

Kingsport City Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes June 9, 2026

The Kingsport City Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting was held on June 9, 2026, in the Administrative Support Center, Tennessee Room (3rd Floor) at 6:00 PM. The following Board of Education members were in attendance.

Dr. Brandon Fletcher (President):	Present
Todd Golden:	Present
Jamie Jackson:	Present
Dr. Phillip Marshall:	Absent
Melissa Woods (Vice President):	Present

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Brandon Fletcher, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance (KP Feldmann)

Kristopher (KP) Feldmann led the Board of Education and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He is a former Pre-K 4 student at Palmer Center and rising Kindergartner.

1.2. Additions to and/or Acceptance of the Agenda (Dr. Brandon Fletcher)

A motion was made by Melissa Woods and seconded by Jamie Jackson to accept the agenda, including the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion carried by a vote of Yea: 4, Nay: 0.

2. RECOGNITIONS

2.1. D-B EXCEL Students Named Tennessee STEM Innovation Network 2026 Statewide Design Challenge High School Winners

(Melissa Woods)

Board Vice President Melissa Woods recognized D-B EXCEL students Riley Cody, Aiden Shaver, and Gabe Williams for being the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network 2026 Statewide Design Challenge High School Level winners for their prototype and solution entitled "Filter Away... the Lu-SEAL Way." Teams had the flexibility to choose a specific environmental issue and determine the approach that best addresses it. Students researched, identified a problem, conducted a root cause analysis, defined the target audience or stakeholder group who will benefit from the solution, and developed a prototype of the solution using a variety of media.

2.2. Dobyns-Bennett High School Boys and Girls 4x800 Relay Teams Named TSSAA State Champions (Todd Golden)

Board Member Todd Golden recognized the Dobyns-Bennett High School Boys and Girls 4x800 relay teams for being named 2026 TSSAA Division I

Class AAA State Champions. The TSSAA Outdoor State Track & Field Championships were held in Knoxville on May 19–21. The girls team members were Carlee Cradic, Mattea Mazzilli, Tiesha Turner, and Gigi Venzon. It was the first girls relay state championship in school history. The boys team consisted of Dixon Armstrong, Drew Emmett, Lucas Minani, and Chad Williams. Their time was the second-fastest time at the State Meet, only surpassed by Dobyns-Bennett in 2024. This was the first time the same school has won both relays at the state meet. Bob Bingham is head coach of both teams.

- 2.3. Dobyns-Bennett High School Unified Boys Shot Put Team Named Unified Track & Field Boys TSSAA State Champions and All-State Finishers (Dr. Brandon Fletcher)

Board President Dr. Brandon Fletcher recognized Dobyns-Bennett High School students Hayden Dockery and Callan Burress for being named the Unified Track & Field Boys 2026 TSSAA State Champions and All-State Finishers in Boys Shot Put at the TSSAA State Track & Field Championships held recently at the University of Tennessee's Tom Black Track in Knoxville. The tandem's gold-medal performance helped propel the overall Dobyns-Bennett Unified team to a 4th place finish statewide, compiling 32 points and medaling across all seven events. Team coaches are Sarah Good (head coach) and Michael Holt.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1. Personnel Considerations (Jennifer Guthrie)
4.2. Approval of Minutes - May 12, 2026 BOE Regular Monthly Meeting (Dr. Brandon Fletcher)
4.3. Approval of Surplus Property (David Frye)

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 5.1. Approval to Purchase Student Transportation Software and Related Hardware from Tyler Technologies (David Frye)

David Frye, Chief Finance Officer, presented a recommendation to purchase student transportation software and related hardware from Tyler Technologies, using the Sourcewell cooperative agreement. The total cost for the first year is for an amount not to exceed \$103,655.00. Training and installation of hardware on buses is included within the quote. Funding will be from both FY26 and FY27 School General Purpose Funds.

This software empowers transportation operations for districts with integrated, essential tools for bus routing, boundary planning, and mapping. Advanced routing offers automation that simplifies student assignments while maintaining district routing rules, enhancing what is included in the

core program. The software is an integrated, trusted student transportation solution to ensure the safe transport of every student, peace of mind for parents, and efficiency for districts and contractors. The system will provide for real-time tracking of buses via GPS for the school district and give parents the opportunity to know the anticipated arrival time at their stop. It provides turn-by-turn directions following the exact assigned route, identifies students assigned to each stop, and can reroute as needed while following pre-determined safety protocols. The lifespan of the software is 7–10 years.

A motion was made by Jamie Jackson and seconded by Todd Golden to utilize Sourcewell contract #060624-TTI to purchase Student Transportation software and related hardware from Tyler Technologies, Inc. for a total first year cost not to exceed \$103,655.00. The motion carried by a vote of Yea: 4, Nay: 0.

5.2. Approval of Budget Amendment #1 for FY 2026-2027 (David Frye)

David Frye reviewed Budget Amendment #1 of FY 2026-2027 for Board consideration. The following recommendations were made for General Purpose School Funds.

Item One: TISA Revenue — It was recommended that the estimated revenue for TISA funds be increased by \$200,000.

Item Two: Custodial Pay Lane Increase — With the increase in TISA funds, it was recommended that the FY 2026-2027 budget be increased by \$200,000 to fund a pay grade increase for KCS custodians by one pay grade.

A motion was made by Todd Golden and seconded by Melissa Woods to approve Budget Amendment #1 for FY 2026-2027 as presented. The motion carried by a vote of Yea: 4, Nay: 0.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Policy Report (Dr. Andy True)

Dr. Andy True, Assistant Superintendent - Administration, presented revised Policy 5.611 - Ethics. With the implementation of a district-provided communications platform, procedures, and expectations are appropriate to ensure use and clarify Board expectations regarding district communication methods. The Board will consider approval of this policy on First Reading at the July meeting.

7. TIME AND DATES OF MEETINGS

Superintendent Dr. Chris Hampton congratulated the 13 state champions recognized during the first portion of the meeting. He noted the Board would be recognizing another state champion in July who was unable to attend this meeting. He reported the district is currently holding summer camps at five school locations, which was going very well. Staff was also busy with interviewing and hiring new employees. Dr. Hampton announced Dr. Kristen

Davenport has been named the new principal of Robinson Middle School. He noted the renovation project at Dobyns-Bennett High School got underway last week and was moving along well.

Melissa Woods expressed appreciation to all the people who made the pivot for Dobyns-Bennett graduation to be moved indoors. She thanks Dr. Brian Tate and D-B staff for doing a great job.

7.1. July 14, 2026 - BOE Regular Monthly Meeting (6:00 PM)

7.2. July 28, 2026 - BOE Work Session (6:00 PM)

7.3. August 11, 2026 - BOE Regular Monthly Meeting (6:00 PM)

7.4. August 25, 2026 - BOE Work Session (6:00 PM)

8. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.



Dr. Brandon Fletcher, Board President


Vivian L. Altizer, Board Secretary