



# **JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of December 09, 2025**

Regular Business Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, December 09, 2025.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Corrie Shull

Vice-Chairman James Craig

Mr. Trevin Bass

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Mr. Taylor Everett

Ms. Tricia Lister

Ms. Gail Logan Strange

Ms. Logan Strange attended via Zoom.

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Superintendent Brian Yearwood, Ed.D.

Kevin Brown, General Counsel

Carolyn Callahan, Chief of Communications and Community Relations

This meeting was conducted via videoconference pursuant to KRS 61.823 and KRS 61.826. The primary location for this meeting and where all members could be seen and heard by the public was the VanHoose Education Center. Members of the Board were permitted to attend in person or via video teleconference pursuant to KRS 61.826. Members of the public were permitted to attend in person or watch the live stream of the meeting.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Shull called the December 09, 2025, Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6 p.m.

#### **I. Moment of Silence**

#### **II. The Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **A. Vision Statement**

#### **III. Recognitions and Resolutions**

**A.** Recognition of Bus Driver Donnice Harris for Making Sure a Student Could Enjoy Pajama Day at His School

**B.** Recognition of Ballard and Waggener Students for Placing at Nationals in Educators Rising

**C.** Recognition of the Three JCPS Students Who Were Selected for the Kentucky Department of Education 2025-26 Student Advisory Council

- D.** Recognition of Two Teachers Named as Finalists for the Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children’s Teacher of the Year
- E.** Recognition of Jacob Elementary School for Earning Three Best Practice Awards at the 2025 Continuous Improvement Summit
- F.** Recognition of duPont Manual High School Junior Ella Sizemore for Being the First JCPS Student to Win a Girls’ Regional Title in more than 20 Years
- G.** Recognition of Westport Middle School for Being Named a Unified Champion School
- H.** Recognition of 11 JCPS Elementary Schools for Earning Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Recognition from the Kentucky Department of Education
- I.** Recognition of Men Against Gun Violence, and its 28 members, for making Sure JCPS Students Feel Safe at their Bus Stops

**Order #2025-190 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education receive the December 9, 2025, Recognitions. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Trevin Bass and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

#### **IV. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda**

**Order #2025-191 - Motion Passed:** A motion to revise the agenda to remove and postpone the following Consent Items to the January 20, 2026, meeting:

X.Y. Approval of Relocating Georgia Chaffee TAPP to the Gheens Building and Relocating Waller-Williams Environmental School to the Current Georgia Chaffee TAPP Location;

X.Z. Approval of School Consolidation for King Elementary School and the Closure of Zachary Taylor Elementary School; and

X.AA. Approval of School Closures for Liberty Middle and High School;  
passed with a motion by Ms. Tricia Lister and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

**Order #2025-192 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve the revised agenda passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Taylor Everett.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

**Order #2025-193 - Motion Passed:** A motion was made to request that Superintendent Brian Yearwood provide to the Board additional and supplementary information regarding the rationale for Items X.Y, X.Z, and X.AA. The information should include how students who would be displaced from King, Zachary Taylor, and Liberty will be accommodated at the receiving schools to provide the same or enhanced services; how the relocations of TAPP and Waller Williams will meet or exceed the current physical plant square footage and amenities of the current locations of those schools; and how any renovations at the proposed new locations will be offset by any anticipated budgetary savings. The information should be delivered to the Board on or before December 23, 2025. The Board additionally requested that all cuts that will be proposed on January 20, 2026, be provided to the Board in detail on or before December 23, 2025. The motion passed with a motion by Mr. Trevin Bass and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

#### **V. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Order #2025-194 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025, meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Taylor Everett.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## **VI. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Dr. Yearwood presented the state accountability data, reporting proficiency gains across most subjects and a decrease of 12 schools in the lowest-rated category, though the District generally remains below state averages. He highlighted significant progress in closing achievement gaps, while identifying elementary literacy and attendance as critical areas for improvement. Dr. Yearwood concluded by committing to transparency and using the data as a guide to ensure future academic success for every student.

