

Board of Education Regular Meeting
December 16, 2025 6:00 PM
Wallace Central Office Building

Attendance Taken at : 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett
Mr. Hargis Davis
Mr. Jonathan Jones
Mrs. Ashley McCord

1. WELCOME and ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Order #2025-2984 - Motion Passed: Motion made to approve Agenda with addition of item 8.B.1 Approve Emergency Certification of High School Math Teacher and Abolish Temporary Instructional Aide Position for High School Math. passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Jones and a second by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Mr. Kentucky Davis

Mr. Davis addressed the board regarding the donation of the chamber dinner table. Mr. Davis wanted to clarify the donation was not political, it was a donation from his farm business.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Burgett mentioned that reading program one to one training is scheduled for January 24, 2026. The training will be for parent volunteers and community members who want to read with students. The training will be three hours and lunch will be provided. Mrs. Burgett also shared the Pritchard committee has empowering parent leadership opportunities for parents and families January 9th and 10th. They will have free food. The meeting will be held in Covington.

Mrs. Dunavent shared she has been participating in the community reads program at the lower. Its a great program and so much fun. Friday the Upper/Middle will be hosting a community dinner that will be a great thing to attend.

Mrs. McCord shared she attended a 30/60/90 day meeting. She said we hear about the meetings and it was really good to sit in and see how the meeting operates.

Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Kentucky Davis. Mr. Jones said Kentucky has been helpful with the athletic programs, he has always donated and I appreciate that. To make programs work, you need the community to help us. Mr. Jones said he would like the board to look at the copier contract. He has had complaints from teachers they have to come in on the weekend to be able to make copies.

Mr. Davis would like the record to show:

It's unfortunate how some choose to take words out of context and selectively frame them to manufacture offense. That approach doesn't advance understanding or accountability; it simply diverts attention from the facts and replaces them with a narrative of victimhood. In doing so, it reveals far more about intent than about substance.

I'm going to place this on the official record clearly and completely, if I hear no objection from the board, because I am finished with the distortion, selective outrage, and political word games.

First, let's address my use of the word "probably," since that appears to be the manufactured controversy of the evening.

I did not state that an investigation existed. I did not state that one was active. I did not file a complaint, request an investigation, or suggest that one was underway.

What I said, deliberately and accurately, is that we would probably face scrutiny. And since definitions suddenly matter, Merriam-Webster defines "probably" as "very likely, but not certain." Not guaranteed. Not active. Not initiated.

That statement was based entirely on information relayed to me by multiple friends of mine in Frankfort, after they read a public campaign announcement claiming credit for "negotiating the cost" of a project awarded through sealed competitive bids totaling approximately \$1.8 to \$2.4 million.

As anyone familiar with procurement understands, sealed bids are not negotiated. Even a child in our district understands this. Anyone claiming anything different, just proves, I have neither the time, construction paper or crayons to explain it to them.

That public claim alone creates the likelihood of scrutiny.

I did not create that risk. I acknowledged that it existed.

And I have stated plainly that any such inquiry would, in my opinion, be a waste of time, a waste of money, and a diversion of district resources from more important needs.

Recognizing risk is not an accusation. Acknowledging reality some live in, is not misconduct. And refusing to pretend otherwise is part of my responsibility as a board member.

Now, let's turn to the issue that actually does matter: special treatment and sponsorships.

When one sponsor pays the published, board-approved rate under a transparent structure, and another sponsor pays less for the same package because they provide something of value in return, that is not a discount - it is an exchange.

When a private business receives:

A reduced sponsorship price not tied to any published rate or multi-year structure, premium on-field or in-fence display access not afforded to other sponsors, dual-business advertising under a single banner, and unapproved commercial activity connected to district events, members of this board, that is preferential treatment.

And when preferential treatment is tied, directly or indirectly, to what that business provides in return, that is the textbook definition of a quid pro quo structure: something of value exchanged for something of value.

Intent does not control this analysis. Good faith does not cure it. Silence does not negate it. Appearance is the standard.

This is not about personalities. This is not about businesses or politics. This is not about community involvement. This is about equal treatment.

If one business receives a lower price, greater access, or additional privileges that are not available to every other sponsor under the same rules, then the board has failed its duty of neutrality. No crime is being alleged. No corruption is being claimed.

But I will not pretend that unequal pricing, unequal access, and informal exceptions do not look exactly like what they are, because that is how boards end up answering questions from auditors, attorneys, and the public.

The solution is straightforward:

The same price for the same package, the same access for the same sponsors, no private commercial activity on school property without board approval, and no informal deals, favors, or exceptions.

Because once one exception is defended, every exception becomes defensible - until the entire program collapses under scrutiny. I am not raising this to create conflict.

I am raising it to prevent it.

I will not apologize for recognizing risk.

I will not apologize for protecting district resources.

And I will not apologize for insisting that our actions be ethical, defensible, and applied evenly.

My position is firm.

My reasoning is documented. And my duty is to this district, not to any campaign, any business, or any individual.

