



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of April 21, 2026

Regular Business Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

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

Mr. Bass attended the 5:00 p.m. special meeting in person and participated in the 6:00 p.m. business meeting via video teleconference.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Brian Yearwood, Ed.D.
Kevin Brown, General Counsel
Carolyn Callahan, Chief of Communications and Community Relations
Dr. Katy Deferrari, Chief of Staff
Cynthia Grohmann, Chief of Human Resources
Angela Hosch, Chief Academic Officer
Robert Moore, Chief of Schools
Thomas Aberli, Interim Chief Financial Officer

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.

SPECIAL MEETING

I. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Craig called the April 21, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:01 p.m. and made the following announcement:

“The Board will now conduct a closed session to have discussions regarding proposed and pending litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c). Public discussion of this matter and identification of the specific matter would disclose litigation strategy and have an adverse impact on the legal and financial interests of the District. Is there a motion to enter closed session?”

Chair Shull arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order.

II. Enter Closed Executive Session for Discussions Regarding Proposed and Pending Litigation Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c)

Order #2026-54 - Motion Passed: A motion to enter closed session to have discussions regarding proposed and pending litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) passed with a motion by Mr. Trevin Bass and a second by Ms. Gail Logan Strange.

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

III. Adjourn from Executive Session

The Board adjourned closed executive session at 6:15 p.m.

Order #2026-55 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from Executive Session and return to Open Session passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Ms. Gail Logan Strange.

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

Chair Shull made the following announcement:

“The Board of Education met in Executive Session to have discussions regarding proposed and pending litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c). Public discussion of this matter and identification of the specific matter would disclose litigation strategy and have an adverse impact on the legal and financial interests of the District. No action was taken while in closed session”

Mr. Bass was not present upon reconvening in open session; however, he joined the regular business meeting later via video teleconference.

IV. Possible Consideration of a Motion on Proposed and/or Pending Litigation

Order #2026-56 - Motion Passed: A motion to authorize Board counsel to proceed with the recommended legal resolution strategy outlined by counsel for the pending and proposed litigation matters identified in closed session and pursuant to counsel-recommended terms discussed in closed session passed with a motion by Ms. Tricia Lister and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes
Mr. Trevin Bass	Absent
Mr. Taylor Everett	No
Ms. Tricia Lister	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes

At 6:21 p.m., the special meeting was adjourned, and the Board proceeded directly into the regular business meeting.

V. Adjournment

Order #2026-57 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the April 21, 2026, special meeting at 6:21 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Ms. Gail Logan Strange.

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

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Shull called the April 21, 2026, Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:21 p.m.

I. Moment of Silence

II. The Pledge of Allegiance

A. Vision Statement

Ms. Logan Strange read the District vision statement.

III. Recognitions and Resolutions

A. Recognition of Norton Commons and Stopher Elementary Schools on Being Named Scholastic State Team Champions by the Kentucky Chess Association

B. Recognition of Robin Walker on Being Elected to Serve as SHAPE America President

C. Recognition of Valley High School Chess Team for Winning the US Chess National High School Championship (Under 800 Division)

D. Recognition of Pleasure Ridge Park High School Student Khilah Thruston on Earning the First College Scholarship Offer in PRP Flag Football Program History

E. Recognition of Greathouse/Shryock Traditional Elementary School for Being a District Leader in Social-Emotional Learning

F. Recognition of National Library Week April 19-25, 2026

G. Recognition of Julia Keeney and Rylan Cole for Winning an International Debate Tournament in Chengdu, China

H. Recognition of a JCPS School Bus Driver and Bus Monitor Who Went Above and Beyond to Celebrate a Student's Success

Order #2026-58 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education receive the recognitions for April 21, 2026. The recommendation passed with a motion by Ms. Gail Logan Strange and a second by Mr. Taylor Everett.

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

IV. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda

Order #2026-59 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Ms. Gail Logan Strange.

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

V. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Order #2026-60 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 31, 2026, Business Meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Taylor Everett.

