

Boyd County Board of Education Regular Board Meeting

May 26, 2026 6:00 PM
14375 Lions Lane
Ashland, KY 41102

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Ms. Linda Day
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr
Mrs. Lisa Wallin
Mr. Michael Blankenship
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn

1. Call Meeting to Order

Discussion:
Time: 6:00pm

2. Pledge to the United States Flag

3. Reading of the Board Goals

"All students will be active self-motivated life-long learners."

"All students will graduate and demonstrate the skills and the knowledge to support productive citizenship."

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Order #00200 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr and a second by Ms. Cynthia VanHorn.

Ms. Linda Day	Yes
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr	Yes
Mrs. Lisa Wallin	Yes
Mr. Michael Blankenship	Yes
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn	Yes

5. Student/Staff Presentations/Recognitions

5.1. Superintendent Boblett and Assistant Superintendent Spade will recognize the BC Career and Technical Students Organization. Regional FBLA Winners:

Adrianna Luna 1st, Real Estate, Payton Jones 2nd, Hospitality and Event Management, Madelynn Pennington 2nd, Event Planning, Conner Davis 3rd, Business Management, Payton Moore 3rd, Intro to Retail and Merchandising. Regional Skills USA Winners:

Remington Johnson 1st, Advanced Carpentry, Blake Sexton 2nd Welding Beginner, Mason Moore 2nd Welding Fabrication, Sophia Chaney 2nd, Welding Sculpture, Darby Cole 3rd Welding Sculpture, Ian Branham 3rd Advanced Welding, Chris Tackett 3rd, Automotive.

Regional HOSA Winners:

Leslie Hunt 1st Medical Math, Anna Tague 1st Behavioral Administration, Reagan Willis 1st Behavioral Health, Mia Brandenburg 1st Dental Terminology, Brooke Ross 2nd Biomedical Equipment, Casie Porter 2nd Health Informatics, Josi Crank

2nd Nutrition, Hunter Evans 2nd Pathophysiology, McKenzie Bond 2nd World Health & Disparities, Gracey Slone 3rd Medical Law & Ethics, Cheyenne Burke 3rd Medical Terminology, Madison Jenkins 3rd Pharmacology,
Regional FFA Winner:

Lorelai Tennison 3rd Poultry Public Speaking

State HOSA Winners:

Kate Boblett 1st Personal Care, Larrin Wells 3rd Prepared Speaking, Mia Brandenburg Top 5, Dental Terminology.

Certificates were awarded to the recognitions.

5.2. Superintendent Boblett and Assistant Superintendent Spade will recognize Caden Cecil, Sandra Neace, and Tyler Withrow, for being selected for the "Be The Example" award. All the BTE folks were celebrated at a Reception before the board meeting tonight.

A reception was held before the BOE meeting honoring Be The Example Employees, after Certificates were presented at the Board Meeting.

6. Request to Address Board Chair - Per Board Policy 01.421 and KRS 160.270 (Public Comment)

Please keep in mind the Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns and comments. The board will not debate issues or enter into a question-and-answer dialogue. Under Board policy, your comments are limited to 3 minutes, the Superintendent will track the time.

We had one community member sign up to speak. The individual expressed some concerns, and spoke in the allotted time.

7. Dialogue

7.1. Bob Higginbotham, Director of Operations, Facilities, and Transportation - Transportation Update

Mr. Higginbotham spoke about transportation, where we stand at this point and how things have evolved. He stated we roughly have 1200 riders. He would like to get registration up and going for the start of the next school year. He spoke about possibly some incentives for drivers in the future, such as pay increases, sign on bonus, and referrals. Mr. Higginbotham spoke about the shortage that we have due to competitive pay at the surrounding districts, this has contributed to us losing some employees. He also spoke about cancelling routes, a solution has been discussed by not cancelling the same routes over and over, he spoke about adding older students on the bus with younger students. He stated no student is picked up before 6am and these routes the students are on the buses 10 to 15 minutes.