## **VII. Persons Requesting to Address the Board on Action Items or Consent Calendar Items to be Voted Upon Separately at Board Member Request**

Sandra Harris, a retired 48-year JCPS veteran and co-founder of Liberty High School, highlighted the school's historical success in serving students through a non-traditional model and urged the Board to preserve the program despite necessary fiscal and facility adjustments.

Penny Prates, a teacher at Norton Commons Elementary and a JCPS parent, urged the Board to reconsider the 9:40 a.m. start time, arguing that the late schedule conflicts with students' natural rhythms and leads to exhaustion, behavioral issues, and reduced learning capacity in the afternoon.

Beth Brown, owner of the STEM enrichment program Bricks for Kids, appealed to the Board to approve vendor contracts immediately, explaining that these programs for low-income students rely on federal funds that will expire unused at the end of February if the contracts remain unsigned.

Rick Hernandez urged the Board to review the information he provided regarding worker misclassification and to strictly enforce procurement policies, expressing concern that many contractors on District projects are from out of town, which prevents funds from circulating back into the local economy.

Chad Buntin, representing regional workers, cited a lack of safety and employment documentation at the W.E.B. DuBois Academy construction site as evidence of weak oversight and urged the Board to strengthen procurement policies to prevent worker misclassification and ensure fair competition for local contractors.

## **VIII. Action Items**

## **IX. Information Items**

## **X. Consent Calendar**

**A.** Report of Certified Leaves

**B.** Report of Personnel Actions

**C.** Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions

**1.** Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions – Operations

**D.** Recommendation of Approval of Field Trips Request and Receipt of Report of Field Trips Approved by the Superintendent

**E.** Recommendation for Approval of the Projects, Assignment of Architects/Engineers, and BG-1 Forms

**1.** Recommendation for Approval of the Project, Assignment of Architect/Engineer, and BG-1 Form for Gym Air Conditioning at Jeffersontown High School

- 2. Recommendation for Approval of the Project, Assignment of Architects/Engineers, and BG-1 Form for Gym Ceiling Replacement at Field Elementary School**
- F. Recommendation for Approval of BG-1 Form for Purchase of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Surplus Property on Dixie Highway**
- G. Recommendation for Approval of Bids and Revised BG-1 Forms**
  - 1. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Chiller Replacement at Iroquois HS**
  - 2. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Boiler and Chiller Replacement at Barret Traditional Middle School**
  - 3. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Chiller Replacement at Jeffersontown HS**
  - 4. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for New Middle School – West Louisville (Hudson MS) Bid Package II – New Building**
- H. Recommendation for Approval of Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Window Replacement at 3901 Atkinson Square Drive**
- I. Recommendation for Approval of Bid for 2025-2026 Asbestos and Lead Maintenance Contract at Various Schools**
- J. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completions and BG-4 Forms**
  - 1. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Career and Technical Education Program Renovations at Doss High School**
  - 2. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Career and Technical Education Program Renovations at Eastern High School**
  - 3. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Neighborhood Place Relocation at Thomas Jefferson Middle School**
- K. Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders**
- L. Recommendation for Approval of Competitive Negotiations, Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments**
- M. Recommendation for Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More**
- N. Acceptance of Summary of Professional Services Contracts**
- O. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer**
  - 1. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Invoices**
  - 2. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Purchase Orders**
  - 3. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Vouchers**
- P. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report for Period Ended September 30, 2025**
- Q. Acceptance of Quarterly Report of Investment Performance**
- R. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding**
  - 1. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants**
  - 2. Acceptance of Donation from the Fern Creek Alumni Association**
  - 3. Acceptance of Offer of Assistance from the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission Education Technology Funding Program**
  - 4. Acceptance of Grant Funding from the U.S.A. Chess Federation for Eisenhower Elementary School**
  - 5. Acceptance of Ready 4 K Grant and Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Metro United Way**
- S. Recommendation for Approval of Agreements**
  - 1. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Character Strong LLC**

