

Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 20, 2026 6:00 PM
Panther Academy
634 N. Mulberry Street
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Attendance Taken at : 6:00 PM

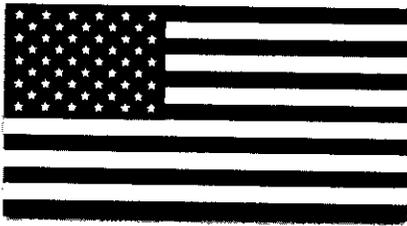
Present Board Members:

Mr. Paul Godfrey
Mrs. Kimbley Iman
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen
Mr. Guy Wallace
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Rationale:



**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH
IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND
JUSTICE FOR ALL.**

III. Consideration of Approval of Board Meeting Agenda

Order #13512 - Motion Passed: APPROVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Sharpsteen and a second by Mr. Paul Godfrey.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

IV. Recognition of Guests and Special Accomplishments

A. Recognition of members of the Elizabethtown Board of Education (School Board Member Recognition and Mayor's Proclamation)

Rationale:

The month of January is School Board Member Appreciation Month.

Mr. Jeff Gregory, Mayor of the City of Elizabethtown has proclaimed the month of January, 2026 as School Board Member Recognition Month. At this time we are recognizing Paul Godfrey, Kim Iman, Heather Sharpsteen, Guy Wallace and Brandy Armstrong for their contributions to the community and their service to our school district.

Discussion:

Mr. Gregory thanked the Board for their service and read a proclamation.

B. Students of the Month

Rationale:

Elizabethtown High School - Jack McGlone

T.K. Stone Middle School - Brooks Bainbridge

Morningside Elementary School - Jeriah Habibullah

Helmwood Heights Elementary - Sameer Kaini

Panther Academy - Monroe McMurtrey

Discussion:

Mr. Josh Henderson introduced Elizabethtown High School's Student of the Month, Jack McGlone and gave an account of his accomplishments.

Ms. Hope Janes introduced T.K. Stone Middle School's Student of the Month, Brooks Bainbridge and gave an account of his accomplishments.

Ms. Heather Goodman introduced Elizabethtown High School's Student of the Month, Jeriah Habibullah and gave an account of his accomplishments.

Mr. Aaron Howell introduced Helmwood Heights Elementary School's Student of the Month, Sameer Kaini and gave an account of his accomplishments.

Ms. Carla Kuhn introduced Panther Academy's Student of the Month, Monroe McMurtrey and gave an account of her accomplishments.

C. KMEA Band All-State - Sebastian Thomas

Rationale:

Mr. Reginald Smith wanted to send the Board the results of the student who auditioned before an adjudicator for the KMEA High School All-State Band. He had one young man who competed and placed very well this year. Sebastian Thomas earned the spot of 7th chair trombone in the symphonic band (the top band in the state)! It is an honor for him to have auditioned and for adjudicators to acknowledge his accomplishments, allowing him to participate in this prestigious ensemble, which represents the best of the best on trombone in the state of Kentucky.

He will also be performing with all the other students who qualified via audition in February at the KMEA conference and All-State week in Louisville. This conference is an overnight event and requires lodging and transportation. In the past, the board has covered this expense for both high school and middle school students due to their high-achieving status within the state. Hopefully, we can do the same again this year. I will be sure to forward more information about lodging in a separate email.

Mr. Smith wishes to thank the Board for all the support they have provided to EHS students.

Discussion:

Mr. Smith apologized that Sebastian Thomas could not attend the meeting. Mr. Smith gave a brief description of Sebastian's accomplishments and accepted a certificate from the Board on his behalf.

V. Election of Chairperson

Order #13513 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve Paul Godfrey as Board Chairman passed with a motion by Mr. Guy Wallace and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpensteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

Rationale:

Per Board Policy 01.41 Organization Meetings, the first meeting of the board of education in January is designated as the time for which the Board elects a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Discussion:

Mr. Guy Wallace made a motion to appoint Paul Godfrey as Board Chairman.

VI. Election of Vice-Chairperson

Order #13514 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve Brandy Armstrong as Board Vice-Chairman passed with a motion by Mr. Paul Godfrey and a second by Mr. Guy Wallace.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpensteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

Rationale:

Per Board Policy 01.41 Organization Meetings, the first meeting of the board of education in January is designated as the time for which the Board elects a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Discussion:

Mr. Paul Godfrey made a motion to appoint Brandy Armstrong as Board Vice-Chairman.

