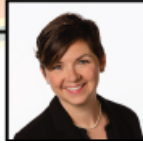




FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Board Meeting Buzz



## Fayette County Board of Education October 25, 2021

*As part of our commitment to providing timely, clear, and accurate information to students, staff, families, and community members, we are pleased to provide a recap of our monthly school board meetings.*

### WELCOME, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES, & STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Board Chairman Tyler Murphy welcomed members of the public attending the meeting at the John D. Price Administration Building, located at 450 Park Place, as well as those watching the board meeting online.

Additionally, he invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic loss of two members of the Fayette County Public Schools family since the September action meeting, Southern Elementary School paraeducator Deborah Phelps and Martin Luther King Jr. Academy night school student Alexis Jenkins.

He then introduced this month's teacher representative Brian Reynolds, a special education teacher at Booker T. Washington Elementary, student representative Elodie Pittard, a senior at Henry Clay High, and classified employee representative Joe Gibson, a supervisor for the Child Nutrition department.

Tonight's board meeting featured a [special performance from the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School Advanced Orchestra](#), directed by Rebecca Goff. Three dozen members are preparing to audition for the highly selective All-State Orchestra. Due to space limitations in the district's new central office, the performance from Paul Laurence Dunbar was recorded in advance of tonight's board meeting.



### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Demetrus Liggins introduced Elementary Schools Chief Lisa Smith to share an example of how schools are using data to drive improvement in student achievement. Brenda Cowan Elementary Principal Josh Williams and Brenda Cowan Elementary Fifth-Grade Teacher Alison Hawkins presented information about how professional learning communities are working at Brenda Cowan Elementary to review student data and respond instructionally. Smith said professional learning communities are in place at all elementary schools in the district. Middle School Chief Tracy Bruno and High School Chief James McMillin stated that teachers and administrators at the secondary level also use the practice. Liggins said districtwide student achievement data will be available at the end of the first semester.

### CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson shared the October



[construction highlights](#). He noted that the Bates Creek High School construction project is moving forward and 68% of the work is complete. The new school is slated to open in July of 2022. [Weekly construction updates](#) are available on the district website.

Thompson also noted that bids for the construction of the new middle school will be opened on Tuesday. The new middle school in the Hamburg area will open in the fall of 2023.

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## PUBLIC COMMENT

During the portion of the meeting for remarks by citizens, the following individual shared comments with the Board related to COVID-19 health guidelines and open records:

- Chris Gancio
- Alycia Dahmer

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## BOARD ACTION



**The board voted to:**

- Approve a [job description for Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services](#).
- Accept the resolution to extend the 2021-22 Thanksgiving Break to one week, changing Nov. 22-23, 2021 to paid holidays.
- Approve the purchase of 22 new school buses, as part of the 14-year replacement cycle.
- Approve contracts with Greene's Investigations, LLC for security ambassadors for Paul Laurence Dunbar High, Frederick Douglass High, Henry Clay High, and Bates Creek High.
- Approve contracts with SBSMC for security ambassadors for Bryan Station High, Lafayette High, STEAM Academy, Success Academy, and The Learning Center.
- Approve the request for a school-wide fundraising project for Winburn Middle.
- Approve the Revised 2021-2022 Salary Schedule.
- Accept the [Monthly Financial Report](#) for September.

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*The official minutes from October 25, 2021 will be posted within the agenda of the November 8, 2021 school board planning work session.*

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## WATCH A PREVIOUS MEETING

The school board's action meetings are televised live on the [FCPS YouTube channel](#) starting at 6 p.m. Meetings are archived through the [FCPS YouTube channel](#) and [Video on Demand service](#).

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