



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of June 09, 2026

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Brian Yearwood, Ed.D.

Kevin Brown, General Counsel

Carolyn Callahan, Chief of Communications and Community Relations

Angela Hosch, Chief Academic 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 June 9, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 4:36 p.m. and made the following announcement:

“The Board will now conduct a closed session for Preliminary and Formative Discussions Regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k) of the Open Meetings Act and KRS 156.557(6)(c) and Proposed and/or 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?”

Mr. Bass, Mrs. Duncan, and Chair Shull arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order.

II. Enter Closed Executive Session for Preliminary and Formative Discussions Regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k) of the Open Meetings Act and KRS 156.557(6)(c), and Proposed and/or Pending Litigation Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c)

Order #2026-83 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education enter a closed session for Preliminary and Formative Discussions Regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k) of the Open Meetings Act and KRS 156.557(6)(c), and Proposed and/or Pending Litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) passed with a motion by Ms. Gail Logan Strange and a second by Mr. Taylor Everett.

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

III. Adjourn from Executive Session

Order #2026-84 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from Executive Session and return to Open Session 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

The Board returned to open session at 6:15 p.m. and Chair Shull announced that no action was taken in closed session.

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

V. Adjournment

Order #2026-85 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the special meeting at 6:15 p.m. passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan 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

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Shull called the June 09, 2026, Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:15 p.m.

I. Moment of Silence

II. The Pledge of Allegiance

A. Vision Statement

Mr. Everett read the District vision statement.

III. Recognitions and Resolutions

- A. Recognition of JCPS Winners at the Kentucky World Language Association (KWLA) Expo
- B. Recognition of Mental Health Practitioners in Honor of Mental Health Awareness Month
- C. Recognition of Pathfinder School of Innovation Student Lana Shoemaker for Winning the Flocabulary Student Voice Rap Contest
- D. Recognition of Student Winners of the License to Vote Art Contest and Louisville Legacy America 250 Essay/Art Contest
- E. Recognition of JCPS Music Educator Cory Barnfield for Being Named a Quarterfinalist for the GRAMMY Music Educator Award
- F. Recognition of One Student and Nine JCPS Staff Members Who Were Named 2026 MSD Champions of Change
- G. Recognition of JCPS Teacher Jessica Ruddy on Being Awarded a James Madison Fellowship

Order #2026-86 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education receive the recognitions for June 9, 2026. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Ms. Tricia Lister.

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

IV. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda

Order #2026-87 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for June 9, 2026. The recommendation 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

V. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Order #2026-88 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Brian Yearwood recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of May 12, 2026, and May 19, 2026. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Taylor Everett and a second by Mr. Trevin Bass.

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 thanked the JCPS staff for their dedication to serving 95,000 students and wished them a restful summer. Looking ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, he outlined a vision to make JCPS a destination district centered on the motto "every student, every year." This mission focuses on three core priorities: academic excellence, student well-being, and organizational stewardship. Dr. Yearwood emphasized that the District will achieve these goals and rebuild community trust by actively engaging families, staff, and local partners.

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

Substitute teacher Rachel Bucio Grote criticized the District's decision to address debt by cutting a vital safety administrator position and replacing it with a lower-paying, split-campus role.

Dr. Mario Ranson, founder of the Solidarity Project, urged the Board to abandon a focus on standardized test scores and instead prioritize compassion and equity, warning that current policies and a rigid "test culture" disproportionately harms minority and multilingual students.

Joel Pagano urged the District to implement comprehensive, well-drilled safety policies that outline specific responsibilities for all school staff and students during an ICE intervention, warning that immigration enforcement is ramping up and threatening the District's status as a safe space.

Jerry Durbin opposed the decision to cut long-term substitute pay and bonuses, warning that reducing compensation for individuals who take on teaching responsibilities will worsen existing substitute shortages and disrupt classroom consistency.

