

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: District Facility Plan Amendment

Date: October 2019

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Finance Operations Management

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To approve the proposed amended District Facility Plan (DFP) for the Fayette County School District in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. 702 KAR 4:180, Section 1, states “The Kentucky Board of Education shall approve the District Facilities Plan submitted by the district upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Education.”

COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the proposed amended DFP for the Fayette County School District in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff certify that the amended plan is in compliance with 702 KAR 4:180 and the appropriate steps occurred as follows: (1) Local Planning Committee (LPC) selection process documented; (2) review of proposed DFPs for educational programs and curriculum, demographics, facility evaluations, adequacy of financial plan and adequacy of square footage; (3) public meetings and forums notification through news media; (4) local public hearing conducted with appointed hearing officer; and (5) plans submitted for KBE approval.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 157.420 (4), KRS 157.622, KRS 157.620, 702 KAR 4:180

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

The Fayette County School District is seeking to amend its current DFP approved in April 2017. In accordance with 702 KAR 4:180, Section 1, each district must develop a local DFP at the completion of a four-year cycle. 702 KAR 4:180, Section 2, requires that a DFP and requested amendments are developed in accordance with the standards and hearing procedures contained in the “Kentucky School Facilities Planning Manual.” Section 502 of the manual sets forth the amendment process, which requires: (1) LPC selection process documented; (2) review of proposed DFPs for educational programs and curriculum, demographics, facility evaluations, adequacy of financial plan and adequacy of square footage; (3) public meetings and forums notification through news media; (4) local public hearing conducted with appointed hearing officer; and (5) plans submitted for KBE approval. Section 502.9 states, “All amended DFPs shall be approved by the KBE. Once an amended DFP has been developed and approved by the LPC, reviewed by KDE staff, tentatively approved by the local board, reviewed in a

public hearing and finally approved by the local board following the hearing officer's report, it is submitted to the KBE for review."

Summary of Issue:

KDE staff certify that the amended plan presented is in compliance with 702 KAR 4:180; that the appropriate steps have occurred: (1) LPC selection process documented; (2) review of proposed district facility plans for educational programs and curriculum, demographics, facility evaluations, adequacy of financial plan and adequacy of square footage; (3) public meetings and forums notification through news media; (4) local public hearing conducted with appointed hearing officer; and (5) plans submitted for KBE approval.

The submitted amended DFP for Fayette County was recommended by the LPC and approved by the local board of education. Attached with the amended district's facility plan and hearing report are enrollment projections and enrollment histories with non-resident student data for the district.

Budget Impact:

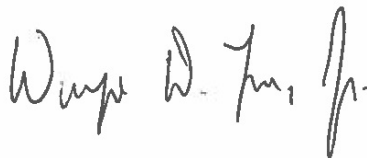
While there is no impact on KDE funds related to the approval of the amended DFP, the General Assembly historically has considered district facility needs in state appropriations, including the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) per-pupil Capital Outlay allotment, as well as offers of assistance outside the KDE budget through the School Facilities Funding Commission.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

A public forum and a local public hearing was held in the school district with no significant issues noted. The plan was approved by the local planning committee and district school board.

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