

**Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting**

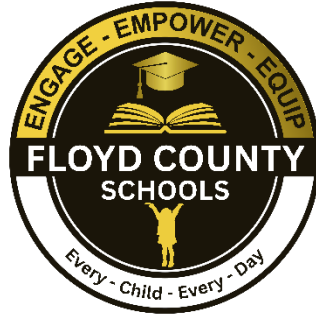
February 23, 2026 6:00 PM

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. Reminder for a Request to Speak
  - C. Pledge of Allegiance
  - D. The Adoption of Agenda

**Order #20827 - Motion Passed:** Motion to adopt the agenda 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. 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 High School**

**Order #20828 - Motion Passed:** Receive Utility Report for Betsy Layne High School 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

**B. Receive Report of Superintendent**

**Order #20829 - Motion Passed:** Receive Report of Superintendent 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

**C. Accept Notification of Personnel Matters**

**Order #20830 - Motion Passed:** 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

**1. Actions Taken**

**2. Requests for Leaves of Absences**

**D. Consider/Approve pay estimate #6 for Duff Allen Central Elementary School Renovation project**

**Order #20831 - Motion Passed:** Consider/Approve pay estimate #6 for Duff Allen Central Elementary School Renovation project 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

**E. Consider/Approve permission to advertise for bids for playground replacement equipment at our elementary schools**

**Order #20832 - Motion Passed:** Approval of permission to advertise for bids for playground replacement equipment at our elementary schools 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

**F. Consider/Approve Change Order #2 with Rising Sun Developing for the BLES School Gym Renovation**

**Order #20833 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Change Order #2 with Rising Sun Developing for the BLES School Gym Renovation 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

**G. Consider/Approve construction documents and request advertisement for bids for the Floyd County Board of Education Board Office Roof Replacement, pending KDE approval**

**Order #20834 - Motion Passed:** Approval of construction documents and request advertisement for bids for

the Floyd County Board of Education Board Office Roof Replacement, pending KDE approval 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

**H. Consider/Approve construction documents and request advertisement for bids for the Central Office Track Renovations, pending KDE approval**

**Order #20835 - Motion Passed:** Approval of construction documents and request advertisement for bids for the Central Office Track Renovations, pending KDE approval 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

**I. Consider/Approve BG-3 for the Central Office Track Renovation project**

**Order #20836 - Motion Passed:** Approval of BG-3 for the Central Office Track Renovation project 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

**J. Consider/Approve BG-2 and BG-3 for the Floyd County Central Office Roof Replacement**

**Order #20837 - Motion Passed:** Approval of BG-2 and BG-3 for the Floyd County Central Office Roof Replacement 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

**6. Action by Consent**

**Order #20838 - Motion Passed:** Motion to table Item 6-K until a later date 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 #20839 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve all consent items (except Item 6-K that has been tabled earlier) 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/Retroactive Approve of maximum amount \$2,000.00 to Betsy Layne High School Archery Team to assist with expenses associated with participation in the All A State Tournament

**D.** Consider/Retroactive Approve for up to \$2,000.00 for Prestonsburg High School Archery Team to cover travel expenses, including food and transportation, for the KHSAA State Archery Tournament in Madisonville, Kentucky on February 21, 2026

**E.** Consider/Retroactive Approve for up to \$2,000.00 for Prestonsburg High School Dance Team to cover travel expenses, including food and transportation, for the KHSAA State Dance Tournament in Frankfort, Kentucky on February 21, 2026

**F.** Consider/Approve the creation of an external boosters club for girls' softball at Prestonsburg High School

**G.** Consider/Approve of Floyd Central High School to enter into the BSN Sports Rewards Program for the purchase and supply of athletic apparel and equipment. This partnership will run for the remainder of the 2026 school year through the 2030-2031 school year

**H.** Consider/Approve \$2,000.00 to Floyd County School of Innovation student organization, TSA, for advancing to the State Leadership Conference/Competition. We are requesting the maximum amount for FCSI TSA to attend the State conference/competition in March 16-18,2026. The conference/competition is located in Louisville

**I.** Consider/Approve the revision to the Athletic Extra Service/Extended Day salary schedule for Middle School Golf for 26-27

**J.** \*Consider/Approve the academic trip, and assist with the cost of transportation by the Board, to and from Louisville, KY for the following schools, teams, and coaches: South Floyd Elementary, Floyd Central High School, Betsy Layne Elementary, Adams Middle School, Prestonsburg High School, and Betsy Layne High School. These teams will compete at the Governor's Cup Academics Competition March 20-23, 2026 at the Galt House in Louisville, KY

**K.** \*Consider/Approve the changes to the Floyd County Early College Handbook for the 2026-2027 enrollment period Addendum

**L.** \*Consider/Approve Wildcard Championship Wrestling as an Honors Club fundraiser at South Floyd Elementary on March 7, 2026 Pending Addendum

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

**8.** Adjournment

**Order #20840 - Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn, the time being 6:13 PM 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

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Secretary

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Board Chair