

Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting

September 25, 2023 6:30 PM

In Person and Video Teleconference
Duff-Allen Central Elementary School
Eastern, KY

Attendance Taken at : 6:30 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Linda Gearheart

Mr. William Newsome

Dr. Chandra Varia

Mr. Steve Slone

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Anna Shepherd, Board Secretary and Board Attorney was in attendance.

1. Chair's Welcome/Call to Order

A. Roll Call/Welcome

B. Review Focus Areas- Safety and Health of Students and Staff; Remain Fiscally Solvent; Attendance 94%; Postsecondary Readiness; ACT 19.5

C. Reminder for a Request to Speak

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Moment of Individual Silent Reflection: "Why are we here?"

F. The Adoption of Agenda

Order #20383 - Motion Passed: Motion to adopt the agenda passed with a motion by Dr. Chandra Varia and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart Yes

Mr. William Newsome Yes

Dr. Chandra Varia Yes

Mr. Steve Slone Yes

Mr. Keith Smallwood Yes

2. Special Reports and Spotlight

A. Receive report from Trace Creek for the temporary Bus Garage/rebuild of the New Bus Garage

Trace Creek discussed the work on the new bus garage.

3. Community Comments to the Board of Education

A. Students

B. Parents, PTA/PTO

1.) Steve Slone, (parent) discussed his concerns with artificial turf use. Steve Slone (Board Members) also expressed his concerns with the artificial turf

Keith Smallwood (Board Member) also talked on artificial turf. He also asked about Pathway? Asked if students could not attend the games with the Pathway program?

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- C. SBDM Councils
- D. Classified Employees
- E. Certified Employees/FCEA
- F. Principals' Association
- G. Members of the Board of Education

Keith Smallwood asked Angela how many subs the board had?

Angela told him there is 80 sub teachers and that they had more trouble with sub aids.

Keith asked Tiffany to look as far as a raise for subs, taking them from \$80 and \$105 to \$105 and \$135.

H. Public Comment

Steve Slone addressed the board concerning artificial turf to natural grass. with him expressing grass turf being the better choice. He also express the desire for an ambulance being at the athletic events.

Keith Smallwood asked the board to have an ambulance at the field.

4. Action or Special Reports - Student Learning

A. Receive Attendance & Plans/Enrollment and Health Services Report

Order #20384 - Motion Passed: Received Attendance & Plans/Enrollment and Health Services Report passed with a motion by Dr. Chandra Varia and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

5. Action or Special Reports - Student Support

A. Receive Utility Report for Duff-Allen Central Elementary School

Order #20385 - Motion Passed: Receive Utility Report for Duff-Allen Central Elementary School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

B. *Receive Report of Superintendent

Order #20386 - Motion Passed: Receive Report of Superintendent passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

C. Accept Notification of Personnel Matters

Order #20387 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

1. Actions Taken

Order #20388 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

2. Requests for Leaves of Absences

D. Consider/Approve Initial BG-1 for the Synthetic Turf Replacement at Prestonsburg High School

Order #20389 - Motion Passed: Approval of Initial BG-1 for the Synthetic Turf Replacement at Prestonsburg High School passed with a motion by Ms. Linda Gearheart and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 1 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	No

E. *Consider/Approve Construction Documents for Bid Package #2: Dome Roof and to Advertise for bid for the Betsy Layne Dome Roof, pending KDE approval

Order #20390 - Motion Passed: Approval of Construction Documents for Bid Package #2: Dome Roof and to

Advertise for bid for the Betsy Layne Dome Roof, pending KDE approval passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

F. *Consider/Approve FY 2024 Final Working Budget

Order #20391 - Motion Passed: Approval of FY 2024 Final Working Budget passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6. Action by Consent

Order #20392 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mr. William Newsome and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

A. Consider Approval of Minutes

B. *Consider Payment of Bills and Claims

C. Consider/Approve Superintendent Timesheet, Travel and Expenses

D. Consider/Retroactive approval of agreement between Floyd County Schools and Lifetouch for the publication of the Floyd County Schools Yearbook

E. Consider/Approve to allow Dance Etc. to use Prestonsburg High Gymnasium during Jenny Wiley Days (October 10, 2023)

F. Consider/Approve the Kentucky Blood Center to host three blood drives at Floyd Central High School on the following dates: October 24, 2023; January 9, 2024; March 6, 2024

G. Consider/Approve Betsy Layne Elementary School request for Mountain Comprehensive Care Center to provide services to students through the "It's My Space" Program throughout 2023-2024 school year

H. Consider/Approve the sale of surplus buses and maintenance vehicles. (1305, 809, 1105, 406, 1005, 1006, 706, 805, 709, 905, 1205, 109, 605, 402, 703, 205, 201, 603, and Chevrolet Astro Van)

- I. Consider/Approve the facilities use agreement with Big Sandy Health Care for use of Floyd Central high School on October 9, 2023
- J. Consider/Approve Central Office Gym facility use agreement for Maytown Fire/Rescue Department to use for Annual Santa Run Fundraiser with Wildcard Championship Wrestling and Concession on Saturday, November 11, 2023. Pending Correct Certificate of Liability Insurance
- K. Consider/Approve shortened school day/week for students with special needs
- L. Consider/Approve proposal to restructure Certified Special Education staff due to enrollment changes within the Floyd County School District
- M. Consider/Approve school-wide fundraiser for John M. Stumbo Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year with My School Store
- N. Consider/Approve Prestonsburg High School Football team to travel to Pigeon Forge, TN during Fall Break on 10-6-2023
- O. Consider/Approve proposal to change a temporary special needs instructional assistant to a permanent position at South Floyd Elementary School
- P. Consider/Approve proposal to change a temporary special needs instructional assistant to a permanent position at Prestonsburg Elementary School
- Q. Consider/Approve proposal to change a temporary special needs instructional assistant to a permanent position at May Valley Elementary School
- R. Consider/Approve proposal to change a temporary special needs instructional assistant to a permanent position at Duff-Allen Central Elementary School
- S. Consider/Approve proposal to change a temporary special needs instructional assistant to a permanent position at Betsy Layne Elementary School
- T. Consider/Approve the Student Teacher and/or clinical partnership agreement between the Floyd County Board of Education and University of Pikeville
- U. *Consider/Approve the Floyd Central Middle School football team's overnight trip to the Cincinnati Bengals game on November 11-12, 2023 in Cincinnati, Ohio
- 7. Executive Session to Discuss (Litigation, Property, Personnel, and Expulsions), KRS 61.810
- 8. Adjournment

Order #20393 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn, the time being 7:56 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Steve Slone and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

CHAIR

SECRETARY