



Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Kingsport City Schools Board of Education Work Session - 6:00 PM

Administrative Support Center, Tennessee Room (3rd Floor)
400 Clinchfield Street
Kingsport, TN 37660 Phone: (423) 378-2102

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **REPORTS**
 - 2.1. Quarterly Financial Report for 2nd Quarter FY 2025-2026 (David Frye)
 - 2.2. Policy Report (Dr. Andy True)
 - 2.3. Capital Project Update (Dr. Andy True)
 - 2.4. BOE Committee Reports (Dr. Brandon Fletcher)
 - 2.5. Superintendent Report (Dr. Chris Hampton)
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education
Dr. Chris Hampton, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: David J. Frye, Chief Finance Office DJF

DATE: March 31, 2026

SUBJECT: Second Quarter - FY 2025-2026 Financial Update

Attached to this memo are revenue and budget summaries for fiscal year 2025-2026, as of December 31, 2025. Overall, our expenditures are roughly at 42% of budget, which is in line for this time of year. I will elaborate on some specifics that you need to be aware of in the following:

REVENUE

State Revenues

- TISA Funds - The current estimate of TISA funds is \$49,644,600. The amount collected as of December 31, 2024, is \$25,274,140. This includes the Outcomes funding, in the amount of \$837,466. The final allocation was \$48,923,425. With the Outcomes payment included the total TISA funds collected will be \$49,760,891. This will exceed the estimate by \$116,291.
- Other State Funds – the funds in this account are for the teacher bonus funds.
- Paid Parental Leave – The estimate for Paid Parental Leave funds is \$225,000. As of December 31, 2025, there has been \$22,285 received. This amount is low due to the new reimbursement periods. We are requested funds three times a year instead of quarterly. The February reimbursement will be significantly higher and we should receive close to the annual estimate by the end of the year.

County Revenue

- Current Year Property Taxes: As of December 31, 2025, we have received \$5,619,658 in Current Year Property Taxes. As reported in the 1st quarter financial update, we potentially could be \$135,000 short in property taxes for the current year.
- Sales Tax: Through December we have received 51.2 % of the estimated amount for the year. This is \$204,736 more than this time last year. This represents a 2.6 % increase from the same time last year. At this time, I would estimate that our actual collections may exceed the estimated amount by the end of the year.

Charges for Services

- Tuition – Regular Students: We are currently collecting about \$29,000 per month in

tuition. As of December 31, 2025, the amount collected was \$146,014. With a total of \$145,000 collected over the next five months, that would bring the total for the year to approximately \$290,000, which will exceed our estimate of \$250,000.

- Early Childhood Fees: At this time, we have collected 44.3% of the anticipated revenues for the year. This is \$286 less than was collected at this time last year. The budget is 48.4% expended. Currently these programs have a combined deficit of \$44,695. The Washington program has a deficit of \$47,475 and the Adams program has a surplus of \$2,781.
- After-School Programs: At this time, we have collected 52.1 % of the estimated revenue for the year. The budget is 38.5% expended. As of December 31, there is a surplus of \$80,530.

Other Sources

Fund Balance Appropriation: As of December 31, 2025, there was a total of \$6,810,526 appropriated from the Unreserved Fund Balance. This amount consists of the following:

FY 2025 Unpaid Purchases Orders Carried Forward	\$1,132,126
Appropriation to Fund the FY 26 Budget	3,003,400
Washington HVAC Replacement Appropriation	2,675,000

The audited Unreserved Fund Balance at June 30, 2025, was \$13,680,235. After these appropriations the current Unreserved Fund Balance is \$6,869,709.

Also included with this update is a comparison of revenues as of December 31, 2024 and 2025. I do not have any specific comments about this spreadsheet, but would be glad to address any questions or concerns that you may have.

EXPENDITURES

At this time, I am not aware of any expenditures that are not occurring as budgeted.

SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND

The approved School Nutrition Services budget for FY 2026 includes a Fund Balance appropriation of \$670,000. There was \$59,500 budgeted for the one-time bonus and \$292,000 budgeted for capital outlay. This means that there was \$318,500 budgeted from Fund Balance to fund the operated budget for FY 2026.

