Board and therefore a change in Policy 01.1. After discussion amongst the members, it was determined that the suggested changes would be adjusted to not keep staff or Board member children from running for the student seat on the Board. The discussion centered around the fact that there are no rules keeping family of a Board member from running for a seat on the Board, and if a child of a staff member had an interest and was elected by their peers they should be able to serve. This change will be reflected for the 2nd reading of the policy change.

X. Approval Of Code of Acceptable Behavior & Discipline and District Handbook 26-27 Updates

Order #27-7 - Motion Passed: Approval of 26-27 Code of Acceptable Behavior & Discipline and District Handbook 26-27 Updates with the inclusion of the school handbook behavior matrices 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

DPP Meredith Robinson discussed the changes to the Code of Acceptable Behavior & Discipline and District Handbook 26-27. Most of the changes were due to new legislation or changes in policy. Board Member Collier wanted to include the behavior matrix in regard to bullying in the handbook and after much discussion, Board Attorney Grant Chenoweth came to the meeting to discuss the legal aspect of what the Board is supposed to include in the District Code compared to what SBDM Councils can decide at the school level. He shared that anytime there is a consequence of suspension or expulsion, the consequences are a duty of the Board and therefore should appear in the District Code. It was decided that the current matrices in the school handbooks would appear in the District Code in their entirety this year and the Board would take time throughout the year to review the Code and make a determination if any changes would be recommended to the Board for approval for the upcoming school year.

XI. Recognition and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

Order #27-8 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Training Face It: Keeping Kids Safe From Abuse and Neglect as Educators and Youth Serving Organizations 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

KRS 156.095 requires each local school board to adopt a training pertaining to child abuse and neglect from the KDE approved list. DPP Meredith Robinson is recommending Face It: Keeping Kids Safe From Abuse and Neglect as Educators and Youth Serving Organizations.

XII. Instruction

A. The Powell County Way- Instructional Presentation

Chief Academic Officer Tonya Roach shared a presentation of the instructional work we have been focused on to develop a new mission and vision for the district. The presentation focused on The Powell County Way- how we will do business in the Powell County School System. She shared the new non-negotiables and demonstrated how the mission and vision tie into the Learner Profile work the district did four years ago.

XIII. Data Security and Privacy Plan 2026

CIO Ashley Randall presented the District Data Privacy and Security Plan for the 2026-2027 school year. 702 KAR 1:170 requires that the district make the board aware that it has reviewed KAR and implemented best practices prior to August 31 each year.

XIV. Facilities

A. Approval of Invoice & Pay App2 for Vestibule Project

Order #27-9 - Motion Passed: Approval of invoice & Pay App 2 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

B. Revised BG-1-Vestibule Project

Order #27-10 - Motion Passed: Approval of revised BG-1 for Vestibule Project passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Diann Meadows.

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

This BG was done to revise the revenue source for this project until we close out Stanton Elementary and we will use the residual amount to fund the Vestibule project. The balance left in the Building fund after all debt was paid for the year was not enough to cover the revenue on this project. The transfer of the funds was completed at the end June. So in addition to building fund cash, we will use capital outlay, and a portion from General Fund. We will revise the BG1 again once the Stanton Elementary project is closed. Because the funds had to transfer at the close of the year, we are seeking retroactive approval to make the fund transfer.

C. Approval of Architect Invoices

Order #27-11 - Motion Passed: Approval of payment of architect invoice for roofing projects 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

The attached invoices for the High School and Middle School roofing projects reflect the final payment to the architect for the project.

D. Pay Apps for Middle and High School Roofing Projects

Order #27-12 - Motion Passed: Approval of final pay apps for Middle School and High School roofing projects 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

The final pay application was approved and the project is now complete.

XV. Approval of Leave

Order #27-13 - Motion Passed: Approval of leave of absence for specified employees 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

Kevin Morton is seeking leave for shoulder surgery.

Sierra Poe is seeking maternity leave.

XVI. Approval to Utilize Emergency Certified Substitute Teachers

Order #27-14 - Motion Passed: Approval to utilize emergency certified substitute teachers passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Diann Meadows.

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

Each year we need a Board Order number to obtain certification for emergency certified substitute teachers. These are substitute teachers that have a college degree but are not teacher certified.

XVII. Approval of Emergency Teaching Certificates

Order #27-15 - Motion Passed: Approval of emergency teaching certificates as presented passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Mark Collier	No
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Emergency Teaching Certificates were approved for:

Courtney Seales: Middle School Science

Stacy Hurt: Middle School Math and Science

Ms. Hurt is a certified elementary teacher who will need emergency certification for middle school and Ms. Seales is a new science teacher.

XVIII. Informational Items

A. Personnel Report

Superintendent Wasson presented the personnel report.

XIX. Approval to Enter Closed Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(K) and KRS 156.557 (6)(C) for a Meeting Which State Law Specifically Requires To Be Conducted in Private, Specifically Preliminary Discussions Relating to the Superintendent Evaluation

Order #27-16 - Motion Passed: Approval of entering 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

XX. Return to Open Session

Order #27-17 - Motion Passed: Approval to return to open session passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Lisa May.

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

XXI. Action Taken as a Result of Closed Session

Order #27-18 - Motion Passed: Approval of Superintendent Evaluation as presented 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

The Board acted on the evaluation of the Superintendent and gave the Superintendent a rating of 3.3 out of a total of 4 for her evaluation.

XXII. Adjourn

Order #27-19 - 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