

**Powell County Board of Education Regular Meeting
August 18, 2026 6:00 PM ET (5:00 CT)
Powell County Board of Education Board Room
691 Breckinridge St, Stanton, KY 40380**

Attendance Taken at : 5:48 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 #27-20 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve agenda 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

IV. Staff/Student Recognitions

Superintendent Wasson told the Board she wanted to thank and recognize the custodians for doing such a good job getting the buildings ready for the school year as well as the maintenance staff. The staff led by Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Quintin Robertson and his team of Stevie Todd, Chris Roberts, and Billy Farmer went above and beyond when the power went out the previous week. They helped move food from one freezer to another and then back again and Quintin came to evaluate the problems late at night. Quintin and COO Coy Hall also came out late at night when there was extreme water coming towards the new Powell County Academy building to help solve the problem. We have a strong team in maintenance right now.

V. Communication Report

Superintendent Wasson gave the following communication report:

- We are off to a great start for the school year despite a bit of bad weather last week. The storms last week caused power outages that took down our Annex building which houses the server hosting our program to control heating and cooling throughout the district. It also took out power at Clay City Elementary and the Middle School for a short period of time. The freezer and cooler at the middle school experienced damage to the cooling units during the power outage but it was restored late Wednesday evening. We were able to store the food from the freezer and cooler in the new elementary school and the old elementary school.
- Opening Day we had a good breakfast that Laura and Pam organized and prepared and we are appreciative of the district staff that helped serve.

· The KASA conference was good and the administrators who attended were inspired by the keynote presentations and the sessions attended.

· On August 4th a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Mesonet tower behind the new elementary school building. Representatives from Western Kentucky University and the National Weather Service attended along with local officials. It was nice to speak to Mesonet Director Dr. Jerry Brotzge and hear him speak highly of former Powell County Student Luke Marcum. Luke worked under Dr. Brotzge at WKU as he studied meteorology at WKU and is now at Iowa State University furthering his studies.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Consent Agenda

Order #27-21 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items as presented 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

A. Approval of Minutes for Special Called Meeting 07.28.26

B. Approval of Payment of Claims

C. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

D. Approval of Orders of Treasurer

E. Beechfork Golf Agreement

F. Fidelity Bond

G. Hudl Agreement

H. Approval of Trip Requests for August & September

I. Sterling Health Donation

Board Member Collier asked if these funds were just for high school and middle school students and Superintendent Wasson responded that it was.

J. Approval of Donations for Football

K. Micro-Analytics, Inc. AHERA Compliance Service Contract Renewal

VIII. Establish Board Goals

Order #27-22 - Motion Passed: Approval of Board goals as presented 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

After reviewing the new assessments, Assistant Superintendent Tiffany Anderson and Chief Academic Officer Tonya Roach recommended the academic goal below. That goal will be reviewed as data is collected. The remaining goals will carry over from the previous year.

Board goals will be:

1. By the end of the 2026-2027 school year, Powell County Schools will increase the percentage of students meeting grade level expectations in reading and mathematics by 5 percentage points, as measured by i-Ready (K-5) and Exact Path (6-12)
2. Improve facilities, focusing on athletic facilities.
3. Maintain competitive salaries.
4. Focus on hiring teachers with certification.

IX. PCHS Boys Basketball Out of State Field Trip

Order #27-23 - Motion Passed: Approval of out of state trip for boys' basketball 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 Board approved for twelve PCHS boys' basketball players and 4 coaches to travel to Tennessee for a tournament. They will be leaving Sunday, December 28, 2026, and returning Wednesday, December 31, 2026. They will be staying at a cabin in Gatlinburg, TN for 3 nights. Travel will be via Powell Co. School bus. Expenses will be paid out of the Boys Basketball Activity Fund at the PCHS.

X. Propose The Tax Rate

Order #27-24 - Motion Passed: Motion to propose the 4% revenue increase at a tax rate of 52.5 (52.2 plus 0.3 cents due to exonerations to recover prior year losses) for General Fund Real Estate and 52.6 (52.3 plus 0.3 cents due to exonerations) for General Fund Personal Property and maintain the current motor vehicle rate of 50.2 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

Superintendent Wasson explained the 4% tax rate is the rate that is expected to generate 4% more revenue than the previous year had all taxes been collected. The 4% rate would be 52.5 including exonerations for general fund real estate and 52.6 for general fund personal property. The motor vehicle tax will remain 50.2.

XI. Ready for Life MOU

Order #27-25 - Motion Passed: Approve the MOA with Gateway Community Action and Kentucky River Foothills for the Ready for Life Program 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

Ready for Life is a program that teaches skills such as healthy relationships, career readiness, and other life skills to students. It is sponsored by a grant with Gateway Community Action and Kentucky River Foothills. Upon completion of the program, they provide a \$300 Visa gift card to the students who participated. They want to partner with our students in the alternative program and a class of JAG.