I am pleased to report that as of December 31, 2025, that there is an operating surplus of \$56,193. This includes the bonus payment and also includes \$70,912 of capital expenditures. I have met with the SNS staff to review the current numbers, and it appears that we are on track to end the year with an operating surplus. I would caution that if we spend all of the capital budget, that we may likely end the year with a deficit. But this would be a result of one-time capital expenditures

and not the result of current year operations.

We are seeing increases in A La Carte sales and are also seeing increases in federal reimbursements. The increases in federal reimbursements are due to increases in participation. It appears that we may exceed our budgeted amount for food expenses, but this is due to the increase in participation. The growing pains that we experienced with the first year as a NETCO member have been resolved and we are now seeing the reduction of food costs as a result of the NETCO cooperative purchasing.

**KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS
DETAIL REVENUE ESTIMATES
FISCAL YEAR 2025- 2026**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2025-2026 ESTIMATED	2025-2026 ACTUAL	OVER (UNDER)
FEDERAL DIRECT FUNDS				
141-0000-336.76-40	ROTC REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 97,000	\$ 45,630	\$ (51,370)
TOTAL FEDERAL DIRECT FUNDS		\$ 97,000	\$ 45,630	\$ (51,370)
FEDERAL FUNDS THROUGH STATE:				
141-0000-337.71-43	EDUCATION OF HANDICAPPED ACT High Cost Funds	\$ 52,000	\$ 45,000	\$ (7,000)
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS THROUGH STATE		\$ 52,000	\$ 45,000	\$ (7,000)
STATE EDUCATION FUNDS:				
141-0000-338.61-75	ON-BEHALF CONTRIBUTION FOR OPEB	\$ 350,000	\$ 0	(350,000)
141-0000-338.65-10	TN INVESTMENT IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT April Estimate \$48,869,600 Includes \$775,000 in Outcomes Funding Received \$779,000 in FY 2025	49,644,600	25,274,141	\$ (24,370,459)
141-0000-338.65-90	OTHER STATE EDUCATION FUNDS State Teacher Bonus Funds - \$1,407,100	1,407,100	1,362,151	(44,949)
141-0000-338.65-96	PAID PARENTAL LEAVE	225,000	22,285	(202,715)
141-0000-338.66-10	CAREER LADDER	30,000	14,097	(15,903)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		\$ 51,656,700	\$ 26,672,674	\$ (24,634,026)
COUNTY REVENUE:				
141-0000-339.01-10	CURRENT PROPERTY TAX Includes a 2.5% increase is assessed value Includes a TIF Adjustment of (\$325,000)	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 5,619,658	\$ (9,380,342)
141-0000-339.01-20	TRUSTEE'S COLLECT/PR YR	450,000	331,466	(118,534)
141-0000-339.01-30	CIRCUIT CLK & MSTR/PR YR	250,000	18,997	(231,003)
141-0000-339.01-40	INTEREST AND PENALTY	175,000	38,284	(136,716)
141-0000-339.01-50	PICK UP TAXES	400,000	1,633	(398,367)
141-0000-339.02-10	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX Current Year Estimate \$15,050,000 FY 25 estimate is 3.0% above the FY 24 estimated actual amount.	15,600,000	7,990,558	(7,609,442)
141-0000-339.02-40	WHEEL TAX	14,000	9,026	(4,974)
141-0000-339.03-90	OTHER STATUTORY LOCAL TAX	75,000	2,300	(72,700)
TOTAL COUNTY REVENUE		\$ 31,964,000	\$ 14,011,922	\$ (17,952,078)