VII. Recess Meeting to Conduct District Finance Corporation Meeting

Order #13515 - Motion Passed: Motion to recess meeting to conduct District Finance Corporation Meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Guy Wallace and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpensteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

A. Call to Order

Rationale:

The January 16, 2024 District Finance Corporation Meeting is Called to Order

B. Consideration of Approval of Appointment of Secretary for 2026

Order #13516 - Motion Passed: Motion to appoint Paul M. Mullins as Secretary for 2026 passed with a motion by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong and a second by Mr. Guy Wallace.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

Rationale:

Finance Corporation Officers Approved for 2026

C. Consideration of Approval of Appointment of President for 2026

Order #13517 - Motion Passed: Motion to appoint Paul Godfrey as President for 2026 passed with a motion by Mr. Guy Wallace and a second by Ms. Heather Sharpsteen.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

Rationale:

Finance Corporation Officers Approved for 2026

D. Consideration of Approval of Appointment of Treasurer for 2026

Order #13518 - Motion Passed: Motion to appoint Adam Hinton as Treasurer for 2026 passed with a motion by Mr. Guy Wallace and a second by Mr. Paul Godfrey.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

Rationale:

Finance Corporation Officers Approved for 2026

E. Approve Meeting Minutes of meetings held on January 21, 2025

Order #13519 - Motion Passed: Approve Meeting Minutes of meetings held on January 21, 2025 passed with a motion by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong and a second by Mr. Guy Wallace.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

F. Adjournment

Order #13520 - Motion Passed: Adjournment passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Sharpsteen and a second by Mr. Guy Wallace.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

G. Return to Regular Session

VIII. Approve Consent Agenda

Order #13521 - Motion Passed: Approve Consent Agenda with the removal of M. Approve Change Order passed with a motion by Mr. Guy Wallace and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

Discussion:

Mr. Mullins informed the Board that item M. Approve Change Order needed to be pulled.

A. Approve Fundraisers

Rationale:

B. Acknowledge receipt of the Personnel Actions that have taken place since the last Board Meeting and Employee Recognitions

Rationale:

C. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

Rationale:

D. Acknowledge Receipt of SBDM Minute Reports

Rationale:

Attached are the SBDM Written Reports from Elizabethtown High School, Helmwood Heights Elementary, Morningside Elementary, and TK Stone for review.

There was not a SBDM Meeting in December for Panther Academy.

E. Approve the Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report and Payment of Bills and Claims

Rationale:

F. Approve Summary of Payments No. 10

Rationale:

G. Acknowledge Receipt of Departmental and School Updates

Rationale:

H. Approve Revised 2026 Board Meeting Dates

Rationale:

Staff is requesting the Regular February Board Meeting be moved to the 3rd Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 due to President's Day.

I. Approve SPED Mentor Stipend

Rationale:

Please see the attachment.

J. Review the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP)

Rationale:

Please see attached.

K. Acknowledge and Approve the Receipt of the Offer of Assistance from the School Facilities Construction Commission

Rationale:

Pursuant to KRS 157.622, the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) is hereby making an official Offer of Assistance to the ELIZABETHTOWN INDEPENDENT Board of Education. Acceptance of this Offer of Assistance commits the school district to adhere to the statutes and regulations governing this program. This Offer of Assistance is in the annual debt service amount of **\$1711.00** to be used towards proposed construction or major renovation of facilities outlined in your most current approved facility plan.

L. Approve Draft Budget for FY27

M. Approve Change Order

IX. Action Items

Discussion:

There were no additional Action Items.

X. New Business

Discussion:

There was no new business.

XI. Presentations

A. Department Update - Transportation and Mental Health

Rationale:

Discussion:

Mr. Travis Gay and Ms. Miranda Burnett presented to the Board, giving an update to the District Transportation System and Mental Health. Mr. Gay and Ms. Burnett offered to answer Board questions.

B. Mid-Year Data Review

Discussion:

Mr. Dan Lockwood gave the Board a Mid-Year Data Review and offered to answer Board questions.

XII. Superintendent's Comments

Discussion:

Mr. Paul M. Mullins gave the Board a brief update regarding the TK Renovation, AP Testing at the High School and assessment programs used in the schools.

XIII. Public Comment

Discussion:

Ms. Brittany Garland spoke to the Board about Lifewise Academy - Hardin County.

XIV. Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters as outlined in KRS 61.810 (if needed)

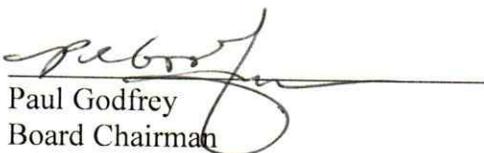
Order #13522 - Motion Passed: Motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters as outlined in KRS 61.810 passed with a motion by Mr. Guy Wallace and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

XV. Adjournment

Order #13523 - Motion Passed: Adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Guy Wallace and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes


 Paul Godfrey
 Board Chairman


 Paul M. Mullins
 Superintendent