7.2. Monthly Budget Update Tiffany Brooks, District Finance Director

Beginning balance for the year \$ 1,456,872.53. Total GF revenue for the month of April was \$1,734,415.57 Total receipts for the year are \$22,706,153.85 or about 70.1% of what we are budgeted to receive. Expenditures for the month were \$1,940,662.49. Total expenditures for the year are \$20,601,545.66 or about 61.5%. Of the total expenditures for the year, 14.2 million has been spent by our schools. This includes payroll not just purchases. The next biggest expenditures are in our building & operations. It takes a lot of money to keep our buildings running. As of the end of April, we have spent approximately 3.4 million. This includes utilities, supplies, repairs, payroll for staff, etc.

7.3. Eliot Jacobs- Introduction BEA President

Mr. Jacobs, introduced himself as the Bea (Boyd County Education Association) President, he stated he was the Treasurer before being voted in as the President. He started off thanking the previous BEA President Traci Salyers, Superintendent Mr. Boblett and Assistant Superintendent Mr. Spade. Mr. Jacobs

expressed he and on behalf of the staff was thankful for the 1% pay increase. He stated his concerns about the step increases of the employees. He stated he would like the board to consider reinstating the increases. He stated for some it's a huge difference in their pay and he would like to see it back to the way it was in 23-24.

8. Reports/Communications

8.1. Safe Schools Report - Pete Fraley, Safe School Director

8.2. Transportation Report - Rebecca Yates, Transportation Administrative Secretary

8.3. Maintenance Report - Bob Higginbotham, Director of Operations, Facilities, and Transportation.

8.4. Student Attendance - Month - Dr. Marci Prater, Director of Pupil Personnel

8.5. Policies and Procedures for Review

8.5.1. Policies and Procedures for Review CHAPTER 10 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

10.2 Committee/Citizen Input;

10.3 Relationships with Community Organizations;

10.4 Advertising in the School;

10.5 Visitors to the Schools;

10.11 Access to Public Records

8.6. Follow-up

8.7. Board Member Follow-Up

9. Action Items

9.1. Approve Request from Lani Thacker, Food Service Manager, for Boyd County Public Schools to operate the Summer Food Service Program for 2026 as indicated; (See Attachment)

Order #00201 - Motion Passed: Consider approving Request from Lani Thacker, Food Service Manager, for Boyd County Public Schools to operate the Summer Food Service Program for 2026 as indicated passed with a motion by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr and a second by Mrs. Lisa Wallin.

Ms. Linda Day Yes

Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr Yes

Mrs. Lisa Wallin Yes

Mr. Michael Blankenship Yes

Ms. Cynthia VanHorn Yes

9.2. Review Superintendents recommendation to allow Boyd County Public Schools to use King's Daughters Medical Center for Work-Based Occupational Health Services. (See attachments)

Order #00202 - Motion Passed: Consider Superintendents recommendation to allow Boyd County Public Schools to use King's Daughters Medical Center for Work-Based Occupational Health Services. (See attachments) passed with a motion by Ms. Cynthia VanHorn and a second by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr.

Ms. Linda Day Yes

Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr Yes

Mrs. Lisa Wallin Yes

Mr. Michael Blankenship Yes

Ms. Cynthia VanHorn Yes

9.3. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Boyd County Public Schools and Mountain Comprehensive Care Center (MT. Comp) to provide school Based Services to students. (See attachments)

Order #00203 - Motion Passed: Consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Boyd County Public Schools and Mountain Comprehensive Care Center (MT. Comp) to provide school Based Services to students. (See attachments)

passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Blankenship and a second by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr.

Ms. Linda Day	Yes
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr	Yes
Mrs. Lisa Wallin	Yes
Mr. Michael Blankenship	Yes
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn	Yes

9.4. Approve Superintendent's recommendation to approve Cooperative Membership FY 2026-2027 with Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC) in the amount of \$6,005.20; (See Attachments)

Order #00204 - Motion Passed: Consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Boyd County Public Schools and Mountain Comprehensive Care Center (MT. Comp) to provide school Based Services to students. (See attachments) passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Blankenship and a second by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr.