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DETAIL REVENUE ESTIMATES
FISCAL YEAR 2025- 2026**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2025-2026 ESTIMATED	2025-2026 ACTUAL	OVER (UNDER)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:				
141-0000-349.35-11	TUITION-REG DAY STUDENT	\$ 250,000	\$ 146,014	\$ (103,986)
141-0000-349.35-81	FEES - PALMER CENTER ECLC	0	0	0
141-0000-349.35-82	FEES - WASHINGTON ECLC	421,000	154,660	(266,340)
141-0000-349.35-83	FEES - WASHINGTON DAY CARE	193,800	119,328	(74,472)
141-0000-349.35-84	FEES - ADAMS DAY CARE	102,800	51,365	(51,435)
141-0000-349.35-85	FEES - ADAMS ECLC	450,600	231,225	(219,375)
141-0000-349.35-87	FEES - JOHNSON DAY CARE	104,300	38,125	(66,175)
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES		\$ 1,522,500	\$ 740,717	\$ (781,783)
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES:				
141-0000-361.10-00	EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 0	\$ 50,659	\$ 50,659
141-0000-369.41-20	LEASE/RENTALS	5,000	1,905	(3,095)
141-0000-369.41-46	ERATE FUNDING	760,000	287,577	(472,423)
141-0000-369.49-90	OTHER LOCAL REVENUE Includes \$20,000 for 1:1 fees Includes \$80,000 for miscellaneous	369,884	127,781	(242,103)
141-0000-369.49-91	ACTIVITIES PAYMENTS	80,000	37,852	(42,148)
TOTAL OTHER LOCAL REVENUES		\$ 1,214,884	\$ 505,774	\$ (709,110)
OTHER SOURCES:				
141-0000-392.01-00	FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 6,810,526	\$ 0	\$ (6,810,526)
141-0000-399.98-00	FEDERAL PROJECTS- INDIRECT COSTS	75,000	44,103	(30,897)
141-0000-399.98-10	CITY GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS	11,245,300	5,622,650	(5,622,650)
141-0000-399.98-11	CITY GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS - DEBT	4,441,400	831,436	(3,609,964)
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES		\$ 22,572,226	\$ 6,498,189	\$ (16,074,037)
TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE		\$ 109,079,310	\$ 48,519,906	\$ (60,209,404)

**KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS
DETAIL REVENUE
2024-2025 COMPARED TO 2025-2026
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2024-2025 ACTUAL	2025-2026 ACTUAL	OVER (UNDER)
FEDERAL DIRECT FUNDS				
141-0000-336.76-40	ROTC REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 32,240	\$ 45,630	\$ 13,390
TOTAL FEDERAL DIRECT FUNDS		\$ 32,240	\$ 45,630	\$ 13,390
FEDERAL FUNDS THROUGH STATE:				
141-0000-337.71-43	EDUCATION OF THE HANDICAPPED ACT	\$ 0	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
141-0000-337.75-90	OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	0	0	0
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS THROUGH STATE		\$ 0	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
STATE EDUCATION FUNDS:				
141-0000-338.65-11	TN INVESTMENT IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT	\$ 24,312,895	\$ 25,274,141	\$ 961,246
141-0000-338.65-90	OTHER STATE EDUCATION FUNDS	0	1,362,151	1,362,151
141-0000-338.65-96	PAID PARENTAL LEAVE	94,503	22,285	(72,218)
141-0000-338.66-10	CAREER LADDER	18,853	14,097	(4,756)
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		\$ 24,426,251	\$ 26,672,674	\$ 2,246,423
COUNTY REVENUE:				
141-0000-339.01-10	CURRENT PROPERTY TAX	\$ 6,567,477	\$ 5,619,658	\$ (947,819)
141-0000-339.01-20	TRUSTEE'S COLLECT/PR YR	273,420	331,466	58,046
141-0000-339.01-30	CIRCUIT CLK & MSTR/PR YR	82,981	18,997	(63,984)
141-0000-339.01-40	INTEREST AND PENALTY	56,572	38,284	(18,288)
141-0000-339.01-50	PICK UP TAXES	261	1,633	1,372
141-0000-339.02-10	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	7,785,822	7,990,558	204,736
141-0000-339.02-40	WHEEL TAX	8,229	9,026	797
141-0000-339.03-90	OTHER STATUTORY LOCAL TAX	2,432	2,300	(132)
TOTAL COUNTY REVENUE		\$ 14,777,194	\$ 14,011,922	\$ (765,272)

**KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS
DETAIL REVENUE
2024-2025 COMPARED TO 2025-2026
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	2024-2025 ACTUAL	2025-2026 ACTUAL	OVER (UNDER)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:				
141-0000-349.35-11	TUITION-REG DAY STUDENT	\$ 124,485	\$ 146,014	\$ 21,529
141-0000-349.35-81	FEES - PALMER CENTER ECLC	126,653	0	(126,653)
141-0000-349.35-82	FEES - WASHINGTON ECLC	187,263	154,660	(32,603)
141-0000-349.35-83	FEES - WASHINGTON DAY CARE	76,922	119,328	42,406
141-0000-349.35-84	FEES - ADAMS DAY CARE	42,936	51,365	8,429
141-0000-349.35-85	FEES - ADAMS ECLC	198,908	231,225	32,317
141-0000-349.35-87	FEES - JOHNSON DAY CARE	35,116	38,125	3,009
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES		\$ 792,283	\$ 740,717	\$ (51,566)
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES:				
141-0000-361.10-00	INTEREST EARNINGS	\$ 0	\$ 50,659	\$ 50,659
141-0000-369.41-20	LEASE/RENTALS	2,880	1,905	(975)
141-0000-369.41-46	ERATE FUNDING	-	287,577	287,577
141-0000-369.49-90	OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	311,548	127,781	(183,767)
141-0000-369.49-91	ACTIVITY PAYMENTS	42,091	37,852	(4,239)
TOTAL OTHER LOCAL REVENUES		\$ 356,519	\$ 505,774	\$ 149,255
OTHER SOURCES:				
141-0000-399.98-00	OPERATING TRANSFERS- INDIRECT COSTS	\$ 54,976	\$ 44,103	\$ (10,873)
141-0000-399.98-10	CITY GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS	5,622,650	5,622,650	0
141-0000-399.98-20	CITY GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS - DEBT	871,726	831,436	(40,290)
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES		\$ 6,549,352	\$ 6,498,189	\$ (51,163)
TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE		\$ 46,933,839	\$ 48,519,906	\$ 1,586,067

**KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS
BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2025- 2026**

SERIES	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 ACTUAL	UNDER/(OVER) BUDGET	PERCENT OBLIGATED
INSTRUCTION:				
REGULAR EDUCATION PROGRAM	\$ 49,081,797	\$ 21,334,388	\$ 27,747,409	43.47
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	8,511,600	3,622,161	4,889,439	42.56
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	2,254,668	918,739	1,335,929	40.75
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$ 59,848,065	\$ 25,875,288	\$ 33,972,777	43.23
SUPPORT SERVICES: STUDENTS:				
ATTENDANCE	\$ 110,200	\$ 46,037	\$ 64,163	41.78
HEALTH SERVICES	1,753,700	728,383	1,025,317	41.53
OTHER STUDENT SUPPORT	3,970,908	2,155,437	1,815,471	54.28
TOTAL STUDENT SUPPORT	\$ 5,834,808	\$ 2,929,857	\$ 2,904,951	50.21
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF:				
REGULAR EDUCATION PROGRAM	\$ 5,398,258	\$ 2,457,945	\$ 2,940,313	45.53
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	1,473,600	668,464	805,136	45.36
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	267,963	137,154	130,809	51.18
TECHNOLOGY	3,895,758	2,276,563	1,619,195	58.44
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF	\$ 11,035,579	\$ 5,540,126	\$ 5,495,453	50.20
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:				
BOARD OF EDUCATION SERVICES	\$ 1,314,500	\$ 509,285	\$ 805,215	38.74
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT	989,300	461,881	527,419	46.69
TOTAL GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,303,800	\$ 971,166	\$ 1,332,634	42.15

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FISCAL YEAR 2025- 2026**

SERIES	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 ACTUAL	UNDER/(OVER) BUDGET	PERCENT OBLIGATED
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:				
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	\$ 5,093,750	\$ 2,486,363	\$ 2,607,387	48.81
TOTAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 5,093,750	\$ 2,486,363	\$ 2,607,387	48.81
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:				
FISCAL SERVICES	\$ 715,400	\$ 351,260	\$ 364,140	49.10
HUMAN RESOURCES	517,118	248,809	268,309	48.11
TOTAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,232,518	\$ 600,069	\$ 632,449	48.69
OPERATION AND MAINT. OF PLANT:				
OPERATION OF PLANT	\$ 6,919,042	\$ 2,922,523	\$ 3,996,519	42.24
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	3,570,243	1,714,646	1,855,597	48.03
TOTAL OPERATION/MAINT OF PLANT	\$ 10,489,285	\$ 4,637,169	\$ 5,852,116	44.21
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION:				
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 3,040,600	\$ 1,450,668	\$ 1,589,932	47.71
TOTAL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION	\$ 3,040,600	\$ 1,450,668	\$ 1,589,932	47.71
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 39,030,340	\$ 18,615,418	\$ 20,414,922	47.69
OPERATION OF NON- INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES:				
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 1,269,328	\$ 605,663	\$ 663,665	47.72
TOTAL OPERATION OF NON- INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$ 1,269,328	\$ 605,663	\$ 663,665	47.72