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 – Academics
 - 2.** Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions – Business Services/Finance
 - 3.** Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions – Communications and Community Relations
 - 4.** Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions – Operations
 - 5.** Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions – Strategy and Innovation
 - ~~**6.** WITHDRAWN: Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions – Student Support & Community Engagement~~
- D.** Recommendation for Approval of Field Trip Requests and Receipt of Report of Field Trips Approved by the Superintendent
- E.** Recommendation for Approval of the Projects and Assignment of Architects/Engineers
 - 1.** Recommendation for Approval of the Project and Assignment of Architects/Engineers for Phase I HVAC Renovation at Louisville Male High School
 - 2.** Recommendation for Approval of the Project and Assignment of Architects/Engineers for New School Building at Westport Middle School
 - 3.** Recommendation for Approval of the Project and Assignment of Architects/Engineers for Phase I HVAC Renovation at McFerran Preparatory Academy
- F.** Recommendation for Approval of Revised BG-1 Forms for Issuance of Local School Bond
- G.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form
 - 1.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Western Middle School
 - 2.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Boiler and Chiller Replacement at Foster Traditional Academy
- H.** Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders
- I.** Recommendation for Approval of Lease Agreement/Land Swap Renewal with Louisville Metro Government
- J.** Recommendation for Approval of Draft District Facility Plan and Selection of Hearing Officer
- K.** Recommendation for Approval of Competitive Negotiations, Bid Tabulations, and Contract Renewals
- L.** Recommendation for Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More
- M.** Acceptance of Summary of Professional Services Contracts
- N.** 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
- O.** Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report for Period Ended April 30, 2026
- P.** Recommendation for Approval of Fidelity Bonds for Fiscal Year 2026-27
- Q.** Recommendation for Approval of General Liability and Educators Legal Liability Insurance Policy Renewal
- R.** Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding
 - 1.** Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
 - 2.** Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
 - 3.** Acceptance of Grant Award from the Community Foundation of Louisville for Grace M. James Academy of Excellence
 - 4.** Acceptance of Funding from the Easton Sports Development Foundation II
 - 5.** Acceptance of Funding from the Education and Workforce Cabinet, Adult Education
 - 6.** Acceptance of Project Lead the Way Grant for Johnson Traditional Middle School
 - 7.** Recommendation for Approval of Subaward Agreement and Letter of Commitment with the University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc.
- S.** Recommendation for Approval of Agreements
 - 1.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the American Institute for Research
 - 2.** Recommendation for Approval of Confidential Data Privacy Agreement with Intuit Inc.
 - 3.** Recommendation for Approval of Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding with the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation, Inc.
 - 4.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandums of Agreement with the Kentucky Department of Education for the Release of JCPS Employees
 - 5.** Recommendation for Approval of Grant Award Amendment with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services for AmeriCorps
 - 6.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Library World, Corp.
 - 7.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Mackin Education Resource
 - 8.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mattingly Edge
 - 9.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Louisville for the Cardinal Success Program
 - 10.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Visually Impaired Preschool Services
 - 11.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with CDW Amplified LLC
 - 12.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Renzulli Learning, LLC
 - 13.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Sharing Agreement with Teaching Strategies
 - 14.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Tobii Dynavox-LLC
 - 15.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Greater Louisville
 - 16.** Recommendation for Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with Evolve502 for Summer Learning
 - 17.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Data Sharing with Evolve502
 - 18.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Fund for the Arts
- T.** Recommendation for Approval of Nonresident Student Tuition Rates for Fiscal Year 2026-27

- U.** Recommendation for Approval of External Support/Booster Organizations
- V.** Recommendation for Approval of New and Revised School Fees for 2026-2027
- W.** Recommendation for Approval of Shortened School Day for One Exceptional Child Education Student
- X.** Recommendation for Approval of Turnaround Plans for Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools
- Y.** Recommendation for Approval of Payment In Lieu of Tax (PILOT) Agreement with Electrolux Professional

The Board pulled Agenda Item X.K (Recommendation for Approval of Competitive Negotiations, Bid Tabulations, and Contract Renewals) for separate discussion and action.

Order #2026-89 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve the Consent Calendar minus X.K *Recommendation for Approval of Competitive Negotiations, Bid Tabulations, and Contract Renewals* passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. Trevin Bass.

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.K Recommendation for Approval of Competitive Negotiations, Bid Tabulations, and Contract Renewals

(Bid ID: 3182 - Competitive Negotiation for Leadership Coaching for Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools)

Board members questioned the necessity, execution, and oversight of awarding the leadership coaching contract to two vendors.

Mr. Everett asked why two providers were needed for the same service, how schools would be designated between them, and whether this duplicative service increased costs. Chief Academic Officer Angela Hosch and Dr. Yearwood clarified that dual vendors provide the capacity needed to manage 68 underperforming schools, with Bailey Education Group focusing on foundational operational systems and SchoolKit specializing in instructional resource implementation. Mr. Everett questioned the brief seven day RFP timeline and asked if the District could utilize state resources instead of outsourcing. Dr. Yearwood confirmed the timeline met all legal parameters and explained that this contract is a necessary supplement to, and collaboration with, existing state recovery programs.

Mr. Craig questioned strategic alignment, vendor accountability, and potential conflicts of interest. Dr. Yearwood stated that this is a necessary intervention to jumpstart academic growth. Ms. Hosch noted that the contracts would run on a flexible, year-to-year basis driven by school-specific deliverables, while Dr. Yearwood denied any employee conflict of interest.

Mr. Bass asked how success would be measured and what the contingency plan would be if vendors failed to meet expectations. Ms. Hosch responded that the District is establishing metrics to track success.

Ms. Logan Strange questioned how the outside contractors would interact with the state's existing education recovery leaders. Ms. Hosch assured the Board that a coordination plan would be enacted.

Order #2026-90 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve Consent Item X.K *Recommendation for Approval of Competitive Negotiations, Bid Tabulations, and Contract Renewals* passed with a motion by Ms. Tricia Lister 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

XI. Board Planning Calendar

Mrs. Duncan requested a report by the end of June tracking the year-to-year number of emergency calls to schools, as well as the total number and specific nature of charges brought against students.

Order #2026-91 - 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. Trevin Bass 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

XII. Committee Reports

There were no reports.

XIII. Board Reports

Mr. Craig announced that this would be his last meeting on the Board of Education, resigning after eight years of service to pursue new personal and professional opportunities. He expressed deep gratitude to his colleagues, the staff, and the community, noting that serving on the Board has been one of the greatest honors of his life.

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 6:59 p.m.

Order #2026-92 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the June 9, 2026, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 6:59 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Trevin Bass 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

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**