6. STAFF/SCHOOL REPORTS

A. Student Board Member - Ms. Brianna Griffin

Miss Griffin reported the FFA chapter took four team members to University of Kentucky to compete in the agricultural sales competition. It is the first time in over ten years they have competed in that competition and placed second in the region. The high school and middle school had a combined band concert, we had a great turn out the auditorium was full. Miss Griffin also reported that Educators Rising had their regional competition and everyone done really well. Winter guard is preparing for their upcoming season. Boys and Girls basketball is in full season.

Mr. Jones complimented Miss Griffin's singing. She has been singing the national anthem and does a great job.

B. Enrollment/Attendance Report - Mr. Eddy Bushelman

Mr. Bushelman reported attendance is stagnant compared to last month's attendance report. Attendance percentage is high and is higher than this time last year. Mr. Bushelman reported truancy numbers are lower. Last year at this time we had twelve students this year we have five. Hopefully we continue to trend in the right direction.

C. CAO Report - Mr. Tony Jury

Mr. Jury said he appreciated Mrs. McCord attending the 30/60/90 meeting, it's one of those things you need to be there to experience it. Beginning in January we are going to have principals attend 30/60/90 day meetings of other schools. We are in the second window of iReady testing. KSA data came out and we show great improvement.

D. Superintendent's Report - Mr. David Arvin

Mr. Arvin mentioned the holiday luncheon will be Friday at the upper/middle cafeteria from 11:00-12:30 for anyone interested. Mr. Arvin and Mrs. Bishop attended the "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" play at the high school auditorium. Mr. Arvin gave a shout out to Shelley at the bus garage, all the drivers, all the maintenance staff, custodians and anyone else that has been helping with snow removal to get campus open.

E. SBDM Agenda/Minutes

F. Human Resource Actions

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Order #2025-2985 - Motion Passed: Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Jones and a second by Mrs. Ashley McCord.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

A. Approve Minutes from the Board of Education Regular Board Meeting

B. Approve Monthly Financial Reports

C. Approve Activity Fund Report and Bills

D. Approve Facilities Requests

E. Approve Fundraising Requests

F. Review Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP)

G. Review Advanced Coursework Policies

8. RECOMMENDED ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

A. Open/Review Bids for Surplus Workout Equipment

No action taken no bids received.

B. Review/Approve Board Meeting Dates for 2026

Order #2025-2986 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mr. Jonathan Jones.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

1. Approve Emergency Certification of High School Math Teacher and Abolish Temporary Instructional Aide Position for High School Math.

Order #2025-2987 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent and a second by Mr. Jonathan Jones.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

C. Review/Approve Second Reading of Policy 03.1233 Parental Leave Options for Certified Employees

Order #2025-2988 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

D. Review/Approve Second Reading of Policy 03.2233 Parental Leave Options for Classified Employees

Order #2025-2989 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

E. Review/Approve Proposal from Crawford & Baxter, P.S.C. for Legal Representation for 2026 Calendar year

Order #2025-2990 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Jones and a second by Mr. Hargis Davis.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

F. Review/Approve First Reading of Policy 04.61 Gifts and Donations

Order #2025-2991 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett and a second by Mr. Jonathan Jones.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

G. Election of Board Member Officers for 2026

Order #2025-2992 - Motion Passed: To keep everything the same passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Jones and a second by Mr. Hargis Davis.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

1. Election of Board Chairperson

Order #2025-2993 - Motion Passed: Mr. Hargis Davis elected as Chairman of the Board passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Jones and a second by Mr. Hargis Davis.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes

Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

2. Election of Vice Chairperson

Order #2025-2994 - Motion Passed: Mrs. Amanda Dunavent elected as Vice Chairman passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Jones and a second by Mr. Hargis Davis.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

3. Election of Board Secretary

Order #2025-2995 - Motion Passed: Mr. David Arvin elected as Board Secretary passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Jones and a second by Mr. Hargis Davis.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

4. Election of Board Treasurer

Order #2025-2996 - Motion Passed: Mrs. Mary Jane McCarty was elected as Board Treasurer passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Jones and a second by Mr. Hargis Davis.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

5. Election of Legislative Representative

Order #2025-2997 - Motion Passed: Mrs. Becky Burgett was elected as Legislative Treasurer passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Jones and a second by Mr. Hargis Davis.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

H. Enter into Executive Session per In accordance with KRS 61.810(1)(f) and KRS 156.557(6)(c), I need a motion to go into executive session for preliminary discussions for the Superintendent's summative evaluation and discussion which might lead to promotion, discipline, or other personnel action of an individual employee;

Order #2025-2998 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Yes
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

I. Exit Executive Session

Order #2025-2999 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Absent
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

J. Action taken in Executive Session

Order #2025-3000 - Motion Passed: No action taken passed with a motion by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent and a second by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Jones	Absent
Mrs. Ashley McCord	Yes

9. ADJOURN



Superintendent's Signature


Board Chair's Signature