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BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2025- 2026**

SERIES	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 ACTUAL	UNDER/(OVER) BUDGET	PERCENT OBLIGATED
CAPITAL OUTLAY:				
REGULAR CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>\$ 1,232,277</u>	<u>\$ 694,099</u>	<u>\$ 538,178</u>	56.33
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>\$ 1,232,277</u>	<u>\$ 694,099</u>	<u>\$ 538,178</u>	56.33
DEBT SERVICE:				
DEBT SERVICE	<u>\$ 4,819,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,104,765</u>	<u>\$ 3,714,535</u>	22.92
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>\$ 4,819,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,104,765</u>	<u>\$ 3,714,535</u>	22.92
OTHER USES:				
TRANSFERS	<u>\$ 2,880,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,746,537</u>	<u>\$ 133,463</u>	95.37
TOTAL OTHER USES	<u>\$ 2,880,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,746,537</u>	<u>\$ 133,463</u>	95.37
TOTAL-GENERAL PURPOSE	<u>\$ 109,079,310</u>	<u>\$ 49,641,770</u>	<u>\$ 59,437,540</u>	45.51

KINGSPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

For: Initial Review

March 31, 2026 - Board of Education Work Session

Policies considered for adoption on 1st Reading

REVISED POLICY – 1st Reading

1.404 – Public Communications at Board Meetings

On March 26, Governor Lee officially signed HB22/SB178 into law. As amended, this newly enacted legislation requires local governing bodies, including boards of education, to allow public comment “on any matter that is germane to the jurisdiction of the local governing body, regardless of whether such matter is an item on the agenda for the meeting.” This is in addition to the requirement that boards allow public comment “on matters that are germane to the items on the agenda for the meeting.” This legislation, which became effective upon the Governor's signature, does not change the ability to place reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on the public comment period. For example, limiting speakers to a specific amount of time or when the public comment period occurs during the board meeting are still permissible. To assist boards, TSBA has provided a sample model policy. The updated language adds a provision that clarifies public comments may include “matters that are germane to the school board’s jurisdiction.” Boards should follow the requirements outlined in the new law even if their current board policy has not been updated.

REVISED POLICY – 1st Reading

6.204 – Tuition Students

Per administrative request, a revision is requested to clarify the tuition discount provided to Kingsport City Schools or City of Kingsport employees, as well as how such discount relates to the parent/guardian’s Tennessee residency.

Kingsport City Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in September	Descriptor Term: Public Communications at Board Meetings	Descriptor Code: 1.404	Issued Date: 09/12/23
		Rescinds: 1.404	Issued: 06/13/23

All meetings of the Board of Education are open to the public, and each meeting's agenda is established approximately one week in advance of the meeting. ~~There shall be a public comment period for each meeting with actionable items on the agenda, with the exception of teacher disciplinary hearings.¹ Individuals may address the Board (1) on items printed on the agenda and (2) on non-agenda topics slated for consideration by advance request. The Board President shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who violates state law or does not adhere to Board rules.² The format of Board work sessions does not offer a forum for public communication, although the Board encourages the public to observe and consider the discussion that takes place at such sessions.~~

~~PRINTED AGENDA ITEMS~~

~~Members of the audience may speak to an item on the printed agenda when the President announces that the Board shall take up the topic Public Input on Agenda Items. Before addressing the Board, the speaker shall state his or her name; prior notification of intent to speak is not necessary.~~

~~NON-AGENDA REQUESTS~~

~~To address the Board on a non-agenda topic, individuals must submit a written request to the Superintendent of Schools at least three (3) business days before the regular meeting. The Superintendent and President (Executive Committee) may elect to add the topic to the agenda or consider it privately at another time and place.~~

~~PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD³~~

~~There shall be a public comment period for each meeting with actionable items on the agenda, with the exception of teacher disciplinary hearings.¹ Comments shall be limited to topics listed on the agenda and matters that are germane to the school board's jurisdiction. If an individual wishes to address the Board, he/she shall sign up on the form provided before the beginning of the Board meeting to request time to speak.~~

~~The Board President shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who violates state law or does not adhere to Board rules.²~~

~~For both agenda and non-agenda items, each~~ Each speaker's remarks shall be limited to three (3) minutes, with the public comment period lasting no more than thirty (30) minutes in total, unless the Board waives the limit(s) upon considering a request for extension made prior to the President's announcement of public input. All comments become a matter of public record. Comments regarding system personnel or personnel matters are not germane during public input. Speakers may not refer to students by name without permission from the parent or guardian.

