

**Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
December 22, 2025 3:30 PM  
In Person and Video Teleconference  
Floyd County Board of Education  
Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center  
Eastern, KY



**Attendance Taken at : 3:30 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**

**Order #20789 - Motion Passed:** Motion to adopt the agenda, adding Item 6-Q (Consider/Approve an Headstart/Preschool Administrative Assistant Manager) passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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| 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
- 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

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 Floyd County School of Innovation

**Order #20790 - Motion Passed:** Received Utility Report for Floyd County School of Innovation 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 #20791 - 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 #20792 - 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

**1. Actions Taken**

**2. Requests for Leaves of Absences**

**D. Consider/Approve Initial BG-1 for the Central Office Replacement for Central Office and Central Office gym, pending KDE Approval**

**Order #20793 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Initial BG-1 for the Central Office Replacement for Central Office and Central Office gym, pending KDE Approval 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. \*Consider/Approve pay estimate #4 for Duff Allen Central Elementary School Renovation project**

**Order #20794 - Motion Passed:** Approval of pay estimate #4 for Duff Allen Central Elementary School Renovation project 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

**F. \*Consider/Approve revised BG-1 for the Betsy Layne Elementary School Gymnasium Renovations**

**Order #20795 - Motion Passed:** Approval of revised BG-1 for the Betsy Layne Elementary School Gymnasium Renovations 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

**6. Action by Consent**

**Order #20796 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve all consent items Item 6-A thru Item 6-Q 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

**A.** Consider Approval of Minutes

**B.** \*Consider Payment of Bills and Claims

**C.** Consider/Approve Family Resource and Youth Service Centers School District Assurance Certification for FYs 2026-2028

**D.** Consider/Approve up to \$2,000 for Prestonsburg High School Cheerleading Team to cover travel expenses, including food and transportation, for the UCA Cheer Nationals in Florida

**E.** Consider/Retroactive Approval for Four Schools to apply for FY26 Read to Achieve (RTA) Grant(May Valley Elementary, South Floyd Elementary, Betsy Layne Elementary, Prestonsburg Elementary)

**F.** Consider/Approve maximum amount \$2,000.00 to Betsy Layne High School STLP Teams to assist with expenses associated with the State advancement on April 24, 2026

**G.** Consider/Approve leasing (3) Chevrolet 2500 trucks

**H.** \*Consider/Approve surplus of thirteen buses, bus parts that are no longer usable with our current fleet and allow to auction

**I.** Consider/Approve the maximum amount to the Floyd County School of Innovation student organization, HOSA, for advancing to the State Leadership Conference/Competition in March of 2026 in Louisville

**J.** \*Consider/Approve Floyd County Schools' Advanced Coursework & Accelerated Learning Plan with HB 190: Expanding Access to Advanced Coursework & Accelerated Learning

**K.** \*Consider/Approve Dace K-2 Training League and included facility use agreement for the 2025-2026 school year

**L.** \*Consider/Approve MOU with the Kentucky Department of Education and Floyd County Board of Education regarding access to student education records of students attending Area Technology Center by Floyd County Schools technology staff in accordance with the Family Educational rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

**M.** \*Consider/Approve the purchase of six new school buses using the KISTA financing and approve the resolution for KISTA financing

**N.** \*Consider/Approve time and date for January 2026 board meeting. January 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Floyd County Board of Education in the Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center

**O.** \*Consider/Approve the purchase and implementation of Renaissance Learning instructional program, including Nearpod and Flocabulary, for use at May Valley Elementary School from January 2026-January 2027

**P.** \*Consider/Retroactive Approval for the Floyd Central High School Boys' Basketball Team to travel to the University of Virginia at Wise to participate in the Powell Valley National Bank Holiday Classic on December 26th-30th, 2025

**Q.** \*Consider/Approve a Head Start/Preschool Administrative Assistant Manager position

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

**8.** Adjournment

**Order #20797 - Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn, the time being 3:47 PM 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

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY