

Pikeville Independent Board of Education Regular Meeting

August 18, 2026 6:00 PM

John Waddell Administration Building

Attendance Taken at 6:04 PM:

Present Board Member(s):

Mrs. Brittany Ratliff

Mr. Bill Staggs

Mr. Joe Ray Thornbury

Absent Board Member(s):

Mrs. Ashley Brown

Updated attendance:

Dr. Kevin Pugh was updated to present at 6:08 pm.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Joe Ray Thornbury called the meeting to order and began with a moment of silence afterward, leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Comment

None Given

III. Student Achievement

A. Student/Staff Recognition

None Given

B. PES Principal's Report

Principal Glenda Adkins shared with a brief recap of activities of both academic and athletic achievements and what is happening to plan for the upcoming school year.

C. PHS Principal's Report

Principal Brandon Blackburn shared with a brief recap of activities of both academic and athletic achievements and what is happening to plan for the upcoming school year.

D. District Administrator Reports

Neil Arnett, District Technology Coordinator, provided the annual Data Security and Protection Update. He reviewed 702 KAR 1:170, Section 3, emphasizing privacy, breach prevention, and updated security practices that are now part of staff training. Training includes Schoology resources and podcasts, two-factor authentication, and K–12 security expectations.

Mr. Arnett shared that the district continues to carefully vet free apps and instructional resources to protect student and staff data. He also discussed KDE's updated account access, strengthened onboarding/off-boarding procedures, and the district's technology foundation revamp. Additionally, he highlighted ongoing work with Mr. Hobbs and Mrs. Blackburn regarding AI tools, appropriate use, and data privacy.

IV. Action/Consent Items

- A. Approve Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Special Meeting
- B. Approve Bills, Payrolls, and Financial Reports for the period July 15, 2026 to August 18, 2026
- C. Approve 2017 KISTA Debt Service Payment in the amount of \$244.07
- D. Approve 2020 KISTA Debt Service Payment in the amount of \$859.48
- E. Approve 2021 KISTA Debt Service Payment in the amount of \$328.05
- F. Approve 2023 KISTA Debt Service Payment in the amount of \$2,101.52
- G. Approve Contract with Airen Wallen for Psychological Services
- H. Approve Special Education Procedures (08.131)
- I. Approve 504 Procedures (08.131)
- J. Approve 2026-2027 MOA with Big Sandy CTC
- K. Approve Emergency Certified Substitute Teachers for 2026-2027
- L. Approve Amended 2026-2027 Salary Schedules

Order #2127 - Motion Passed: Approve all action/consent items as presented passed unanimously with a motion by Dr. Kevin Pugh and a second by Mr. Bill Staggs.

V. Action/Discussion Items

A. District Facility Plan

Superintendent David Trimble provided an update on the District Facility Plan and Local Planning Committee process. He shared that the committee met with the architect to review facility needs, potential project phases, timelines, and budget considerations. Mr. Trimble emphasized the importance of community trust and ensuring renovations meet required codes and standards. He discussed the importance of remaining financially sound as the district considers the various pieces needed to move projects forward. The initial steps of the planning process have been completed and submitted to KDE for review.

Order #2128 - Motion Passed: Approve the District Facility Plan passed unanimously with a motion by Mr. Bill Staggs and a second by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff.

B. 2026 Property Tax Rate/2027 Motor Vehicle Rate

Superintendent Trimble explained the changes to KDE's approval process for tax rates. It now requires two meetings along with an advertisement in the newspaper for final approval. The recommendation was presented to keep rates for both 2026 Property Taxes(74.7) and 2027 Motor Vehicle Taxes(79.3) the same as the previous year.

Order #2129 - Motion Passed: Motion to consider the 2026 Property Tax Rate of 74.7 with 5.3 cents restricted for categorical projects and to consider the 2027 Motor Vehicle Rate of 79.3 passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff and a second by Mr. Bill Staggs.

C. Other Business

None Given

VI. Information/Review Items

A. Personnel Report

Superintendent's Personnel Report August 2026

NEW HIRES:

Rachel Boyd, LBD Teacher – PES
Kristin Thacker, 7th Grade Math Teacher – PHS
Nicholas Robinson, Instructional Assistant – PES

TRANSFERS:

Aileah Walters, LBD Teacher to FMD Teacher – PES

RESIGNATIONS:

Tyler Branham, FMD Teacher – PES
Ashley Dotson, Secretary/Attendance/Bookkeeper – PES
Drew Hamilton, Junior High Cheerleading Coach
Ashley Thacker, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

SUBSTITUTES:

Karen Boyd, Certified
Tyler Branham, Certified
Ashton Walters, Certified

EXTRA-DUTY POSITIONS:

Susan Huffman, Co-Student Council Sponsor
Sherry Lane, Co-Student Council Sponsor
Nicholas Robinson, Head Girls Golf Coach

PARAPROFESSIONALS:

Will Boyd, Head Boys Golf Coach

B. Miscellaneous

None

VII. Closed Session

None

VIII. Return to Regular Session

None

IX. Adjournment

Order #2130 - Motion Passed: Adjournment passed unanimously with a motion by Mr. Bill Staggs and a second by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff.

Joe Ray Thornbury, Chairman
Pikeville Independent Board of Education

David Trimble, Superintendent/Secretary
Pikeville Independent Board of Education