

Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting

November 25, 2024 6:30 PM

In Person and Video Teleconference

Floyd County Board of Education

Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center

Eastern, KY



Attendance Taken at : 6:30 PM

Present Board Members:

Mr. William Newsome

Dr. Chandra Varia

Mr. Steve Slone

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Absent Board Members:

Ms. Linda Gearheart

Larry Hammond, 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. The Adoption of Agenda

Order #20563 - Motion Passed: Motion to adopt the agenda AS IS passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

2. Special Reports and Spotlight

3. Community Comments to the Board of Education

A. Students

B. Parents, PTA/PTO

C. SBDM Councils

D. Classified Employees

E. Certified Employees/FCEA

Greta Gilbert addressed the board.

F. Principals' Association

G. Members of the Board of Education

H. Public Comment

4. Action or Special Reports - Student Learning

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

5. Action or Special Reports - Student Support

A. Receive Utility Report for Betsy Layne Elementary School

Order #20564 - Motion Passed: Receive Utility Report for Betsy Layne Elementary School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

B. Receive Report of Superintendent

Order #20565 - Motion Passed: Receive Report of Superintendent passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

C. Accept Notification of Personnel Matters

Order #20566 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

1. Actions Taken

2. Requests for Leaves of Absences

D. Consider/Approve Change Order #1 for the Synthetic Turf Replacement at Prestonsburg High School

Order #20567 - Motion Passed: Approval of Change Order #1 for the Synthetic Turf Replacement at Prestonsburg High School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

E. Consider/Approve Easements and Right of Way - Access for Kentucky Power

Order #20568 - Motion Passed: Approval of Easements and Right of Way - Access for Kentucky Power passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

6. Action by Consent

Order #20569 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve consent items 6-A thru 6-M with the exception of pulling Items 6-I and 6-K passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Absent
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/Approve travel to Washington D.C. and maximum amount to Prestonsburg High School JAG to assist with expenses associated with national advancements

E. Consider/Approve the Betsy Layne High School Science Olympiad to travel to Virginia Tech to compete in an invitational tournament. We will depart on February 1, 2025 and will return on February 1, 2025

F. Consider/Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to provide Kentucky Safe Driver programs to students of Floyd County Schools

G. Consider/Approve the renewal of Securedocs from Onit software company to facilitate and manage the electronic signatures for documents required by federal and Local Statue

H. Consider/Approve proposal from Paul Christy to facilitate the Local Planning Committee during the development of the District Facility Plan

I. Consider/Approve selecting a Board Member to serve on the Local Planning Committee

J. *Consider/Approve Memorandum of Agreement between Floyd County Board of Education and Western Kentucky University-College Now Program

K. *Consider/Approve to select three (3) Business/Community Leader Representatives to serve on the Local Planning Committee

L. *Consider/Approve agreement between John M. Stumbo Elementary and Kentucky River Area Development District for partnership with the Senior Community Service Employment Program

M. *Consider/Approve agreement between John M. Stumbo and the University of Pikeville for partnership with the "Bears @ Work" program

7. Executive Session to Discuss (Litigation, Property, Personnel, and Expulsions), KRS 61.810

Order #20570 - Motion Passed: Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel action per KRS 61.810, the time being 6:39 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

Order #20571 - Motion Passed: Motion to come out of executive session, the time being 6:56 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

8. Adjournment

Order #20572 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn, the time being 6:58 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Steve Slone and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

CHAIR

SECRETARY