2. Recommendation for Approval of Child Care Services Agreement with KCE Champions at Luhr Elementary
3. Recommendation for Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with Louisville Urban League
4. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Navigate 360
5. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with New Orleans Teleport, Inc., DBA CallsPlus
- ~~6. WITHDRAWN: Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Care Solace, Inc.~~
7. Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to Data Privacy Agreement with Hazel Health Inc.
8. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Louisville Metro Police Department
9. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Metro United Way
10. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Okolona Christian Church
- ~~11. WITHDRAWN: Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Public Consulting Group~~
12. Recommendation for Approval of District Assurance for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- ~~13. WITHDRAWN: Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with PowerSchool Group-United Home~~
- T. Recommendation for Approval to Purchase School Buses Through the Commonwealth of Kentucky Contract Price Procedure
- U. Recommendation for Review of Administrative Procedures
- V. Recommendation to Approve the JCPS 2026 Legislative Priorities
- W. Recommendation for Approval of 2025-2026 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan
- X. Adoption of the Attached Board Policies (Second Reading)
- ~~Y. POSTPONED: Recommendation for Approval of Relocating Georgia Chaffee TAPP to the Greens Building and Relocating Waller Williams Environmental School to the Current Georgia Chaffee TAPP Location~~
- ~~Z. POSTPONED: Recommendation for Approval of School Consolidation for King Elementary School and the Closure of Zachary Taylor Elementary School~~
- ~~AA. POSTPONED: Recommendation for Approval of School Closures for Liberty Middle and High School~~
- BB. Recommendation for Approval of Lease Agreement Between the Board of Education of Jefferson County, Kentucky and YUM! Brands, Inc.
- CC. Recommendation for Approval of BG-1 Form for Property Acquisition (by donation) for the KFC Corporation/YUM! Brands, Inc. Property
- DD. Recommendation for Approval of BG-1 Form for Property Disposition by Lease for the KFC Corporation/YUM! Brands, Inc. Property

**Order #2025-195 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education approve the November 9, 2025, Consent Calendar. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Taylor Everett and a second by Mr. Trevin Bass.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Absent

## XI. Board Planning Calendar

Mrs. Duncan requested future agenda items regarding:

- An update on the cell phone policy and enforcement.
- Start times for the next school year.

Mr. Craig requested that the Superintendent provide scheduling recommendations for these topics to Board leadership.

**Order #2025-196 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education receive the attached planning calendar outlining discussion agenda items. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Taylor Everett and a second by Ms. Tricia Lister.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Absent

## XII. Committee Reports

Mr. Everett provided an update regarding the JCPS Audit & Risk Management Advisory Committee (ARMAC) meeting held on October 29. He reported that the audit of the current books was completed successfully with positive results. Additionally, he noted that the accounting and finance professionals on the committee expressed strong confidence in the District's proposed plan to address the budget deficit. The next ARMAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 14 to discuss the upcoming budget.

Mr. Craig reported that the Revenue Advisory Task Force has been reviewing District funding sustainability, including the \$2.5 billion deferred maintenance challenge. While the consensus is that new revenue will be necessary in the future to modernize schools, the Task Force is not recommending a tax increase above the standard 4 percent prior to the January 2026 meeting.

## XIII. Board Reports

Mrs. Duncan commended the students and staff of the Youth Performing Arts School for their exceptional and professional production of *Cinderella*.

Mr. Bass recognized the hard work of families and staff across the entire system and within his specific district. He reflected on the positive impact of the District he has witnessed during his first term on the Board.

Ms. Logan Strange recognized DuPont Manual High School for being selected as one of only four high schools in the nation to host a forum with Meta regarding social media and student safety. She commended the students for lending their voices to this critical discussion.

**XIV. Persons Requesting to Address the Board (If Necessary)**

**XV. Executive Session (If Necessary)**

**XVI. Action Item (If Necessary)**

**XVII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**Order #2025-197 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the December 9, 2025, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 6:55 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Tricia Lister and a second by Mr. Trevin Bass.

Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	Yes
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Absent

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Dr. Corrie Shull  
Chairman

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Dr. Brian Yearwood  
Superintendent/Secretary

**THESE ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS, MAKE UP THE OFFICIAL MINUTES,  
WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**