



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Buzz



Fayette County Board of Education June 27, 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 AND SPECIAL REMEMBRANCES

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.

Board Member Vice Chair Amy Green invited the audience to observe a moment of silence and asked everyone in our community to pause to acknowledge the tragic death of Ashton V. Brown, who had just completed his sophomore year at Bryan Station High School. Our hearts remain with his family, the Bryan Station High School community, and all those touched by his passing.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

Members of the Fayette County Board of Education unanimously voted to give the district's new leader high marks on his first annual evaluation Monday. Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Demetrus Liggins received scores of either exemplary or accomplished in nine different areas after just 11 months on the job.



"Our Board of Education team acknowledges both the accomplishments and progress Superintendent Demetrus Liggins has made in his first year in Fayette County Public Schools," said School Board Chairman Tyler Murphy. "The adoption of Dr. Liggins' 2021-2022 summative evaluation recognizes his skills, his efforts, and the collaborative, supportive culture he has established in his first year as superintendent."

Liggins credited others for the positive review.

"Although my name is on the evaluation, I cannot do this work alone," he said. "I want to thank the Team of Six for their support and for allowing my leadership team and I to be visionary, to dream big, to think outside of the box. The members of Team FCPS rolled up their sleeves and tackled every challenge that came their way this year – and there were certainly many. Our families entrusted us with not only the responsibility of educating their children, but also with their well-being, health, and care. Our students showed up every day despite the uncertainties they were facing and continued to give their best."

- [Read Fayette County Board of Education Chair Tyler Murphy's statement regarding the Board's adoption of Superintendent Liggins' 2021-2022 summative evaluation](#)
- [View the complete evaluation document approved by the board](#)



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson shared the June [construction highlights](#). He noted that the Bates Creek High School construction project is moving forward and 90% 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 individual shared comments with the Board related to a permanent facility for Rise STEM Academy for Girls:

- Selvi Jeyaraj
- Dana Kelley

BOARD ACTION



The board voted to:

- Amend its contract with the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department to ensure there is a full-time nurse at half of the district's elementary schools, and all secondary schools and programs for the 2022-23 school year. District officials have been increasing the number of full-time nurses each year so that beginning with the 2023-24 school year there will be a full-time nurse on every campus.
- Update its policies to reflect changes in state law.
- Accept a proposal from Compass Municipal Advisors to become the district's next fiscal agent.
- Approve a job description for an Integrated and Supported Employment Coordinator as part of a grant with the Kentucky Department of Education to provide enhanced services to support high-quality, age-appropriate, comprehensive post-secondary transition services for students with special needs.
- Revise the job description for the Director of Professional Learning.
- Name the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School softball field in honor of Mike Wainscott, an original staff member of the new Paul Laurence Dunbar High School who taught physical education and coached for 38 years in football and girls' softball. During his 15 years of coaching girls' softball, Dunbar won six district titles and a regional championship.
- Authorize contracts with:
 - Greene's Investigations to provide security ambassadors to staff the metal detectors at Frederick Douglass, Bates Creek, Paul Laurence Dunbar, and Henry Clay high schools.
 - SBSMC to provide security ambassadors to staff the metal detectors at The Learning Center, STEAM Academy, Bryan Station High School, and Lafayette High School.
 - Navigate 360 to provide social media monitoring.
 - Aperture Education to provide a social-emotional needs assessment that will help the district better support students.
 - Baptist Health Care Group to provide worker's compensation medical services and pre-employment physicals.
 - Underwriter's Safety and Claims TPA to be the third-party administrator for FCPS liability claims.
 - National Center on Education and the Economy to provide leadership development through the National Institute for School Leadership Program.
 - Strivven Media to provide a platform that will allow students to explore college and career options through virtual job shadowing.
 - Blackboard Inc. to provide the district website, app, and mass notification services.

- Declare 18 school buses that have exceeded their life cycle as surplus. The district will first allow community partners and other school districts to purchase the buses at fair market value and then post them on an internet auction.
- Accept the [Monthly Financial Report for May](#).

The official minutes from June 27, 2022 action meeting will be posted within the agenda of the next meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education.

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