

**BULLITT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
1040 HIGHWAY 44 EAST
SHEPHERDSVILLE, KY 40165**

**Regular Meeting of the Bullitt County Board of Education
and Special Meeting of the Bullitt County School District Finance Corporation
January 12, 2026
5:00 PM**

MINUTES OF RECORD

The Bullitt County Board of Education met at the Frank R. Hatfield Administrative Center, 1040 Highway 44 East, Shepherdsville, Kentucky, 40165, at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 12, 2026, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:

(1) Mrs. Nita Neal (2) Ms. Marci Hodges (3) Mr. Dallas Harshfield with
(4) Ms. Linda Belcher -ABSENT (5) Dr. Matt Mooney- ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair, Mrs. Nita Neal, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Motion to adopt Agenda as presented. passed with a motion by Dallas Harshfield and a second by Marci Hodges. All members present voted YES.

PRESENTATIONS

Board Member, Nita Neal led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed the Board Team Commitments. Dr. Jesse Bacon gave the reminder to Address the Board.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

a. Election of Officers for the Board

1. Chairperson

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Nomination of Matt Mooney passed with a motion by Nita Neal and a second by Marci Hodges. All members present voted YES.

2. Vice-Chairperson

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Nomination of Nita Neal passed with a motion by Dallas Harshfield and a second by Marci Hodges. All members present voted YES.

3. Secretary

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Nomination of Jesse Bacon passed with a motion by Nita Neal and a second by Dallas Harshfield. All members present voted YES.

b. Establishment of Board Meeting Time and Place

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Approve 2026-27 Board Meeting Dates as requested. passed with a motion by Marci Hodges and a second by Dallas Harshfield. All members present voted YES.

c. Board Member to Serve as Legislative Network Member

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Dallas Harshfield volunteered passed with a motion by Marci Hodges and a second by Ms. Nita Neal. All members present voted YES.

RECESS

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Motion to recess the Regular Board meeting at this time. passed with a motion by Marci Hodges and a second by Dallas Harshfield. All members present voted YES.

BULLITT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Motion to adopt Agenda as requested. passed with a motion by

Ms. Nita Neal and a second by Dallas Harshfield. All members present voted YES.

c. Election of Officers for the Bullitt County School District Finance Corporation

1. President

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Nomination of Matt Mooney passed with a motion by Nita Neal and a second by Marci Hodges. All members present voted YES.

2. Vice-President

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Nomination of Nita Neal passed with a motion by Dallas Harshfield and a second by Marci Hodges. All members present voted YES.

3. Secretary

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Nomination of Jesse Bacon passed with a motion by Nita Neal and a second by Marci Hodges. All members present voted YES.

4. Treasurer

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Nomination of Lisa Lewis passed with a motion by Nita Neal and a second by Dallas Harshfield. All members present voted YES.

5. Other Board Members as Board of Directors

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Approve motion as requested. Marci Hodges Dallas Harshfield Linda Belcher passed with a motion by Ms. Nita Neal and a second by Marci Hodges. All members present voted YES.

ADJOURNMENT

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the Bullitt County School District Finance Corporation. passed with a motion by Marci Hodges and a second by Dallas Harshfield. All members present voted YES.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BULLITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Motion to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting of the Bullitt County Board of Education. passed with a motion by Marci Hodges and a second by Dallas Harshfield. All members present voted YES.

COMMUNICATIONS

Audience Comments

(none)

GENERAL DISCUSSION

a. Dataseam Presentation/Discussion

This presentation details a potential partnership with Dataseam. Dataseam is a Louisville-based \non-profit that has helped dozens of school districts around Kentucky establish apprenticeship programs for high school juniors and seniors. This two-year program offers students paid work experience, specialized training, and a national certification. It provides direct district funding and new classroom computers based on apprentice participation. These workstations will also contribute to the Dataseam Grid, supporting cancer research at the University of Louisville Brown Cancer Center when not in student use.

b. McKinney- Vento House

The Department of Pupil Personnel is pleased to share the concept of the McKinney-Vento HEART House, a centralized support space designed to better serve BCPS students and families experiencing homelessness. Purpose & Vision: The HEART House (Helping, Empowering, Accessing Resources Together) will serve as a welcoming, trauma-informed hub providing stability, dignity, and access to essential resources. The vision is to remove barriers to education by addressing basic needs while strengthening connections between families, schools, and community support. Current & Future Uses: The HEART House will serve as a safe, dignified location where families can access McKinney-Vento services, food and essential supplies, laundry facilities, family meeting space, and student mentoring. As funding allows through grants, donations, and district resources, services may expand to include extended staffing, additional programming days, summer services, and enhanced family engagement opportunities. Rollout & Recognition A phased rollout is planned, with a ribbon cutting and community opening anticipated in February-March 2026. The February Board meeting will include formal recognition of community partners and local businesses whose generous donations of materials, labor, and services made this project possible. A slide show highlighting the progress of this project is

linked here. This initiative reflects BCPS's commitment to collaboration, compassion, and ensuring every student has the support needed to succeed.

CONSENT ITEMS

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Approve Consent Item as presented, noting that all items have been studied with individual recommendations and rationale being provided prior to the meeting in the full Board packet on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, which is available online. passed with a motion by Marci Hodges and a second by Dallas Harshfield. All members present voted YES.

a. Travel

			TRAVEL - January 12, 2026 - Monthly Board Mtg				
Trip ID	School	Activity	Destination	Location	Date	Cost to Student	Travel by:
3504961	BEHS	Honor Band	WKU	Bowling Green, Ky	1/22-1/24-2026	\$40	Parent Transport

NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposal to Change School Counselor Position at NES to Part-Time and make the SCGC Position Part-Time

We are requesting to change the full-time Counselor role at Nichols Elementary into two part-time positions for the rest of the school year. The counselor would stay on part-time while also serving as the Behavior Support Coach and Project Coordinator for the Stronger Connections Grant. This change uses grant money available through 2026 to cover costs, ensuring our students keep getting great counseling while we use our budget and grant resources as efficiently as possible.

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Approve Proposal to Change School Counselor Position at NES to Part-Time and make the SCGC Position Part-Time, passed with a motion by Dallas Harshfield and a second by Marci Hodges. All members present voted YES.

b. Approve 2026-2027 School Calendar

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar as requested. passed with a motion by Marci Hodges and a second by Ms. Nita Neal. All members present voted YES.

ADJOURNMENT

Order #2026-201 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Bullitt County Board of Education. passed with a motion by Dallas Harshfield and a second by Marci Hodges. Meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY