

# **Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting**

March 24, 2025 6:00 PM

In Person and Video Teleconference

Floyd County Board of Education

Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center

Eastern, KY



## **Attendance Taken at : 6:00 PM**

### **Present Board Members:**

Ms. Linda Gearheart

Mr. William Newsome

Dr. Chandra Varia

Mr. Steve Slone

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Tonya Horne-Williams, 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**

### **2. Special Reports and Spotlight**

**A. Honoring Teachers and Community Members who helped return Floyd County Student home**

### **3. Community Comments to the Board of Education**

#### **A. Students**

#### **B. Parents, PTA/PTO**

#### **C. SBDM Councils**

#### **D. Classified Employees**

#### **E. Certified Employees/FCEA**

#### **F. Principals' Association**

#### **G. Members of the Board of Education**

#### **H. Public Comment**

Jerry Hall addressed the board, requesting the Board if they are going to pay for his late wife's sick and personal days and the ambulance bill for taking her from Dace to the hospital?

**4. Action or Special Reports - Student Learning**

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

Brook Moore addressed the board concerning Attendance - stating that there has been a lot of Flu A, B, Strep and that the numbers fell below 90%

**5. Action or Special Reports - Student Support**

**A. Receive Utility Report for Allen Elementary School**

**Order #20627 - Motion Passed:** Receive Utility Report for Allen Elementary School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

**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 #20628 - Motion Passed:** Receive Report of Superintendent passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

**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 #20629 - Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

**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**

**2. Requests for Leaves of Absences**

**D. Consider/Approve a resolution to issue refunding revenue bonds for the District's Series 2015 bonds**

**Order #20630 - Motion Passed:** Approval of a resolution to issue refunding revenue bonds for the District's Series 2015 bonds passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**E. Recess Board Meeting**

**Order #20631 - Motion Passed:** Recess Board Meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**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. Convene Floyd County School District Finance Corporation Meeting**

Lincoln Tincher addressed the board

**2. Confirm Officers for Floyd County School District Finance Corporation**

**Order #20632 - Motion Passed:** Confirm Officers for Floyd County School District Finance Corporation passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**3. Consider/Approve a resolution to issue refunding revenue bonds for the District's Series 2015 bonds**

**Order #20633 - Motion Passed:** Approval of a resolution to give Lincoln Tincher the ability if the criteria is met to issue refunding revenue bonds for the District's Series 2015 bonds passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood 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

**4. Adjourn Floyd County Schools District Finance Corporation Meeting**

**F. Reconvene Board Meeting**

**Order #20634 - Motion Passed:** Reconvene Board Meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**G. \*Consider/Approve Revised BG-1 for the Betsy Layne Elementary Roof projects**

**Order #20635 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Revised BG-1 for the Betsy Layne Elementary Roof projects passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**H. \*Consider/Approve Change Order #2 with East KY Water for the Bus Garage Replacement Phase 3 project**

**Order #20636 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Change Order #2 with East KY Water for the Bus Garage Replacement Phase 3 project passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**I. \*Consider/Approve Finding #2 recommended by the Local Planning Committee on March 19, 2025 for Betsy Layne Dome Gym**

**Order #20637 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Finding #2 recommended by the Local Planning Committee on March 19, 2025 for Betsy Layne Dome Gym passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**J. \*Consider/Approve** acquiring property located at 1009 N Lade Drive, Prestonsburg, KY adjacent to Prestonsburg High for the purpose of an indoor PHS athletic complex

**Order #20638 - Motion Passed:** Approval of acquiring property located at 1009 N Lade Drive, Prestonsburg, KY adjacent to Prestonsburg High for the purpose of an indoor PHS athletic complex passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**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 #20639 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve all consent items with the exception of (Item 6-D) as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**Order #20640 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve Item 6-D - Off Site Fuel and Fuel Management System being awarded to Cardinal Country Store having the bid of: Cardinal Country Store Unleaded - \$0.12 off pump price Diesel - \$0.15 off pump price Childer's Oil Unleaded - \$0.05 off pump price Diesel - \$0.075 off pump price passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**Order #20641 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve Bid for Financial Audit Service, selecting Cloyd & Associates for this bid; Cloyd & Associates - \$30,950.00 Allen & Associates - \$32,000.00 White & Associates - \$45,000.00 passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

