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DISTRICT FACILITIES PLAN HEARING REPORT

A public hearing was held at the Harlan Independent Board of Education, 420 E. Central St. Harlan, KY 40831 on December 3rd, 2018, at 5:30 PM. The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Harlan Independent Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 12-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the new plan. Board Member Cindy Allison had to leave the meeting prior to the vote being taken to approve the DFP Hearing Report.

There was/were 12 individual(s) in attendance. Mr. Charles Morton, Superintendent, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. In attendance were Joe Meadors, Dr. Nunez, Will Miller, Monica Howard, Charles Morton, Tara Bryson, Kathleen Stacey, and Cindy Allison, Britt Lawson, Darlene Lemarr, Scott Parsons, and Barry Daulton was/were present.

COMMENTS

Mr. Charles Morton called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. All considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan which includes; major renovations to Harlan Elementary School and Harlan Middle High School. Renovations at the Elementary school include Major renovation to include: exterior canopies, exterior masonry remediation/EIFS finish, roof replacement (Auditorium), roof repairs (existing school), window replacement, exterior doors/hardware, plumbing upgrades, interior finishes (paint/floor), room signage, cafeteria renovation, kitchen renovation, auditorium/stage renovation, and gym renovation. Additionally it includes a cafeteria addition. At the Middle/High School it involves major renovation to include: site development, parking, earthwork, drainage, exterior canopies, roof repair, gym windows replacement, interior finishes (paint/floor), HVAC and electrical renovation, and room signage. Additionally, funding for a connector to the Elementary School is included. With regard to discretionary funds, the district facility plans outlines work to included field house with restrooms and concessions, elevated bleachers and pressbox, 8 lane

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track, resurfacing tennis courts as well as restrooms for tennis and softball fields. Re-grading and drainage as necessary for the football playing field.

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. Comments regarding the previous design/cost estimates/and bid for the Café renovation were mentioned. In relation to previous cost estimates it was noted that this plan and estimate were more in line with the funding potential for that space.

Discussion was also held regarding the size of the bleacher system and if the capacity of 1000 seats would be appropriate for a school with declining enrollment. Additionally, it was noted that the bleacher system, concessions, and bathroom spaces would serve football, track and field, and baseball.

Consideration for funding football related renovations at the expense of other primary projects, such as the café or academic spaces was noted.

A discussion around the number of sport activities a small single A school can offer was held. It was noted that a school our size should be proud of the many offerings we currently have in place, but a more focused set of offerings could become a consideration for the future.

A request for expenses related to football programs in general was made.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan as developed by the Harlan Independent School District Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Harlan Independent Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Harlan Independent School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Morton, Superintendent
PLC Hearing Officer