Ms. Linda Day	Yes
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr	Yes
Mrs. Lisa Wallin	Yes
Mr. Michael Blankenship	Yes
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn	Yes

9.5. Approve Superintendent's recommendation to approve the renewal of the Bond of Treasurer for FY 2026-2027 Tiffany Brooks Director of Finance (See Attachment).

Order #00205 - Motion Passed: Consider approving Superintendent's recommendation to approve the renewal of the Bond of Treasurer for FY 2026-2027 Tiffany Brooks Director of Finance (See Attachment). passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Blankenship and a second by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr.

Ms. Linda Day	Yes
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr	Yes
Mrs. Lisa Wallin	Yes
Mr. Michael Blankenship	Yes
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn	Yes

9.6. Review Superintendent's recommendation to approve Tentative Budget for year 2026-2027 as presented by Tiffany Brooks, District Finance Officer; (See Attachments)

Order #00206 - Motion Passed: Consider Superintendent's recommendation to approve Tentative Budget for year 2026-2027 as presented by Tiffany Brooks, District Finance Officer; (See Attachments) passed with a motion by Ms. Cynthia VanHorn and a second by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr.

Ms. Linda Day	Yes
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr	Yes
Mrs. Lisa Wallin	Yes
Mr. Michael Blankenship	Yes
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn	Yes

9.7. Review Superintendent's recommendation to record the 06/30/2026 fund balances in accordance with GASB 54 per attached Memorandum. Funds 1, 21 and 25 will record Committed balances for SBDM Carry-forward totals and District Activity Fund Carry-forward totals. Funds 2, 310, 320, 360, 400, 51 and 52 will properly reflect the balance of restricted grant funds, amounts escrowed for SFCC and current construction projects debt service and proprietary funds. Funds 1, 2, 310, 320, 360, 51 and 52 will record Assigned balances for Encumbrances. The District Finance Director will determine the number of Assigned balances;

Order #00207 - Motion Passed: Consider Superintendent's recommendation to record the 06/30/2026 fund balances in accordance with GASB 54 per attached Memorandum. Funds 1, 21 and 25 will record Committed balances for SBDM Carry-forward totals and District Activity Fund Carry-forward totals. Funds 2, 310, 320, 360, 400, 51 and 52 will properly reflect the balance of restricted grant funds, amounts escrowed for SFCC and current construction projects debt service and proprietary funds. Funds 1, 2, 310, 320, 360, 51 and 52 will record Assigned balances for Encumbrances. The District Finance Director will determine the number of Assigned balances passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Blankenship and a second by Ms. Cynthia VanHorn.

Ms. Linda Day	Yes
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr	Yes
Mrs. Lisa Wallin	Yes
Mr. Michael Blankenship	Yes
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn	Yes

9.8. Review Superintendents recommendation to approve the license and services agreement from Subject Technologies, Inc. for BCC and BCHS. The price totaling \$15,000.

Order #00208 - Motion Passed: Consider Superintendents recommendation to approve the license and services agreement from Subject Technologies, Inc. for BCC and BCHS. The price totaling \$15,000. passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Blankenship and a second by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr.

Ms. Linda Day	Yes
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr	Yes
Mrs. Lisa Wallin	Yes
Mr. Michael Blankenship	Yes
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn	Yes

9.9. Approve Superintendent's recommendation to approve the District Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline booklet for the 2026-2027 school year; (See Attachment)

Order #00209 - Motion Passed: Consider Superintendent's recommendation to approve the District Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline booklet for the 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Lisa Wallin and a second by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr.