1 The format of Board work sessions does not offer a forum for public communication, although the
2 Board encourages the public to observe and consider the discussion that takes place at such sessions.

3 In order to communicate with individual members of the Board, the public may obtain members'
4 contact information from the Office of the Superintendent or from the Kingsport City Schools'
5 website.

6 **REBROADCASTS OF BOARD MEETINGS**

7 Public communications that do not conform to the guidelines outlined in this policy, including naming
8 of students or personnel, may be edited/removed from rebroadcasts of the meeting.

Legal References

1. Public Acts of 2023, Chapter No. 300
2. TCA 39-17-306
3. TCA 8-44-112

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Monitoring: Review: Annually, in July	Descriptor Term: Appeals to and Appearances Before the Board	Descriptor Code: 1.404	Issued Date:
		Rescinds:	Issued:

APPEALS TO THE BOARD

Any matter relating to the operation of the school system may be appealed to the Board. However, the parties shall attempt to settle all matters at the lowest level of responsibility, and the Board shall not hear complaints or concerns which have not advanced through the proper administrative procedure. If all steps of the administrative procedure have been pursued and there is still a desire to appeal to the Board, the matter shall be referred in writing to the office of the Director of Schools, and the Board shall determine whether to hear the appeal.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD

Individuals speaking to the Board shall address remarks to the Chair and may direct questions to individual board members or staff members only upon approval of the Chair. Each person speaking shall state his/her name and subject of presentation [insert local requirements, if applicable]. The Chair shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who violates state law or does not adhere to board rules.¹

*Public Comment Period*²

There shall be a public comment period for each meeting with actionable items on the agenda, with the exception of teacher disciplinary hearings. Comments shall be limited to topics listed on the agenda and matters that are germane to the school board's jurisdiction. The total public comment period shall be for no more than [insert amount of time]. If an individual wishes to address the Board, he/she shall sign up on the form provided before the beginning of the board meeting to request time to speak. Each speaker shall be given no more than [insert amount of time]. Delegations shall select only one (1) individual to speak on their behalf unless otherwise determined by the Board.

Adding an Item to the Agenda (optional)

Individuals desiring to appear before the Board shall submit a written request with descriptive materials to the office of the Director of Schools [insert amount of time] before the meeting. If the request is approved by the executive committee, the item will be placed on the agenda. Individuals placed on the agenda will be recognized at the beginning of the meeting and given [insert amount of time] to speak when their item is addressed on the agenda. All requests submitted will be included in the board packet.

Legal References

1. [TCA 39-17-306](#)
2. [TCA 8-44-112](#)

Cross References

School Board Meetings 1.400
Public Hearings 1.401
Agendas 1.403
Discrimination/Harassment of Employees 5.500
Complaints and Grievances 5.501
Student Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-
bullying, and Intimidation 6.304
Student Concerns 6.305

Amendment No. 1 to HB0022

Crawford
Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 178

House Bill No. 22*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-44-112, is amended by designating subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and by adding the following as subdivision (a)(2):

(2)

(A) A local governing body shall, for each public meeting, reserve a period for public comment to provide the public with the opportunity to comment:

(i) On matters that are germane to the items on the agenda for the meeting; and

(ii) On any matter that is germane to the jurisdiction of the local governing body, regardless of whether such matter is an item on the agenda for the meeting.

(B) As used in this subdivision (a)(2), "local governing body" means the governing body of an incorporated city or town, county, metropolitan government, school district, regional authority, or other political subdivision of this state other than a state governmental agency or entity.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Kingsport City Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Tuition Students	Descriptor Code: 6.204	Issued Date: 11/12/19
		Rescinds: 6.204	Issued: 04/03/18

Parents or legal guardians who reside outside the boundaries of the Kingsport City Schools may make application to the Superintendent of Schools to enroll their child(ren) as tuition students.¹ The Superintendent or designee shall review each application by taking into consideration applicable law and the impact on the school system. Tuition students not guaranteed admission may be accepted if space is available.²

Parents or legal guardians must apply annually for their child's tuition status and tuition students shall be assigned to schools on an annual basis. The application and assignment of a student who has previously attended a school in the Kingsport City Schools shall be considered before new tuition applications and assignment to a particular school or grade. Applications must be received before the commencement of the academic year in accordance with the schedule published by the Superintendent. Applications for tuition status during an academic year may be approved on the condition that the applicant substantiates extenuating circumstances (such as a change of residence).

