

**Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting**

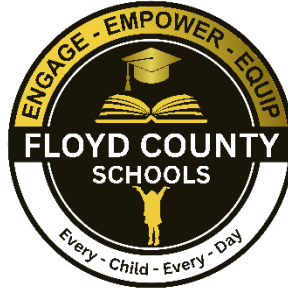
April 27, 2026 6:00 PM

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 #20860 - Motion Passed:** Motion to adopt the agenda as is 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

**Order #20861 - Motion Passed:** Received Attendance & Plans/Enrollment and Health Services Report 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

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

- A. Receive Utility Report for Adams Middle School

**Order #20862 - Motion Passed:** Receive Utility Report for Adams Middle School 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

- B. Receive Report of Superintendent

**Order #20863 - Motion Passed:** Receive Report of Superintendent 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

C. Accept Notification of Personnel Matters

**Order #20864 - Motion Passed:** 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

**1. Actions Taken**

\*. \*Consider/Approve awarding UES be awarded the Special Inspection and Construction Materials Testing for the Central Office Roof gym replacement

**2. Requests for Leaves of Absences**

**D. Consider/Approve permission to advertise for bids for installation of mini split units in Floyd Technology Building A**

**Order #20865 - Motion Passed:** Approval for permission to advertise for bids for installation of mini split units in Floyd Technology Building A 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

**E. Consider/Approve Change Order #4 for the Duff Allen Central Elementary renovation project**

**Order #20866 - Motion Passed:** Approval for Change Order #4 for the Duff Allen Central Elementary renovation project 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

**F. Consider/Approve pay estimate #8 for Duff Allen Central Elementary School Renovation project**

**Order #20867 - Motion Passed:** Approval for pay estimate #8 for Duff Allen Central Elementary School Renovation project 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

**G. \*Consider/Approve** awarding UES be awarded the Special Inspection and Construction Materials Testing for the Central Office Roof gym replacement

**Order #20868 - Motion Passed:** \*Approval for awarding UES be awarded the Special Inspection and Construction Materials Testing for the Central Office Roof gym replacement 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

**H. \*Consider/Approve** bids on BLHS Turf Replacement

**Order #20869 - Motion Passed:** \*Approval for bids on BLHS Turf Replacement 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

**I. \*Consider/Approve** Solid Ground be awarded the Special Inspections and Construction Materials Testing for the Central Office Track Renovation

**Order #20870 - Motion Passed:** \*Approval for Solid Ground be awarded the Special Inspections and Construction Materials Testing for the Central Office Track Renovation 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

**6. Action by Consent**

**Order #20871 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve all consent items 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 the maximum amount of \$2,000.00 to the Floyd County School of Innovation student organization, HOSA, for advancing to Nationals in Indianapolis. We are requesting the maximum amount for FCSI HOSA to attend the HOSA National competition in June of 2026. The conference/competition is located in Indianapolis June 17-20th. Also, consider/approve traveling out of state to compete in Indianapolis

**D.** Consider/Retroactive Approve the maximum amount \$2,000.00 to the Floyd County School of Innovation student organization, TSA, for advancing to Nationals in Washington DC. We are requesting the maximum amount for FCSI TSA to attend the TSA National competition in June of 2026. The conference/competition is located in Washington DC, June 22nd-26th, Also, consider/approve traveling out of the state to compete in Washington DC

**E.** Consider/Retroactive Approve to allow Enterprise Association of Southern Baptist Churches Inc to use the PHS gymnasium on Friday March 27, 2026, due to weather

**F.** Consider/Approve \$2000.00 paying for hotel rooms for Floyd County School of Innovation Robotics team to compete in the World Premiere Event. We are requesting the maximum amount for FCSI Robotics to attend the Premiere event in New Salem NC in July 2026. Also, consider/approve traveling out of state to compete in New Salem, NC

**G.** Consider/Approve for up to \$2000.00 for Prestonsburg High School HOSA to cover travel expenses, including hotel, food and transportation, for the HOSA International Conference in Indianapolis, IN from June 17-20, 2026, and permission to travel out of state to Indianapolis, IN on these dates as well

**H.** Consider/Approve Amended School Calendar for 2025-2026 not to attend school on Election Day

**I.** Consider/Approve Amended School Calendar for 2025-2026 to approve disaster days

**J.** Consider/Retroactively approve contract modifications with Commonwealth of Kentucky for the Kentucky Comprehensive Literacy Grant (KyCL25): Year 1(modification March 9, 2026) and Year 2 (modification March 23, 2026)

**K.** Consider/Approve out of state travel on Friday, September 11th through Saturday, September 12th, 2026, to compete in the 2026 Rocky Top Classic volleyball tournament in Sevierville, Tennessee for the varsity members of the Floyd Central High School Volleyball team.

**L.** Consider/Approve \$2,000.00 reimbursement to Adams Middle School STEAM Team, TSA, for advancing to the State Leadership Conference/Competition. We are requesting the maximum amount for Adams TSA who attended the State Conference/competition on March 16-18, 2026. The conference/competition was located in Louisville

**M.** Consider/Retroactive Approval for Floyd County Schools to continue with professional development with Rick Fisher of Silver & Strong Associates for Deeper Learning training for teachers

**N.** Consider/Approve the purchase of NWEA MAP and MAP Fluency for Floyd County Schools

**O.** Consider/Approve the purchase of Edmentum Courseware, (formerly APEX), & Exact Path Learning for Floyd County Schools

**P.** Consider/Approve the \$2000.00 to assist with & out of state travel, registration, and room fees by the board, to Bloomington, Indiana for coach Amy Martin and student Connor Akers. The student will compete at the FPSPI International Competition on from June 10th-14th

**Q.** Consider/Approve the contract for FY 2026 Financial Audit with Cloyd & Associates, PSC

**R.** Consider/Approve partial purchasing of HUDL system for the three county high schools

**S.** Consider/Approve to allow Betsy Layne High School girls softball to travel out of state to Dollywood (Amusement Park), Pigeon Forge Tennessee. The team will travel by Floyd County Transportation and will depart on the morning of May 23, 2026 and return on the night May 23, 2026

**T.** Consider/Approve out-of-state travel for Thursday June 4th to Soaky Mountain Water park and Pirate Voyage dinner show in Pigeon Forge, TN for the 8th grade trip, BLES

**U.** Consider/Approve out of state travel for the Floyd Central High School Girls Basketball team to travel to Daytona, Florida to compete in the Daytona Beach Sunshine Classic. The dates for this even are December 27-December 30

**V.** \*Consider/Approve a Capital Funds Request to use capital outlay funds and building funds for KISTA debit service and building insurances

**W.** \*Consider/Approve permission to advertise for bids for the district-wide intercom system

**X.** \*Consider/Approve the Technology Plan FY 2027-2028

**Y.** \*Consider/Retroactive approve Memorandum of Agreement between Signature Health Care-Riverview and Floyd County Board of Education for the Floyd County School of Innovation to utilize Signature Health Care-Riverview as their nursing home partnership for their Pre-Nursing pathway (Nurse Aide Program)

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

**8.** Adjournment

**Order #20872 - Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn the meeting, the time being 6:20 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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Secretary

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Board Chair