Ms. Linda Day	Yes
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr	Yes
Mrs. Lisa Wallin	Yes
Mr. Michael Blankenship	Yes
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn	Yes

9.10. Review Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Capital Funds Request for 2025-2026 as presented by Tiffany Brooks, District Finance Officer; (See Attachment)

Order #00210 - Motion Passed: Consider Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Capital Funds Request for 2025-2026 as presented by Tiffany Brooks, District Finance Officer; (See Attachment) passed with a motion by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr and a second by Ms. Cynthia VanHorn.

Ms. Linda Day	Yes
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr	Yes
Mrs. Lisa Wallin	Yes
Mr. Michael Blankenship	Yes
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn	Yes

9.11. Review and approve request from Bob Higginbotham, Maintenance Director, to accept and award the garbage collection service bid to Hart Sanitation, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year; (See Attachments)

Order #00211 - Motion Passed: Consider the request from Bob Higginbotham, Maintenance Director, to accept and award the garbage collection service bid to Hart Sanitation, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Lisa Wallin and a second by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr.

Ms. Linda Day	Yes
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr	Yes
Mrs. Lisa Wallin	Yes
Mr. Michael Blankenship	Yes
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn	Yes

10. Consent Items

Order #00212 - Motion Passed: Consider the request from Bob Higginbotham, Maintenance Director, to accept and award the garbage collection service bid to Hart Sanitation, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Lisa Wallin and a second by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr.

Ms. Linda Day	Yes
Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr	Yes
Mrs. Lisa Wallin	Yes
Mr. Michael Blankenship	Yes
Ms. Cynthia VanHorn	Yes

10.1. Consider Financial Report - Tiffany Brooks, District Finance Director

10.2. Consider Payment of Bills - Corey Withrow, Accounts Payable Director

10.3. Principals Combining Budget-Tiffany Brooks, District Finance Director

10.4. Consider Minutes of a regular board meeting of April 28, 2026, and a Special Board Meeting May 19, 2026.

10.5. Pursuant to Board Policy 02.423, Consider minutes of the School Based Decision-Making Councils as listed below:

Cannonsburg Elementary May 11, 2026 SBDM regular board meeting reports;

Summit Elementary May 11, 2026 SBDM regular board meeting reports;

Ponderosa Elementary School April 21, 2026 SBDM regular meeting reports;

Boyd County High School May 11, 2026 regular board meeting reports;

Catlettsburg Elementary School May 7, 2026 regular SBDM meeting reports;

Boyd County Middle School May 7, 2026 regular SBDM meeting reports;

Cannonsburg Elementary School SBDM special meeting reports May 18, 2026;

A copy of the minutes of each council meeting shall be forwarded by the Principal to the Superintendent who shall keep the Board informed of council actions.

10.6. Review and approve Buildings and Grounds Utilization Request from Paul Burchett, Eastern Elite Soccer Academy, to use the Boyd County High School Turf Field for tryouts June 8, 2026 and June 9, 2026 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm (See Attachments)

10.7. Consider a fundraiser request for BCHS PBIS to sell box lunches, All money will benefit the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support club (PBIS)

10.8. Review and approve School Activity Funds Principals' Combining Budgets for the 2026-2027 school year; (See Attachments)

10.9. Review request from Lani Thacker; Food Service Director to surplus food service equipment. Tilt mixer at Summit Elementary, Kolpak walk in freezer located at ECA.

10.10. Review and approve request from Boyd County Middle School to approve eighth grade students and sponsors to travel to Washington, D.C. April 27-29, 2027.

Travel by bus with Nations Classroom. This will allow parents to start a payment plan for the 2027 school year. (See Attachments)

11. Acknowledge Personnel Actions by Chairperson

12. Focus of Business/Topics for Next Meeting

12.1. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday June 16, 2026 @ 6pm BCHS

13. Adjourn

Time: 6:42 pm

Order #00213 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr and a second by Ms. Cynthia VanHorn.

Ms. Linda Day Yes

Mr. Randall Stapleton, Jr Yes

Mrs. Lisa Wallin Yes

Mr. Michael Blankenship Yes

Ms. Cynthia VanHorn Yes

Linda, Day Chairperson

William Boblett Jr., Superintendent