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

VI. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Yearwood provided an update to the Board, emphasizing the importance of finishing the school year with academic and operational focus. He identified three foundational priorities for the District: the development of a strategic plan, the engagement of a search firm for a new Chief Financial Officer, and the implementation of a rigorous financial forecasting model. Dr. Yearwood stressed that achieving long-term stability and community trust requires disciplined investment in systems and expertise rather than relying solely on budget cuts. He concluded by reaffirming that all District decisions must be grounded in the best interests of the 94,000 students served, moving the District from crisis to stability.

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

There were no speakers at this time.

VIII. Action Items

IX. Information Items

A. Discussion of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (with ARMAC Update)

B. Budget Development Process and Central Office Structure and Makeup

Both Information Items were presented together. Chief of Staff Katy DeFerrari, Interim Chief Financial Officer Tom Aberli, and Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee (ARMAC) members Chair James Rose and Vice-Chair Rhonda Mitchell provided a joint presentation regarding the Tentative Budget and the Budget Development Process, which included an ARMAC update and an overview of the Central Office structure. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Everett inquired about the comparative data for Central Office staffing, specifically requesting the number of non-student-facing roles for the current year versus the projected figures. He noted that while internal data suggests Central Office spending is efficient compared to other districts, there is a significant "disconnect" between that view and the sentiment expressed by the public and past outside audits, which suggested Central Office is "too big." Mr. Everett stated he did not understand this recurring disconnect and sought clarity. Mr. Everett reiterated his request for a simple, easy-to-read Excel document/list of positions. He noted that the current organizational chart is difficult to navigate and argued that a clear list—detailing titles, divisions, and costs—would make it easier for the Board to evaluate requests when asked to approve new positions.

Ms. Lister requested further detail regarding the 59 percent of non-student-based roles, asking if a list of those specific jobs could be provided in the future. Additionally, she noted a "semantic point," advising that the Board and staff should be cautious regarding the use of the word "citizen."

Ms. Logan Strange commented on the complexity of the pay scale, noting the high number of steps within a single pay grade. She observed that from an industry perspective, such a structure raises questions regarding benchmarking and suggested that the resulting data "must be all over the place."

Mr. Craig sought to contextualize the Central Office staffing data. He questioned how the figures compare to other districts and noted that such contextualization is helpful for public understanding. Mr. Craig also addressed bookkeeper centralization. He clarified that school bookkeepers are being moved to the Central Office chart through attrition as positions become vacant. He confirmed that an updated organizational chart reflecting these changes would be presented in May. He then confirmed that the spreadsheet regarding positions discussed by the Board would be made publicly available. Mr. Craig expressed concern regarding wage compression and the District's ability to recruit top talent compared to other industries. He stated that current wages are insufficient to retain the workforce and asserted that a significant revenue increase will be necessary to pay employees what they deserve. He concluded by stating that school board candidates should be evaluated on their willingness to invest in the District's future and employee salaries.

Mrs. Duncan opened by questioning the status of the District's contingency fund. She noted that while the Board may approve a 4 percent tax increase, actual revenue growth has historically fluctuated between 1.5 percent and 6.6 percent, and she requested a clear explanation for this variance. Mrs. Duncan then expressed concern that the Board often lacks a complete picture of total expenses, which makes it difficult to determine when a new recommendation exceeds the established budget. She suggested developing a policy that would track the net impact of staffing changes. She stated that the constant revisions to organizational charts have made it difficult for the Board to process whether such changes are helpful and concluded by asking for suggestions on how to limit the frequency of these updates.

Mr. Everett inquired about the feasibility of receiving a report that compares actual expenses to the approved budget to better track current year spending. He expressed concern regarding the District's reliance on staff vacancies to balance the budget, questioning if this was an unavoidable practice. He asked for clarification on the use of carryover funds. Finally, Mr. Everett requested a report on projected cash and investments relative to payroll expenses to ensure the District's ongoing ability to meet its payroll obligations.