XII. 2nd Reading of Policy 01.1

Order #27-26 - Motion Passed: Approval of 2nd reading of change to policy 01.1 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

For the second reading of the policy, the language preventing a student who is a relative of a Board member or staff member was removed due to the discussion held by the Board in the first reading.

XIII. Student Activity Funding Allocations

Order #27-27 - Motion Passed: Approval of student activity fund distribution 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

CFO Alicia Frazier explained to the Board that we have always distributed funds from the student activity line item of the budget, but the distribution has never been reviewed by the Board since she has been here. She reviewed all line items for distribution and increased some of the categories where costs had significantly increased but revenue had not.

Discussion was had by the Board as to whether this was sufficient to cover all expenses for a team without fundraising and Superintendent Wasson acknowledged it was not. However, it was a total of \$100,000 and that is more than it previously had been. Additionally, the amounts listed were reviewed by the AD and CFO along with the Superintendent and funding was increased to different activities as it allowed.

XIV. Instruction

A. Update On Assessments and Summer PD

CAO Tonya Roach presented the following regarding summer PD geared towards instruction.

Before students returned, our teachers participated in several professional learning opportunities designed to strengthen instruction and ensure we were prepared to support students from the very beginning of the year.

We started with Kentucky Academic Standards and curriculum mapping, where teachers worked in grade-level and content-area bands to dig into the standards and refine our district curriculum maps. This work helps ensure consistency in what students are expected to learn across classrooms and schools.

Teachers also received training on the assessment tools that are part of our updated MTSS and assessment system:

- i-Ready – Our K–5 universal screener for reading and mathematics, helping us identify student strengths and areas for growth.
- FastBridge – Provides our elementary teachers with diagnostic and progress-monitoring tools so we can more closely monitor students who need additional support.
- Exact Path – Our universal screener for middle and high school students in reading and mathematics. Exact Path also provides teachers with the ability to create assessments in science and social studies, giving them another tool to measure student understanding of classroom content and use those results to guide instruction.
- SchoolLinks – Our platform for Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) and college and career readiness. Students will use SchoolLinks to complete and maintain their ILPs while exploring careers, postsecondary opportunities, and future pathways.

Most recently, on our planning day this past Friday, CKEC joined our elementary teachers for Day 1 of The Writing Revolution training. We are beginning this work at the elementary level with a focus on strengthening writing instruction across content areas and giving teachers practical strategies that help students think, communicate, and demonstrate their learning through writing.

An important part of this work is that it will continue beyond the initial training. We have already begun preparations for CKEC to return to each of our elementary schools during PLCs. This will provide teachers with ongoing, job-embedded support as they begin implementing the strategies in their classrooms. Our goal is not simply to provide professional development, but to support teachers through implementation and build sustainable instructional practices.

Together, these professional learning opportunities support the work we are doing through The Powell County Way—building greater consistency in curriculum, instruction, assessment, and student support across our district.

XV. Review of Van Driver Contracts

Board Policy requires the District to inform the Board of contracts between employees who are driving a van or vehicle for student transportation at the next Board meeting after the contract has been executed. The current contracts were presented.

XVI. Facilities

A. Final Pay App for District HVAC Project

Order #27-28 - Motion Passed: Approval of final 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

B. Update on Vestibule Project

COO Coy Hall shared the updates on the vestibule projects with the Board. All block and masonry at Clay City has been completed. They will be preparing that area for the window and door frames. Interior electrical work has been the main focus inside the office spaces and well as reworking plumbing. At Bowen, the window glass was installed today and the coiling door has been installed. The Bowen project was supposed to have been completed prior to school starting so it is behind schedule. The Clay City project is currently on schedule.

C. Pay Application #3 and DPOs for Vestibule Project

Order #27-29 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay App #3 and DPO for Eckart and Schiller 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 Thoroughbred Invoice

Order #27-30 - Motion Passed: Approval to pay the invoice for Thoroughbred 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

E. Approval of BG4 for Powell County Middle School Gym Roof

Order #27-31 - Motion Passed: Approval of BG4 for Middle School Gym Roofing project 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

XVII. Emergency Teaching Certificates

Order #27-32 - Motion Passed: Approval of emergency certification as presented passed with a motion by Diann Meadows and a second by Kathy Merriman.

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

The following emergency teaching certificates were approved:

Olyvia Holley - certification for elementary.

Cassandra Prewitt - certification for High School English.

Shelby Powell is certified for Middle School English and will be certified in Middle School Social Studies.

XVIII. Informational Items

A. Personnel Report

XIX. Other Business

The Board approved by consensus the date of September 8 at 6:00 p.m. for the special called meeting to set the tax rate.

XX. Adjourn

Order #27-33 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn 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

Board Chairperson

Board Secretary