

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS (MINUTES)

Jackson, Ky., January 27, 2026

The Breathitt County Board of Education met in the Breathitt Area Technology Center/1140 Lakeside Drive/Via Teleconference at 5:00 PM, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Tiffany Combs
Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton
Mr. John Hollan
Mr. Albert Little
Ms. Anna Morris

I. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Breathitt County Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Ruschelle Hamilton at 5:00p.m at Breathitt Area Technology Center located at 1140 Lakeside Drive.

Mrs. Anna Morris joined the meeting via teleconference at her home due to an illness.

I.A. Roll Call

I.B. Pledge of Allegiance/Mission and Vision

I.C. Adopt Agenda

Order #124 - Motion Passed: Based upon the recommendation of Superintendent Phillip Watts, approval to adopt the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Albert Little and a second by Mrs. Tiffany Combs.

Mrs. Tiffany Combs	Yes
Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton	Yes
Mr. John Hollan	Yes
Mr. Albert Little	Yes
Ms. Anna Morris	Yes

II. Presentations/Reports

II.A. Student/Staff Recognitions

II.A.1. BHS Jazz Band Performance

II.A.2. Sophia Jiang-All State Jazz Band for Piano 2 in Jazz Band 2

II.A.3. 2026 KMEA All District Concert Band and Percussion Ensemble

II.A.3.a. Sebrina Jiang-Flute

II.A.3.b. Johnathan Neace-Bassoon

II.A.3.c. Jacob Neace-Bari Sax

II.A.3.d. Hunter Barrett-Trumpet

II.A.3.e. Sophia Jiang-Marimba

II.A.3.f. Aaden Strong-Snare Drum

II.A.4. BHS-All A Archery Competition-Advanced to State

II.A.4.a. Jayden Smith

II.A.5. Breathitt Elementary-Perfect Attendance-1st Semester

II.A.5.a. Corbin Bailey

II.A.5.b. Heavenly Berry

II.A.5.c. Jaxon Combs

II.A.5.d. Sadie Combs
II.A.5.e. Brentley Epperson
II.A.5.f. Tiffany Fugate
II.A.5.g. Zoey Hall
II.A.5.h. Raleigh Henson
II.A.5.i. Macy Miller
II.A.5.j. Benjamin Minix
II.A.5.k. Adam Noble
II.A.5.l. Isabella Noble
II.A.5.m. Josie Oakley
II.A.5.n. Bentley Prince
II.A.5.o. Finland Rohr
II.A.5.p. Lily Smith
II.A.5.q. Jase Spencer
II.A.5.r. Letcher Stamper
II.A.5.s. Aubrey Thorpe
II.A.5.t. Kynnedi Turner
II.A.5.u. Greyson White
II.A.6. Breathitt Elementary Preschool-Perfect Attendance-1st Semester
II.A.6.a. Waylon Brewer
II.A.6.b. Russell Robinson
II.A.6.c. Knoxton Southwood
II.A.6.d. Kylea Southwood
II.A.6.e. Kyleigh Watts
II.A.6.f. Renezmae Watts
II.A.7. Breathitt High School-Perfect Attendance-1st Semester
II.A.7.a. Autumn Baker
II.A.7.b. Austin Barker
II.A.7.c. Sadie Barnett
II.A.7.d. Micah Cannoy
II.A.7.e. Alex Caudill
II.A.7.f. Kylan Combs
II.A.7.g. Lauren S. Gayheart
II.A.7.h. Jaina Gilbert
II.A.7.i. Carson Haddix
II.A.7.j. Alyson Halsey
II.A.7.k. Audrynn Hamilton
II.A.7.l. Amber Harvey
II.A.7.m. Sophia Jiang
II.A.7.n. Jaydon Keith
II.A.7.o. Samuel King
II.A.7.p. Jailynn Mauck
II.A.7.q. Kaydence Neace
II.A.7.r. Carter Noble
II.A.7.s. Lily Nunn
II.A.7.t. Carter Prince
II.A.7.u. Aaliyah Stamper
II.A.7.v. Connor Strong
II.A.7.w. Lisa Strong
II.A.7.x. Savannah Thompson
II.A.7.y. James Trent
II.A.7.z. Jonathan Vanschoyck
II.A.8. Sebastian Elementary-Perfect Attendance-1st Semester
II.A.8.a. Asher Allen
II.A.8.b. Granville Barnett
II.A.8.c. Sierra Begley
II.A.8.d. Lilly Collins