Ms. Logan Strange questioned whether the District could implement a time limit on school carryover funds rather than allowing schools to accumulate large sums of money indefinitely. She suggested that unless funds are earmarked for a specific project, they should be returned to the general fund if not utilized by a certain date, and she inquired if a policy currently exists for such a process. Additionally, she asked about the consistency of school-level financial reporting, specifically whether schools provide the Board with actual versus year-to-date spending reports for their operational budgets on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Mr. Craig inquired about the District's progress toward the \$132 million in targeted cuts. While Mr. Aberli deferred providing solid numbers until the Tentative Budget presentation, Mr. Craig noted his expectation that the upcoming report would demonstrate that the financial risks and concerns articulated in September 2025 had been resolved. Mr. Aberli responded by stating that while there is reason to be hopeful and a five-year forecast is being developed to return the District to the black, challenges remain, and the process may become "messier" before it is resolved. He emphasized that the goal is a forecast that maintains the legally required 2 percent contingency and ensure sufficient cash for payroll, even if utilizing a line of credit. Mr. Craig asked for clarification on whether other Kentucky districts utilize lines of credit and questioned if the District could continue its necessary operations without a revenue increase over the next two to three years. Dr. Yearwood responded that a revenue increase would be required at some point in time.

Order #2026-61 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education receive the attached budget highlights as Finance creates the Tentative Budget. The recommendation passed with a motion by Ms. Tricia Lister and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

Order #2026-62 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education receive information regarding the budget development process and Central Office structure and makeup. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

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

X. Consent Calendar

- A. Report of Certified Leaves**
- B. Report of Personnel Actions**
- C. Recommendation of Approval of Field Trips Request and Receipt of Report of Field Trips Approved by the Superintendent**
- D. Recommendation for Approval of Bids and Revised BG-1 Forms**
 - 1. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Alex R. Kennedy Elementary School**
 - 2. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Secure Vestibule at Fern Creek Elementary School**
 - 3. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Food Service Phase 44 at Various Schools**
- E. Recommendation for Approval of Bid for Paving Package at Various Schools**
- F. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Jeffersontown High School**
- G. Recommendation for Approval of Project Closeout and BG-5 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Trunnell Elementary School**
- H. Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders**
- I. Recommendation for Approval of Competitive Negotiations, Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments**
- J. Recommendation for Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More**
- K. Acceptance of Summary of Professional Services Contracts**
- L. 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**
- M. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report for Period Ended February 28, 2026**
- N. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding**
 - 1. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants**
 - 2. Acceptance of Donation from Northeast Christian Church of Jefferson County for New Auditorium seating at Barret Traditional Middle School**
 - 3. Acceptance of Offer of Assistance from the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission Education Technology Funding Program**
 - 4. Acceptance of Subgrant and Approval of Agreement with Catholic Charities of Louisville, Kentucky Office for Refugees**
 - 5. Acceptance of Funding from the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries**
- O. Recommendation for Approval of Agreements**
 - 1. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Canva USA Inc.**
 - 2. Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to Agreement with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless**
 - 3. Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to the Partner Agreement with Jefferson Community Technical College (JCTC)**
 - 4. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Vector Solutions**

- 5. Recommendation for Approval of Commercial Listing Contract Extension for the Property Disposal – Disposition (Sale) of Waller-Williams @ Riverport
- 6. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Volunteers of America Mid-States
- 7. Recommendation for Approval of Amended Memorandum of Agreement with JROTC
- 8. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with C.H.O.I.C.E., Inc. and Metro Police Department
- 9. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Bates Community Development Corporation (BATES CDC)
- P. Recommendation for Approval of the KDE National School Indirect Cost Form and KDE Intent to Participate in the Community Eligibility Program Form
- Q. Recommendation for Approval of Declaration for Emergency Teacher Certification for the 2026-27 School Year
- R. Recommendation for Approval of Declaration for One-Year Emergency Substitute Teacher Certification for the 2026-27 School Year
- S. Recommendation for Approval of the JCPS Phase Four Diagnostic Reports
- T. Recommendation of Approval of Turnaround Plans for Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools
- U. Recommendation to Reinstate School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council Authority at Eligible Schools
- V. Acceptance of Student Support and Behavior Intervention Handbook for the 2026-2027 School Year for First Reading
- W. Recommendation for Approval of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance Policy
- X. Recommendation for Approval of Notice of Reduction in Force
- Y. Recommendation to Adopt the Attached Board Policies (Second Reading)

Several consent items were pulled down for a separate vote.

