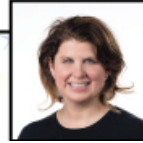




FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Buzz



Fayette County Board of Education January 24, 2022

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 REMEMBRANCES, RECOGNITIONS, & 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 six members of the Fayette County Public Schools family in the past month, including Debra Keyser, who was a special education teacher at Wellington Elementary School and her daughter Emma Keyser, who had worked in the afterschool program at Wellington Elementary, Kayla Jones, who was an afterschool program employee at Garden Springs Elementary School, Myra Hawley, an eighth grader at Leestown Middle School, Larry Perez Morales, a ninth grader at Tates Creek High School, and Jacques Campbell, who served as a night-time custodian at Clays Mill Elementary School. Our hearts remain with their families and all those touched by their passing.

Members of the community came together to thank members of the Fayette County Board of Education in celebration of National School Board Recognition Month. Speakers included

- Vice Mayor Steve Kay, who shared [a resolution](#) on behalf of Mayor Linda Gorton.
- Ray Daniels, immediate past board chair of Commerce Lexington, who himself is a former school board member.
- 16th District PTA President Susan Voglesong.
- Fayette County Education Association President Jessica Hiler.
- Barbara Priest, a paraeducator at Julius Marks Elementary School and secretary of the Fayette County Educational Support Professionals Association.
- Jeni Bolander, Henry Clay High School special education teacher and founding member of AFT 120.
- [Watch a video](#) developed by fourth and fifth graders in the Student Technology Leadership Program at Julius Marks Elementary School.

Tonight's board meeting also featured [a performance by Tates Creek High School Orchestra](#), under the direction of Ben McWhorter. The Advanced Orchestra performed Hidden Dimensions, which the composer describes as a musical exploration of the hidden dimensions of space and time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



Under the Superintendent's Report, board members heard presentations from:

- Carrie Boling, the Executive Director of the Fayette Education Foundation, Alan Stein, Immediate past chair of the Fayette Education Foundation Board of Directors, and Dr. Rodney Jackson, chair elect of the Fayette Education Foundation Board of Directors. The trio [shared information](#) giving board members background on the [Fayette Education Foundation](#) since it was relaunched in 2020 and the focus areas the Foundation intends to support.
- Acting Chief School Improvement Officer Carl Hayden, Associate Director of Assessment Literacy Brooke Stinson, Safe Schools Specialist and PBIS Coordinator Dedeeh Newbern, and Director of Pupil Personnel Steve Hill who shared [a report on first semester data for student assessments, discipline, and attendance](#).



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson shared the January [construction highlights](#). He noted that the Bates Creek High School construction project is moving forward and 79% of the work is complete. The new school is slated to open in July of 2022. [Weekly construction updates](#) on the Bates Creek High School project are available on the district website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

During the portion of the meeting for remarks by citizens, the following individuals shared comments with the Board related to existing health and safety precautions against COVID-19:

- Alycia Dahmer
- Leanne Sebourn
- Jillian Kyde
- Kristin Nelson

BOARD ACTION



The board voted to:

- Approve the Family Resource and Youth Services Centers School District Assurance Certification 2022-2024 to be submitted to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- Accept the offer of assistance from the School Facilities Construction Commission in the amount of \$355,149 to be used toward proposed construction or major renovation of facilities outlined in the approved District Facilities Plan.
- Accept the [Monthly Financial Report for December](#).
- Grant Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Demetrus Liggins authority under Senate Bill 25 to move students at the school, grade, classroom, or student group level from in-person to remote instruction due to significant absences of students or staff related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Members of the Fayette County Board of Education received an overview of the [Fayette County Public Schools Wellness Report Card](#), which describes nutrition programs and physical activity across the district. Board members also discussed possible changes to the 2022-23 Instructional Calendar, which will be revisited by the district's calendar

committee before coming back to the board for action. Possible changes include adding additional professional development days for staff and making fall break a full week, rather than two days as has been the past practice in Fayette County.

The official minutes from January 24, 2022 action meeting will be posted within the agenda of the next meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education.

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