II.A.8.e. Kayla Davidson
 II.A.8.f. Tristan Davis
 II.A.8.g. Gemma Evans
 II.A.8.h. Isaiah Fisher
 II.A.8.i. Reuben Fisher
 II.A.8.j. Dakota Gingerich
 II.A.8.k. Jaxon Gwin
 II.A.8.l. Eric Haddix
 II.A.8.m. Bryar Howard
 II.A.8.n. Carley Little
 II.A.8.o. Wyatt Napier
 II.A.8.p. Carter Neace
 II.A.8.q. Liam Neace
 II.A.8.r. James Oaks
 II.A.8.s. Aubree Pelfrey
 II.A.8.t. Karson Turner
 II.A.9. Highland-Turner Elementary-Perfect Attendance-1st Semester
 II.A.9.a. Brenleigh Adams
 II.A.9.b. Andrew Blanton
 II.A.9.c. Serenity Blanton
 II.A.9.d. Hailey Frederick
 II.A.9.e. Hunter Fugate
 II.A.9.f. Ren McIntosh
 II.A.9.g. Bryson Moore
 II.A.9.h. Jaxtin Rice
 II.A.9.i. Charles Stamper
 II.A.9.j. Lewis Turner
 II.A.10. Board Appreciation Month
 II.A.10.a. Tiffany Combs
 II.A.10.b. Ruschelle Hamilton
 II.A.10.c. John Hollan
 II.A.10.d. Albert Little
 II.A.10.e. Anna Morris

II.B. Reports

II.B.1. BHS SBDM Council

Two of the council were present via teleconference and discussed the resources available and tutors the district has provided.

II.B.2. Superintendent Report

Mr. Watts provided an update on district progress, attendance and upcoming PD days.

II.B.3. Attendance Report

Felica Stamper provided an update on the overall attendance for Month 5.

III. Student Learning and Support Items Recommended for Approval

III.A. CONSENT ITEMS

Order #125 - Motion Passed: Based upon the recommendation of Superintendent Phillip Watts, approval of consent items listed below passed with a motion by Mr. Albert Little and a second by Mrs. Tiffany Combs.

Mrs. Tiffany Combs	Yes
Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton	Yes
Mr. John Hollan	Yes
Mr. Albert Little	Yes
Ms. Anna Morris	Yes

III.A.1. Consider approval of board members attending the following KSBA training courses:

III.A.1.a. KSBA Annual Conference on February 20-22, 2026 in Louisville, KY.

III.A.1.b. KSBA Summer Leadership Institute-Lexington, KY.

III.A.1.c. KSBA's 2026 Federal and State Law Update

III.A.1.d. KSBA 2026 Winter Symposium (Date TBA)

III.A.2. Consider approval of a contract with Quicksand Farms for field maintenance for the BHS Football Field, Baseball Field, and Softball Field, in the amount of \$21,760.00.

III.A.3. Consider approval of the agreement with Dollywood Foundation.

III.A.4. Consider approval of the SFCC KETS Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$22,497.

III.A.5. Consider approval of the following facility usage agreements, contingent upon providing insurance.

III.A.5.a. Breathitt Goblins AAU Basketball Team to utilize SES, BES (practice only) and BHS gyms from January 28, until June 30, 2026.

III.A.5.b. Breathitt Reign AAU basketball team to utilize BES (practice only) and SES, January 28, 2026 until December 31, 2026.

III.A.5.c. Bluegrass Volleyball Academy to utilize the Breathitt High School Gym, SES and Breathitt Elementary (practice only) from February to June 2026, for the purpose of practicing and playing games.

III.A.5.d. Breathitt Lady Cats 14u to utilize SES, BES (practice only) and HTS for the purpose of AAU basketball and games from February 1, until December 31, 2026.

III.A.5.e. Middle Fork Tigers to utilize HTS, SES and BES (practice only) for the purpose of AAU basketball practice and games.

III.A.5.f. Tri State Sports Commission Facilities utilize BHS PE Gym for the purpose of Coed Volleyball Tournament on February 21, 2026.

III.A.5.g. Breathitt County Extension Office request to utilize BHS Coliseum on Friday, April 10, 2026, for Truth or Consequences and set up on April 9, 2026.

III.A.6. Consider approval of the Breathitt Elementary Valentine Heart Grams PTO Fundraiser.

III.A.7. Consider approval of School Resource Officer Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Jackson, pending review and any required revisions by the board attorney.

III.A.8. Consider approval of the option 9 proposal with the University of the Cumberland's.

III.A.9. Consider approval of the overnight field trip to KMEA All State Jazz Band at the Galt House in Louisville February 4-6, 2026.

III.A.10. Consider approval of the overnight trip for HOSA competition March 19-21, 2026, in Louisville, KY.

III.B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

III.B.1. Consider approval of December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Order #126 - Motion Passed: Based on the recommendation of Superintendent Phillip Watts, approval of the minutes of December 16, 2025, passed with a motion by Mrs. Tiffany Combs and a second by Mr. Albert Little.

Mrs. Tiffany Combs Yes

Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton Yes

Mr. John Hollan Yes

Mr. Albert Little Yes

Ms. Anna Morris Yes

III.B.2. Consider approval of January 8, 2026, Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Order #127 - Motion Passed: Based upon the recommendation of Superintendent Phillip Watts, approval of January 8, 2026, Special Called Meeting Minutes passed with a motion by Mr. Albert Little and a second by Mrs. Tiffany Combs.