Order #2026-63 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve the Consent Calendar, **excluding** items:

X.N.2. Acceptance of Donation from Northeast Christian Church of Jefferson County for New Auditorium seating at Barret Traditional Middle School;

X.O.7. Recommendation for Approval of Amended Memorandum of Agreement with JROTC;

X.X. Recommendation for Approval of Notice of Reduction in Force; and

Bid IDs 3171 and 3170 under consent item X.I. Recommendation for Approval of Competitive Negotiations, Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments; passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

X.N.2. Acceptance of Donation from Northeast Christian Church of Jefferson County for New Auditorium seating at Barret Traditional Middle School

Mr. Craig commended Northeast Christian Church for its consistent support of the District, noting that the Board has accepted donations from the organization nearly every month during his tenure.

Order #2026-64 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve the consent item: X.N.2. Acceptance of Donation from Northeast Christian Church of Jefferson County for New Auditorium seating at Barret Traditional Middle School; passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Taylor Everett.

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

X.O.7. Recommendation for Approval of Amended Memorandum of Agreement with JROTC

Ms. Lister initially requested to delay the approval of the amended MOA until the next month to allow the Board to review upcoming data regarding student retention and participation. She expressed concern that the program might not be meeting its contractual obligations and wanted to verify if the updated forms accurately addressed program expectations. Ms. Lister noted that she had access to data suggesting enrollment and retention issues, though she did not have the information with her during the meeting.

Chief of Schools Robert Moore and Chief Academic Officer Angela Hosch clarified that the amendment was a routine administrative update required by the Department of the Army to modernize their forms, rather than a change to the services provided. They emphasized that the JROTC program is a vital Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathway that provides students with post-secondary readiness (PSR) metrics.

Dr. Hosch and Mr. Moore cautioned that delaying approval would significantly disrupt the District's operations, as student scheduling, staffing, and budgeting for the upcoming school year were already in progress. They explained that pausing the agreement would create a "curveball" for hundreds of students already enrolled in the program, potentially derailing their multi-year progress. Ms. Lister stated that she was unaware the delay would cause such a systemic disruption and expressed frustration at being pressured to vote immediately to avoid "derailing everybody's lives." However, acknowledging the operational risks, she agreed to move forward with the understanding that discussions regarding the program's data and future would continue at a later date.

Order #2026-65 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve the consent item: X.O.7. Recommendation for Approval of Amended Memorandum of Agreement with JROTC; passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

X.X. Recommendation for Approval of Notice of Reduction in Force

Mr. Craig raised concerns about the unfamiliar item, stating he had never seen a similar vote during his time on the Board. He noted that the documentation, which listed more than 100 affected positions, was provided only 24 hours in advance. He sought to clarify what, specifically, the Board was being asked to approve.

In response to his inquiries, Chief of Human Resources Cynthia Grohmann apologized for the confusion and clarified that the Board was not being asked to authorize an immediate reduction in force, but rather to acknowledge a "notice of risk of impact." She explained that because the District is still reconciling the budget with human resources staffing allocations—a process not expected to conclude until mid-May—the administration wanted to provide full transparency regarding areas where layoffs or contract non-renewals might occur due to the District reorganization. She emphasized that the goal was to avoid surprises for the Board and to ensure legal and collective bargaining notification timelines were met while staff continued to place employees into available vacancies.

Mr. Craig asked if there was anything the Board could provide, beyond the previously discussed revenue increase, to help ensure that the District retains the employees.

Order #2026-66 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve the consent item: X.X. Recommendation for Approval of Notice of Reduction in Force; passed with a motion by Mr. Taylor Everett and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

BID ID 3173 (Competitive Negotiation for a Strategic Plan Development Consultant) located under consent item X.I.

