

**September 4, 2014**

**Powell County District Facilities Plan Local Public Hearing Report**

On the evening of September 4, 2014 at 6:00pm, I, James D. Anderson Jr., as Hearing Officer, called the public hearing to order. At this time I also notified those in attendance that pursuant to 702 KAR 4:180 a school district shall develop a local District Facilities Plan once every four years in accordance with the schedule set by the Commissioner of Education and that was the purpose of this hearing to get public comment of the proposal.

Those present were also made aware that the Local Public Hearing was for the purpose of hearing and documenting testimony, while also making it known the role of the Hearing Officer is to document any written or oral comments in relation to the proposed facilities plan. Further it was stated that it was not within the purview of the Hearing Officer to sway public opinion or to comment on the proposed plan.

Prior to the review of the plan and comment section I also took the opportunity to clear up some rumors in regards to who would be responsible for redistricting should one of the proposed plans have the end results of requiring this action. The public was made aware that in the event, attendance boundary redistricting should be required, that I, in my role as Hearing Officer or as County Judge Executive, would not be responsible for setting the new boundaries and that responsibility would fall upon the Powell County School Board.

At this time those in attendance were presented a copy of the Powell County Schools District Facilities Plan. Also, a representative from Ross Tarrant Architects was on hand to go over the projects contained in the plan.

After completing the review portion of the meeting the floor was opened up for public comment. The following is a list of who spoke and their comments:

Miss. Melody Skidmore

Miss. Skidmore stated that she was not opposed to the construction of a new Stanton Elementary School if it was built to serve current district, but would be against if it was the starting point to try and consolidate Stanton and Bowen Elementary schools. She went on to further express opposition to any proposal that would lead to the potential closure of Bowen Elementary.

Mrs. Connie Nobles

Mrs. Nobles expressed much discontent and concern over the possible consolidation Bowen and Stanton Elementary. She further stated that she was not opposed to Stanton having a new facility but was not in support of any efforts to merge the two schools.

Mr. Jason Old

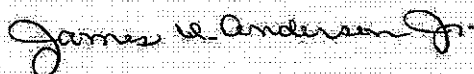
Mr. Old told those present that he felt in order for a project such as a new Stanton Elementary to become a reality that it would require the passage of a new tax. He felt that levying a new tax to benefit only one school would be hard to pass as well as unfair should it pass as many tax payers children would receive no benefit from that particular structure. He felt that if each child was getting the benefit of a new facility a new tax would be a lot more likely to pass. Mr. Old also expressed concern over how the School Boards bonding capacity was well lower than the projects on the Facility Plan.

Mr. John Brewer

Mr. Brewer expressed concern over the current conditions of the Stanton Elementary building. Mr. Brewer thought that the current model of three elementary schools was fine.

At the close of oral comments and with no written responses submitted I adjourned the meeting. The above is what I believe a fair representation of the hearing and comments made.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Anderson Jr.".

James D. Anderson Jr.

## DISTRICT FACILITY PLAN SUBMITTAL

The Powell County Board of Education submits the attached District Facility Plan for your review for compliance with the Kentucky Board of Education regulation 702 KAR 1:001.

The vote of the local board of education is as follows:

5 Number in favor

0 Number opposed

This plan is being submitted for review prior to:

Dec. the local state board public hearing

\* Eugene Sullivan  
Signature, Chairman of the Board

9-8-14  
Date

This section to be completed by the Local Planning Committee for initial submittal to the local board of education.

The Local Planning Committee has reviewed the proposed District Facility Plan and submitted it for review by the local board of education.

The vote of the Local Planning Committee is as follows:

9 Number in favor

0 Number opposed

1 abstention

Monica Jones  
Signature, Local Planning Committee Chairperson

9-8-14  
Date

Attach all narratives written by the Local Planning Committee or the local board of education, as applicable.