Any pupil seeking admission as a tuition student must, if enrolled at a school during the previous year, be eligible to re-enroll at that school without restriction. The criteria for admission to the Kingsport City Schools are: (a) space must be available, (b) appropriate programs must be available, (c) the student must have a good attendance and discipline record, (d) the student must have a satisfactory academic record, and (e) the student must be in good financial standing regarding payment of any owed KCS fees. Kingsport City Schools welcome tuition students and their families who are serious about their education and who wish to apply themselves in a positive manner. Tuition students who have attendance, disciplinary, or academic problems may be placed on probation, dismissed from school and/or may not be readmitted in the following school year. Students suspended or expelled from other school systems will not be admitted without prior approval by the Superintendent.

GUARANTEED ADMISSION

A student whose parent (1) teaches at a school within the Kingsport City Schools and (2) resides outside the System boundaries is guaranteed acceptance as a tuition student at the school at which the parent teaches (provided that the school represents an educationally appropriate placement). Applications under guaranteed admission are subject to all applicable regulations, requirements and procedures.

ADMISSIONS PRIORITY

The Superintendent shall grant first-priority status to tuition and out-of-zone applications for children of Kingsport City Schools' employees (and retirees) and City of Kingsport employees.

After placement of system and city employees' children, the priority order in which tuition (and out-of-zone) students will be admitted are as follows:

- Priority One: Out-of-zone students who were enrolled the previous year
- Priority Two: Siblings of currently enrolled out-of-zone students
- Priority Three: New out-of-zone students
- Priority Four: Tuition students who were enrolled the previous year
- Priority Five: Siblings of currently enrolled tuition students
- Priority Six: New tuition students

Should overcrowding occur after the opening of school, caused by in-zone children, students will be transferred out of the school in the reverse order based on date of admission.

FEES³

Fees shall be assessed for tuition students at a rate to be determined by the Board. Failure to pay tuition charges shall disqualify a student's application for the next year. The Superintendent may require pre-payment of fees for non-compliance with the payment schedule.

~~Kingsport City employees and City of Kingsport employees who live in Sullivan County and have tuition students in the school system will pay one-half (1/2) the tuition rate charged for Sullivan County residents. Kingsport City Schools employees and the City of Kingsport employees who live outside of Sullivan County and have tuition students in the school system will pay only the Sullivan County tuition rate regardless of the county of residence.⁴~~

~~Tennessee residents who are employed by Kingsport City Schools or the City of Kingsport and are parent(s)/guardian(s) of KCS tuition student(s) will pay one-half (1/2) the tuition rate charged for Tennessee residents. Non-Tennessee/Out-of-state residents who are employed by Kingsport City Schools or the City of Kingsport and are parent(s)/guardian(s) of KCS tuition student(s) will receive a tuition discount equal to one-half (1/2) the tuition rate charged for Tennessee residents.~~

The Superintendent is authorized to develop administrative procedures to waive tuition charges for a period, not to exceed two months, for circumstances that the Superintendent determines to be in the best interest of the student and/or school system.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Tuition students may participate in school activities (for which they are eligible) to the same extent as in-System students. Out-of-System students who are not enrolled in Kingsport City Schools but who intend to apply for enrollment as a tuition student may not participate in school-sponsored activities (including try-outs, spring/summer practice sessions, etc.). The Superintendent shall establish and manage procedures to pre-enroll such students whose applications have been approved.

TRANSPORTATION

KCS does not provide transportation to students who are accepted as tuition students.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-3104
2. TCA 49-1-104
3. TCA 49-6-3003
4. TCA 49-6-3113; TCA 49-6-3103

Cross References

Admission of Suspended/Expelled Students 6.318
Homeless Students 6.503
Students in Foster Care 6.505

Capital Projects Update



KCS Board of Education
March 31, 2026

Past, Current, and Upcoming Projects

- **Cora Cox Academy Secure Entry Upgrade**
- **Elementary School in Lynn Garden**
- **George Washington Elementary School HVAC Replacement**
- **Robinson Middle School Fire Alarm Replacement**
- **Dobyns-Bennett High School Renovations**



Capital Construction Projects

For over 100 years, the Kingsport community has positively supported the mission of Kingsport City Schools by ensuring children and adults have the highest quality environments in which to learn, teach, and operate. That focus continues today through strategic efforts to provide the resources necessary so that building and facility improvements are completed in a way the support the goals of KCS.