Mr. Craig emphasized the critical nature of the District's strategic plan, noting that it will guide all future actions. He expressed concern regarding the selection of the recommended consultant, pointing out that other proposals were less expensive and appeared to come from organizations with more experience in this specific field. He noted that despite searching online, he was unable to find a completed strategic plan for any school district—urban or otherwise—conducted by this firm, finding only smaller-scale work in Cleveland and New York.

Furthermore, Mr. Craig raised concerns about the "fidelity of the group," noting that he had found information online that gave him pause regarding the firm's record. He questioned Dr. Yearwood and legal counsel Mr. Brown on whether the Board's "hands were tied" by the procurement process or if they had the subjective authority to reject a recommendation based on these concerns. Stating that he found the risk of potential litigation an unsatisfying reason to approve a consultant he lacked confidence in, Mr. Craig asked if the Superintendent would withdraw the recommendation for further exploration. Dr. Yearwood declined to withdraw the item, requesting that the Board vote on it that evening and stating that if it failed, the District would "go back to the drawing board."

Order #2026-67 - Motion Failed: A motion to approve BID ID 3173 (Competitive Negotiation for a Strategic Plan Development Consultant) located under consent item X.I. failed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. Trevin Bass.

Mr. James Craig	No
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes
Mr. Trevin Bass	Yes
Mr. Taylor Everett	No
Ms. Tricia Lister	Abstain
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Abstain

A question was raised regarding the impact of votes to abstain in the overall determination of whether the motion had passed. Board Policy 01.04 states, "a concurring vote of a majority of the full Board is necessary to take any particular action, unless otherwise specified by statute." While members of the Board who are present but abstain from voting are "considered as acquiescing with the majority," a majority of the full Board must first be obtained. In this case, with only 3 affirmative votes, no majority was obtained, and the motion failed. This was confirmed in real time through the KSBA eMeeting software when the votes were entered by the secretary.

BID ID 3170 (Competitive Negotiation for High-Quality Digital Instructional Resources for Students in K-12 Math and ELA/Literacy), located under consent item X.I.

Mr. Everett expressed concern regarding the high cost of the digital instructional resources and questioned the District's ability to hold vendors accountable for student outcomes.

Chief Academic Officer Angela Hosch clarified that the vote was to approve a list of eligible vendors that schools could choose to interact with, rather than a final purchase of all listed resources. She explained that a new "Return on Investment" (ROI) process is being implemented. Ms. Hosch noted that the requirement for actionable proof of student impact was included in the initial Request for Proposal (RFP).

Order #2026-68 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve BID ID 3170 (Competitive Negotiation for High-Quality Digital Instructional Resources for Students in K-12 Math and ELA/Literacy), located under consent item X.I. passed with a motion by Mr. Taylor Everett and a second by Ms. Gail Logan Strange.

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

TIE BID

The Tie Bid on BID ID #8533 - Item No. 200 - Locks & Misc Hardware was awarded to Lockmaster Inc.

XI. Board Planning Calendar

There was no discussion regarding the planning calendar.

Order #2026-69 - 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 Mr. James Craig.

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

XII. Committee Reports

There were no reports.

XIII. Board Reports

There were no reports.

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

Tawanda Owsley, a JCPS parent, requested greater transparency regarding the magnet school lottery criteria and the implementation of sibling preference to help families manage admission expectations and alleviate transportation-related hardships.

JCTA President Maddie Shepard discussed the contributions of several district-level educators—Shelley Westwood, Brandy Scott, Jennifer Romine, and Brooke Stone—highlighting their essential roles in advancing career and technical education, student apprenticeships, and post-secondary readiness within JCPS.

Ron Burrell expressed frustration with recent state legislation and JCPS’s lack of engagement with local vendors, urging the board to meet with him to discuss how his company’s "Smart School Dome" AI technology could address issues like budget shortfalls, truancy, and cell phone bans.

Nicole Brown shared her frustration regarding a high school's dismissal of allegations involving inappropriate sexual activity in her child's classroom and criticized the lack of available staff to address these concerns.

XV. Executive Session (If Necessary)

XVI. Action Item (If Necessary)

XVII. Adjournment

Order #2026-70 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the April 21, 2026, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 9:04 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Taylor Everett.

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

Dr. Corrie Shull
Chairman

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**