

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Special Board Meeting
(MINUTES)
May 8, 2015

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The Fayette County Board of Education met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, KY at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 08, 2015 with the following members present:

(1) John Price (2) Melissa Bacon; (3) Daryl Love and (4) Amanda Ferguson

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Pursuant to KRS Chapter 61, notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2015 the Chair of the Fayette County Board of Education called a special work session of the Board of Education for Friday, May 8, 2015, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, KY, Conference Room C. The purpose of the meeting is to review the rezoning recommendations from the redistricting committee.

John Price, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Deffendall, Ron Chi, Shelley Chatfield, Kyna Koch, Bob Joice, Jack Hayes

Alan Stein from the rezoning committee was also in attendance.

The board discussed the rezoning recommendations that were presented by the rezoning committee.

Amanda Ferguson is concerned because with all the changes, Henry Clay High School will still be overcrowded.

Melissa Bacon would like to discuss the redistricting with Scott and then get some input from Staff regarding the feeder patterns.

Alan Stein stated that the new high school and BSHS are in higher growth areas and these schools will increase their capacities more rapidly and dramatically than the other areas. Trends show that Tates Creek and Henry Clay will begin to decline in coming years. We are very close to capacity district wide.

Bob Joice stated that BSHS is at 98% capacity at 1,770 students. Proposed with be 1,524 Henry Clay has 2,395. The new zones would take the enrollment to 2124. Tates Creek High School is currently at 1,800 enrollment. Their enrollment would increase with the new plan. Tates Creek currently loses approximately 150 students each year to STEAM. Current Dunbar is 2160, proposed would put them at 2031. Lafayette High School is currently at 2060 and it would take them to 1,924.

Alan Stein stated in middle school the district is at 108% capacity. By the 2019-2020 school year, all schools in the district will be over 4% capacity.

Melissa Bacon stated that she's concerned with the inconsistency with the feeder patterns. She does not want to disrupt student groups or for students to be switched to go to a different school where they don't know anyone. Melissa is especially concerned with Hunting Hills, Jesse Clark to PLD-past man o' war and Harrodsburg Rd. Area 326 and 327 are currently at Jesse Clark they would go to Jesse Clark and Dunbar.

Bob Joice stated in the case of Hunting Hills, this is more an issue of change than a feeder pattern. It currently feeds into EJHayes and Henry Clay. This change will go to TCM and TCHS.

Melissa Bacon would like to have staff take a look at the feeder school patterns for the Hunting Hills area. She is concerned regarding making students move twice, especially if we place a new middle school in the future.

Daryl Love mentioned the seven pines area. Concerned regarding change from going to Glendover to Picadome. He stated there is a safety concern regarding crossing railroad tracks.

Alan Stein answered that it was more of a capacity issue. He stated he heard from most of the parents in the area and the committee decided that this is the best overall choice for this neighborhood. He stated that the committee wasn't overly convinced that there would be many walkers in that area that would cross the railroad tracks.

Melissa Bacon wants the group to look into area 429. This group wants to stay at TCMS.

Early Entry and Grandfathering

Marlene Helm asked the board if they will allow students in the 2015-2016 school year to let students enter into their newly assigned schools a year early.

Bob Joice stated that if all students were to go to their schools a year early, then this would be an issue with capacity.

John Price asked how to we handle the over request with students? He stated that we need some input from staff to see what their recommendations are.

Marlene Helm stated that we could come up with an early entry policy and then present that to the board for their approval.

Bob Joice stated that his office can draft up a proposal for the board on early entry and grandfathering.

John Price was wondering if there is a way the district could calculate how many of our incoming kindergartners have siblings that will eventually enter in Fayette County Schools and possibly come in under the grandfathering policy.

Amanda Ferguson asked if we should phase out the student continuation plan.

Marlene Helm stated that we will bring forward the information regarding the early entry plan to the board and then see how that would impact the continuation plan.

New Boundaries go into effect 2016-2017 for elementary schools and new middle/High for 2017-2018 school year

Bob Joice stated that his department was wondering why wait to make simple changes for so long.

Marlene Helm stated that she would like to see the board take the recommendations of the committee and the principals and follow the recommended timeline.

Spanish Immersion

Marlene Helm stated that all Spanish Immersion students will be grandfathered and will be allowed to stay in those schools and their siblings will be able to attend those schools as well.

Daryl Love stated that he didn't think that the grandfathering of siblings into these programs was a fair thing to do and he told the other board members that this needs to be looked into.

Marlene Helm stated that if the student who is in Spanish Immersion drops out of that program then the student and their sibling would go back to their districted school.

Daryl Love stated that we want to have a policy that ensures that students aren't being locked out of the program because we are out of space due to siblings being automatically put in the program.

Possible Board Meeting Dates and Times

Saturday May 9th 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.-Superintendent Search and Rezoning and possible closed session

Tuesday May 12th –Budget discussion and Section 7

Wednesday May 20th 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 pm, Rezoning if Scott is available, Budget or Code of Conduct

Friday May 22nd 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rezoning if Scott is available

Saturday May 23-7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Planning Meeting for Wednesday June 3rd at 5:30

Adjournment

A motion was made by Daryl Love and seconded by Amanda Ferguson to adjourn at 1:08 pm. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

CHAIR
John Price

SECRETARY & ACTING SUPERINTENDENT
Marlene Helm