To better communicate the work being done to improve KCS facilities utilizing public funding, this website is intended to provide information describing capital projects throughout the district.

Current Capital Projects

Lynn Garden Elementary School - New School Construction



Washington Elementary School - HVAC Replacement



Cora Cox Secure Entry Upgrade

- **Reconfiguration of the Cora Cox Academy entrance to provide a secure double-layered entry vestibule.**
- **Contractor: Custom Building Group**
- **Architect: Cain Rash West Architects**
- **Update: Project Completed during Winter Break 2025**

Cora Cox Secure Entry Upgrade



Elementary School in Lynn Garden



Elementary School in Lynn Garden

- Construction of new elementary school in Lynn Garden community (on site of Lynn View Community Center)
- Contractor: TBD
- Architect: Thompson & Litton
- Update: Design of “Phase 2” currently ongoing (demolition, site work, utilities/infrastructure). Expected to go to bid late-June 2026. Expected work to begin September 2026 and conclude Summer 2027.

Elementary School in Lynn Garden

**Projected
Schedule:**

Phase 2
**(Demolition/
site infrastructure)**

Advertise for Bids	June 27, 2026
Pre-Bid Meeting	July 15, 2026
Open Bids	July 29, 2026
Present for BOE Approval	August 11, 2026
Present for BMA Approval	August 18, 2026
Pre-Construction Meeting	August 26, 2026
Notice to Proceed	September 1, 2026
Complete by:	July 2027

Elementary School in Lynn Garden

**Projected
Schedule:**

Phase 3
(School construction)

Advertise for Bids	June 2027
Pre-Bid Meeting	TBD
Open Bids	July 2027
Present for BOE Approval	August 2027
Present for BMA Approval	August 2027
Pre-Construction Meeting	TBD
Notice to Proceed	September 2027
Complete by:	May 31, 2029

Washington Elementary HVAC Replacement

- Replacement of HVAC units throughout Washington Elementary School. Replaces HVAC system, as it is approaching its end-of-life. Existing cooling tower to remain, as it has significant length of life remaining.
- Contractor: S.B. White Company, Inc.
- Architect: Holston Engineering
- Update: Initial work began during Winter Break. First HVAC units delivered during Spring Break. Work began in Learning Center F, now systematically moving throughout school. Majority of work to occur during Summer 2026.
 - Project on-track to be complete by start of 2026-27 school year.

Robinson Fire Alarm Replacement

- Replacement of fire alarm system throughout Robinson Middle School.
- Contractor: TBD
- Architect: Holston Engineering
- Update:
 - Design work complete
 - Currently out for bid
 - Bid advertised on March 14, 2026
 - Project expected to be complete by end of Summer 2026

Robinson Fire Alarm Replacement

Projected Schedule:

Advertise for Bids	March 14, 2026	
Pre-Bid Meeting	March 19, 2026	
Open Bids	April 8, 2026	
Present for BOE Approval	April 14, 2026	
Present for BMA Approval	N/A	
Pre-Construction Meeting	TBD	
Notice to Proceed	TBD	
Complete by:	July 24, 2026	

Dobyns-Bennett Renovations

- Renovation of interior areas of Dobyns-Bennett High School.
- Major scope of work items to include (proposed): Replacement of flooring; removal of lockers/installation of counter-height casework; painting; renovation of Annex pod; renovation of original office area; address fire doors.
- Contractor: TBD
- Architect: Thompson & Litton
- Update:
 - Design work ongoing
 - Bid structure to allow for financial flexibility
 - Will go out for bid mid-April
 - Project work to start in Summer 2026
 - End date TBD

Dobyns-Bennett Renovations

Projected Schedule:

Advertise for Bids	April 15, 2026
Pre-Bid Meeting	April 28, 2026
Open Bids	May 6, 2026
Present for BOE Approval	May 12, 2026
Present for BMA Approval	May 19, 2026
Pre-Construction Meeting	May 21, 2026
Notice to Proceed	TBD
Complete by:	TBD