

WEAKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Central Office

May 7, 2026

5:00 – 5:50 P.M.

Board Members:

Beau Atkins, Wendell Cates, Jeff Floyd, John Hatler, Gath Meeks, Joshua Moore & Steve Vantrease.
(Martin Hamlin & Doug Sims)

Administrative Staff Present:

Brian Allen, Tracey Bell, Scott Killebrew, Lee Lawrence, David Lewellen, John Lifsey, Melanie Needham, Patresa Rogers, Kris Bodwell, Eva Essary, Betsi Foster, Jon Gardner, Donald Ray High, Kandace Jackson, Krystle Smith & Terri Stephenson.

Media Present:

Weakley County Press & WCMT

Meeting Called To Order:

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order.

- I. Agenda Approved** – Motion by Atkins, seconded by Floyd to approve the May 7, 2026 agenda. Motion carried.
- II. Minutes Approved** – Motion by Hatler, seconded by Atkins to approve the April 2, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.
- III. Public Comment** – Chairman Moore opened the public comment period and explained the district policy for public comment & about the form that was supposed to be turned in before the board meeting, but was never received with that being said Chairman Moore did ask the board if they would allow the speakers the floor to speak even without the form & the board agreed. He explained they are allowed three minutes (per person) to address the board.
 - **Speaker 1: Coby & Kelsey Thomas (Parents)**
Summary: Mrs. Thomas expressed concerns regarding an alleged classroom incident that has been brought to the Weakley County Schools attention. Director Cupples did explain to Mrs. Thomas that when anything involves a student we can't discuss due to legal obligations.
- IV. Approve Board Policy 5.3021 Revisions (Paid Parental Leave)** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Atkins to approve Board Policy 5.3021 Revisions & to remove lines 25 & 26. Motion carried. 2nd Reading

- V. **Approve Board Policy 2.8041 Revisions (Travel Regulations)** – Motion by Hatler, seconded by Floyd to approve Board Policy 2.8041 Revisions. Motion carried. 1st Reading
- VI. **Approve Board Policy 3.206 Revisions (Community Use of School Facilities)** – Motion by Cates, seconded by Floyd to approve Board Policy 3.206 Revisions along with Chairman Moore’s recommendation that the board considers the wording of this policy as the 1st Reading & set up adhoc committee to meet before the special called meeting on May 21st for further discussion & will present the information at the next meeting. Adhoc committee members will be Chairman Moore, Jeff Floyd, John Hatler & Director Cupples recommended some of the principals to be present at the meeting. Motion carried. 1st Reading
- VII. **Volunteer Coach** – Motion by Cates, seconded by Meeks to approve the following volunteer coach. Motion carried.
Westview High School
Sheldon Dawson, football
- VIII. **Approve the Lifetime Wellness Textbook Adoption 2026-27SY-** Motion by Atkins, seconded by Meeks to approve the Lifetime Wellness Textbook Adoption 2026-27SY. Motion carried.
- IX. **Approve Technology Funding/Loan Approval** – Motion by Hatler, seconded by Atkns to approve Technology Funding/Loan Approval for future laptops. Motion carried.
- X. **Approve Grading Period converting from 6 to 9 weeks** – Motion by Cates, seconded by Hatler to approve Grading Period converting from 6 to 9 weeks. Motion by Hatler, seconded by Cates to table the original motion until the special called meeting on May 21, 2025. Hatler requested Director Cupples to send out a poll to all teachers & see what kind of input is received for this change. Motion carried.
- XI. **Committee Reports** – None given.
- XII. **Consent Items** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Meeks to approve the following consent items. Motion carried.
- A. Field Trips -
Dresden High School
1. FFA travel to Doyle, TN to attend Camp Clements June 1-5, 2026.
2. Girls’ basketball travel to Jonesboro, AR to attend basketball camp June 3-4, 2026.
Gleason School
1. Girls’ basketball travel to Waynesboro, TN to attend summer basketball camp at Wayne County High School May 31-June 3, 2026.
Greenfield School

1. Girls' HS basketball travel to Murfreesboro, TN to attend basketball team camp at MTSU June 9-11, 2026.
2. Girls' HS basketball travel to Lebanon, TN to attend basketball team camp June 18-20, 2026.

Westview High School

1. FBLA travel to San Antonio, TX to compete at National Leadership Convention June 28-July 3, 2026.
2. FFA travel to Doyle, TN to attend Camp Clements June 29-July 3, 2026.

Adjourn – Josh Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Joshua Moore, Chairman

Jeff Cupples, Director of Schools