Mr. Keith Smallwood Yes

**Order #20642 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve (Item 6-D) Auto Parts to all who submitted a bid, with the exception of Appolo Oil Appolo Oil - nothing marked American Bus & Associates - Shelf - \$0.22 Catalog - \$0.69 Boyd Truck - Shelf and Catalog - 15% Childers Auto & Truck Parts - \$0.25 for both shelf and catalog O'Reiley Auto Parts - 41% or better prices updated daily Worldwide Equipment - Shelf - 26% Catalog - 22% Bluegrass Truck - Shelf & Catalog National Fleet Price G&G - both Shelf & Catalog - 30% passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**Order #20643 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve appointing a committee to review and return back to the board School Pictures (Item 6-D) School Pictures passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**Order #20644 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve (Item 6-D) bid on Waste Water to award the only bid received passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**Order #20645 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve (Item 6-D) bid for Physicals awarded to McDowell ARH, costing \$50 per physical passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**Order #20646 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve (Item 6-D) Bids for Facilities Maintenance awarded to all that applied: FS Vanhouse - Net Hall Hardware (Bypro) - Shelf & Catalog - 15% Sherwin Williams - Paint - 40% Shelf - 30% Catalog - 15% Best One Tires - Shelf & Catalog - State Contract Pricing Ferguson - Shelf & Catalog - 15% Schiller - Shelf - 0% Catalog - 57.5% Eastern Airflow - both Shelf & Catalog - 10.2% Huntington Steel - Shelf & Catalog - 0% Qualitated Steel - Shelf & Catalog - 0% Drains Unlimited - Shelf & Catalog - 10% The Hardware Inc - Shelf - 10% Unisign - Shelf - 5% M&D Electrical - Shelf - 15% Moore True Value - Shelf - 10% State Electric - Catalog 10% Wright Lumber - Current Sale Price Sandy Valley Hardware - 10% for both Shelf & Catalog Elliott Supply - both Shelf & Catalog - 30% Tahiti Energy - Shelf & Catalog - 10% United Refrigeration - 50% - catalog passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**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 2025-2026 School Calendar (2nd reading-two readings required)

**D.** Consider/Approve Opening bids for the following FY 26 items; Waste Water, Eye Exams, Facilities Maintenance, School Pictures, Physicals, Auto Parts, Off Site Fuel Delivery and Fuel Management System, Financial Audit Services

**E.** Consider/Approve Betsy Layne High School's National Honor Society and Beta Club are requesting permission to travel to pigeon /Forge, Tennessee during our scheduled Spring Break from March 30th-April 2nd, 2025

**F.** Consider/Approve the PHS Baseball Team to travel out of state on April 18, 2025 to Marshal University to play Boyd County

**G.** Consider/Retroactive approval of up to \$2000 for Betsy Layne High School JAG Team to cover Transportation, Registration Fees, Hotels and Meals expenses for the 2025 KY JAG State Competition

**H.** Consider/Retroactive approval of up to \$2000 for Floyd Central High School JAG Team to cover Transportation, Registration Fees, Hotels and Meals expenses for the 2025 KY JAG State Competition

**I.** Consider/Retroactive approval of up to \$2000 for Prestonsburg High School JAG Team to cover Transportation, Registration Fees, Hotels and Meals expenses for the 2025 KY JAG State Competition

**J.** Consider/Approve Hi Hat Raiders would like to request the use of South Floyd Elementary gym for the purpose of practicing basketball and to host games with other AAU groups

**K.** Consider/Approve contract between Western Kentucky University (WKU) and the Floyd County Board of Education to install a Mesonet on school board property at Central Office located at 442 KY RT 550, Eastern, KY 41622

**L.** Consider/Approve Floyd County School District Memorandum of Understanding with Prestonsburg/Floyd County Emergency Communications Center

**M.** Consider/Approve the municipal advisory agreement required by SFCC prior to issuing bonds

**N.** Consider/Approve the Bulldogs K-2 Training League and the included facility use agreement for the 2024-2025 school year pending receipt of liability insurance

- O.** \*Consider/Retroactive approval to add 30 instructional minutes to the school day beginning 3/24/25
- P.** Consider/Approve changing the title of Secretary to the Superintendent to Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
- Q.** Consider/Approve Artic Rush AAU Club would like to request the use of Floyd Central High School gym and the Board of Education Gym for the purpose of practicing basketball, pending the certificate of liability insurance
- R.** Consider/Approve the Certified JAG Position at Betsy Layne Elementary
- S.** \*Consider/Approve the resolution authoring Superintendent Tonya Horne-Williams the authority to execute documents on behalf of the Floyd County Board of Education concerning real property transactions with the Army Corps of Engineers conveyance of the RLC property
- T.** \*Consider/Retroactive approval for up to \$2000 for Betsy Layne Elementary 's JAG Team to cover Transportation, Registration Fees, Hotels and Meal expenses for 2025 KY JAG State Competition
- 7.** Executive Session to Discuss (Litigation, Property, Personnel, and Expulsions), KRS 61.810
- 8.** Adjournment

**Order #20647 - Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn, the time being 7:15 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Steve Slone 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

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY