



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Work Session

May 04, 2020

Special Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held via Video
Teleconference on Tuesday, May 04, 2020, at 6 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairwoman Diane Porter

Mr. Chris Brady

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Mr. Corrie Shull

Vice-Chair Chris Kolb

Mr. James Craig

Mr. Joseph Marshall

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.

Cordelia Hardin, Chief Financial Officer

WORK SESSION: School Funding and Student Outcomes

This Work Session represented the culmination of the work of the Revenue Task Force. It addressed the relationship between school funding and how it is utilized with student outcomes; school funding challenges; revenue trends; comparisons of JCPS revenue and school funding with other Kentucky districts; and the benefits to the community of increased revenue to support public education.

I. Call to Order

Chair Porter called the May 04, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6 p.m.

In light of the Governor having declared a state of emergency within the Commonwealth on March 6, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and in compliance with guidance issued by the Executive Branch on March 12 and 16, 2020, regarding the conduct of meetings of state boards and commissions during the emergency period, this meeting was conducted by video-teleconference and available for live public viewing online.

The guidance from the Executive Branch provided that all Kentucky Boards and Commissions take proper health precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and accordingly, with respect to the public attendance at meetings of said bodies, states "members of the public will only be able to view video-teleconferenced meetings remotely."

II. School Funding and Student Outcomes

Dr. Pollio and Dr. Kolb presented the report detailing the District's need for additional funding to address critical facility, instructional, student support, and other program needs. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Brady questioned the lack of funding for transportation from state government since state statute requires 100 percent funding.

Mr. Craig acknowledged the need for additional funding and said that he will be voting in favor for increasing revenue and feels that there will be broad community support.

Mrs. Duncan expressed concern with the community's older demographic as well as the high rate of unemployment. She also questioned the impact on bonding capacity. She stated that she hopes to promote the cent approach rather than percent approach.

Dr. Kolb expressed concern with the negative effects on student learning if bonding capacity does not increase. He is worried about the future if they do not increase revenue now.

Mr. Marshall stated that now is the time for change. He questioned transportation funding and the effects of student assignment and bell time changes.

Mr. Shull stated that any community members who do not support this, do not support the children of this community, especially the most vulnerable.

Chair Porter thanked the Task Force for their work and echoed the comments regarding transportation. She stated that it is not about getting rid of the buses, it is about student safety. She stated that she supports increasing revenue and acknowledged that other school districts are doing the same.

Dr. Pollio announced that there will be one more opportunity at the May 12 meeting to discuss this before making a recommendation.

Dr. Kolb asked what the plan is for the ceiling rate that will be advertised starting tomorrow.

Dr. Pollio stated that the initial thought is for the ceiling to be the same as Fayette County but they wanted to get Board member feedback. Dr. Kolb recommended going higher than that while recognizing internally that it may end up much lower. He is worried about taking options off the table that they may want to consider.

Mr. Craig stated that he would like to promote the cents instead of the percentages since they paint a more accurate picture. He said that he agrees with Dr. Kolb on the recommendation.

Mrs. Duncan stated that she is more comfortable with the ceiling being the same as Fayette County.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Order #2020-50 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn at 7:07 passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

Diane Porter
Chairwoman

Dr. Martin A. Pollio
Superintendent/Secretary

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WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**