Mrs. Tiffany Combs	Yes
Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton	Yes
Mr. John Hollan	Yes
Mr. Albert Little	Yes
Ms. Anna Morris	Yes

III.B.3. Consider approval of January 20, 2026, Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Order #128 - Motion Passed: Based upon the recommendation of Superintendent Phillip Watts, approval of January 20, 2026, Special Called Meeting Minutes passed with a motion by Mrs. Tiffany Combs and a second by Mr. Albert Little.

Mrs. Tiffany Combs	Yes
Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton	Yes
Mr. John Hollan	Yes
Mr. Albert Little	Yes
Ms. Anna Morris	Abstain

III.B.4. Consider approval of January 23, 2026, Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Order #129 - Motion Passed: Based upon the recommendation of Superintendent Phillip Watts, approval of January 23, 2026, Special Called Meeting Minutes passed with a motion by Mr. Albert Little and a second by Mrs. Tiffany Combs.

Mrs. Tiffany Combs	Yes
Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton	Yes
Mr. John Hollan	Yes
Mr. Albert Little	Yes
Ms. Anna Morris	Yes

III.B.5. Consider approval of the December 2025 Treasurer's Report.

Order #130 - Motion Passed: Based on the recommendation of Superintendent Phillip Watts, approval of the Treasurer's Report for December 2025, passed with a motion by Mrs. Tiffany Combs and a second by Mr. Albert Little.

Mrs. Tiffany Combs	Yes
Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton	Yes
Mr. John Hollan	Yes
Mr. Albert Little	Yes
Ms. Anna Morris	Yes

III.B.6. Consider approval of the January 2026 bills for payment.

Order #131 - Motion Passed: Based upon the recommendation of Superintendent Phillip Watts, approval of the January 2026 bills for payment passed with a motion by Mrs. Tiffany Combs and a second by Mr. Albert Little.

Mrs. Tiffany Combs	Yes
Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton	Yes
Mr. John Hollan	Yes
Mr. Albert Little	Yes
Ms. Anna Morris	Yes

III.B.7. Consider approval of the 2026-2027 DRAFT budget.

Order #132 - Motion Passed: Based upon the recommendation of Superintendent Phillip Watts, approval of the 2026-2027 working budget passed with a motion by Mr. Albert Little and a second by Mrs. Tiffany Combs.

Mrs. Tiffany Combs	Yes
Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton	Yes
Mr. John Hollan	Yes
Mr. Albert Little	Yes
Ms. Anna Morris	Yes

III.B.8. Consider approval of the COPS grant agreement, pending review and any required revisions by the board attorney.

Order #133 - Motion Passed: Based upon the recommendations of Superintendent Phillip Watts, approval of the COPS grant agreement, pending review and any required revisions by the board attorney passed with a motion by Mrs. Tiffany Combs and a second by Mr. Albert Little.

Mrs. Tiffany Combs	Yes
Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton	Yes
Mr. John Hollan	Yes
Mr. Albert Little	Yes
Ms. Anna Morris	Yes

III.B.9. Consider approval of the 2026-2027 school calendar (first reading). This was the first reading, no motion required.

IV. Personnel Notifications

Resignations/Retirements/Terminations/Non-renewals/Suspension/Reductions

Bess Gross, Resignation due to Retirement as Bus Driver, Effective December 31, 2025

Renee Davidson, Resignation as Instructional Assistant at SES, Effective December 31, 2025

Employment/Transfers

Jarvis Combs, Sub Bus Driver - District, Effective January 5, 2026

Renee Davidson, Elementary Classroom Instructor at SES, Effective January 5, 2026

Cody Napier, Transfer from Middle School Instructor to High School Science Instructor at BHS, Effective January 5, 2026

Leandra Neace, Reinstated as Attendance Clerk at Breathitt Learning Academy, Effective January 9, 2026

James Spencer, Transfer from Custodian with 185 Day Contract to Custodian with 240 Day Contract at SES, Effective January 5, 2026,

Rolland Turner, Sub Custodian - District, Effective January 7, 2026

FMLA/Leave

#3074 January 1, 2026 - March 9, 2026 - Extended Medical Leave

#3557 January 9, 2026 - February 20, 2026 - Extended Medical Leave - Workers' Comp

V. Informational Items

V.A. Communication/Sharing (All Present)

V.B. School Financial Reports

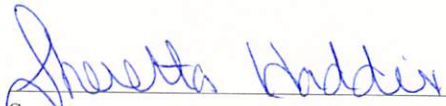
V.C. School SBDM Reports

VI. Adjournment

Order #134 - Motion Passed: There being no further business of the Board, adjournment at 5:51p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. John Hollan and a second by Mrs. Tiffany Combs.

Mrs. Tiffany Combs	Yes
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Ms. Ruschelle Hamilton	Yes
Mr. John Hollan	Yes
Mr. Albert Little	Yes
Ms. Anna Morris	Yes


Secretary


Board Chairperson