

Floyd County Board of Education Special Called Meeting

January 28, 2026 3:15 PM

In Person and Video Teleconference

Floyd County Board of Education

Drs. Chandra and Mahendra Varia Media Center

Eastern, KY



Attendance Taken at : 3:15 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Linda Gearheart

Mr. William Newsome

Dr. Chandra Varia

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Steve Slone

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

Sam Little, parent addressed the board concerning student being penalized for doing one item and not attending practice for band . Then penalizing student for not attending practice.

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. The Adoption of Agenda

Order #20812 - Motion Passed: Motion to adopt the agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Linda Gearheart Yes

Mr. William Newsome Yes

Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Absent
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

2. Special Reports and Spotlight

3. Action or Special Reports - Student Learning

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

Order #20813 - Motion Passed: Received Attendance & Plans/Enrollment and Health Services Report passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

4. Action or Special Reports - Student Support

A. Receive Utility Report for May Valley Elementary School

Order #20814 - Motion Passed: Receive Utility Report for May Valley Elementary School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

B. Receive Report of Superintendent

Order #20815 - 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	Yes
Mr. William Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Absent
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

C. Accept Notification of Personnel Matters

Order #20816 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

1. Actions Taken

2. Requests for Leaves of Absences

D. Consider/Approve Ross Tarrant to service as the Architect for the design and construction oversight of the turf replacements at Betsy Layne High School in phase I and baseball/softball field at Floyd Central High School in phase II

Order #20817 - Motion Passed: Approval of Ross Tarrant to service as the Architect for the design and construction oversight of the turf replacements at Betsy Layne High School in phase I and baseball/softball field at Floyd Central High School in phase II passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

E. Consider/Approval Initial BG-1 for the turf replacement at Betsy Layne High School and baseball/softball field at Floyd Central High School

Order #20818 - Motion Passed: Approval for Initial BG-1 for the turf replacement at Betsy Layne High School and baseball/softball field at Floyd Central High School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

F. Consider/Approval pay estimate #5 for Duff Allen Central Elementary School Renovation project

Order #20819 - Motion Passed: Approval for pay estimate #5 for Duff Allen Central Elementary School Renovation project passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

G. Consider/Approval Accepting additional SFCC offer of assistance in the amount of \$59,689 annual debt service on bonds to be sold for proposed construction or major renovation as outlined in the district's facility plan beginning in the 2026-2028 biennium

Order #20820 - Motion Passed: Approval of Accepting additional SFCC offer of assistance in the amount of \$59,689 annual debt service on bonds to be sold for proposed construction or major renovation as outlined in the district's facility plan beginning in the 2026-2028 biennium passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

H. Consider/Approve requested for the submission of a BG-4 (Project Application) to the Kentucky Department of Education for the following project: Project Name: Emergency Bus Garage Replacement, Facility: Floyd County Bus Garage, Project: BG#22-019

Order #20821 - Motion Passed: Approval for requested for the submission of a BG-4 (Project Application) to the Kentucky Department of Education for the following project: Project Name: Emergency Bus Garage Replacement, Facility: Floyd County Bus Garage, Project: BG#22-019 passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

I. Consider/Approve awarding Endris Engineering be awarded the survey work for the turn replacement at Betsy Layne High School football field and baseball/softball field at Floyd Central High School

Order #20822 - Motion Passed: Approval of awarding Endris Engineering be awarded the survey work for the turn replacement at Betsy Layne High School football field and baseball/softball field at Floyd Central High School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

J. Consider/Approve awarding S&ME be awarded the geotechnical investigation work for the turn replacement at Betsy Layne High School football field and baseball/softball field at Floyd Central High School

Order #20823 - Motion Passed: Approval for awarding S&ME be awarded the geotechnical investigation work for the turn replacement at Betsy Layne High School football field and baseball/softball field at Floyd Central High School passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

K. *Consider/Approve acknowledging receipt and review of the 2027 Draft Budget

Order #20824 - Motion Passed: *Approval for acknowledging receipt and review of the 2027 Draft Budget passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Dr. Chandra Varia.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

5. Action by Consent

Order #20825 - Motion Passed: To approve all Action of Consent Items 5-A thru Item 5-P passed with a motion by Dr. Chandra Varia and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

A. Consider Approval of Minutes

B. Consider Payment of Bills and Claims

C. Consider/Approve Betsy Layne High School is requesting permission to enter a payment agreement with Homewood Suites Washington DC Capitol-Navy Yard for the National Honor Society and Beta Club's stay between March 29- April 3, 2026

D. Consider/Approve Betsy Layne High School is requesting permission to enter a payment agreement with Beat the Bomb DC for National Honor Society and Beta Club's escape room experience on April 2, 2026

E. Consider/Approve maximum amount \$2,000.00 to Betsy Layne High School Dance Team to assist with expenses associated with State advancement

F. Consider/Approve Adams Middle School Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) for the 2025-2026 school year

- G.** Consider/Approve the Floyd County School Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP) for 2026 school year
- H.** Consider/Approve an out-of-state, overnight trip for May Valley Elementary and Middle School Academic team to travel to Dollywood, an amusement park, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, departing Monday, June 8, 2026 and returning Tuesday, June 9, 2026
- I.** Consider/Approve May Valley Elementary School for an out-of-state travel of an overnight Beta Club Trip to Dollywood, an amusement Park, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee scheduled for Wednesday, June 10,2026, with return on Friday, June 12, 2026
- J.** Consider/Approve an overnight, out-of-state travel, overnight field trip for 8th grad students to Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, including a overnight stat at Great Wolf Lodge (Water Park) on Friday, May 29th through Sunday, May 31, 2026
- K.** Consider/Approve maximum amount \$2,000 to Allen Elementary K-5 and Middle School Dance Team to assist with expenses associated with state advancement competitions. The competition is Saturday February 21, 2026 at Western Hills High School
- L.** Consider/Approve Second reading of the revisions to Floyd County BOE policy 03.1233 Parental Leave Options-Certified Personnel to meet the requirements of KRS 161.155 and be more specific to the needs of employees in the district
- M.** Consider/Approve Second reading Adopt the 2026-2027 School Calendar
- N.** Consider/Approve up to \$2,000 for Prestonsburg High School JAG to cover Transportation, Registration Fees, Hotels, and Meals expenses for 2026 JAG State Career Development State Conference. Prestonsburg High School has 16 students that will be participating in the State Competition on February 23-25, 2026 at Central Bank Conference Center
- O.** Consider/Approve up to \$2000.00 for Betsy Layne Elementary School JAG team to cover transportation, registration fees, hotels and meals expenses for the JAG State Competition at Central Bank Center in Lexington, KY on February 23rd-26th, 2026. Four students will be representing Betsy Layne Elementary
- P.** Consider/Approve up to \$2,000.00 for Floyd Central High School JAG to cover Transportation, Registration Fees, Hotels, Meals expenses for 2026 JAG State Career Development Career Development Conference. Floyd Central High School as one student that will be participating in the state competition on February 23-25 at Central Bank Conference Center

6. Executive Session

- A.** Executive Session to Discuss (Litigation, Property, personnel, and Expulsions), KRS 61.810

7. Adjournment

Order #20826 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William Newsome.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

Secretary

Board Chair