



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
March 19, 2020

- Agenda Item:** **VII.M. Recommendation for Approval to Request a Waiver from the Kentucky Board of Education Regarding the Construction of the New Elementary School at West Broadway**
- Recommendation:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends that the Board of Education grant approval to request a waiver from the Kentucky Board of Education for the following: 1. Reduction of the minimum requirement for an elementary school site 2. Share the existing YMCA gymnasium by reimbursing a portion of the construction cost and creating a shared-use agreement. 3. Oversize the cafeteria to allow for a space that can hold the entire student body for non-athletic functions. 4. To allow the art room to have a west exposure rather than the KDE required north exposure. 5. To allow additional administrative offices beyond the KDE Model Program in order to best serve the student population.
- Rationale:** KRS 156.160 (2) allows the Kentucky Board of Education to grant waivers to regulations when appropriate justification is submitted in writing.
- 702 KAR 4:050 Section 3 (1) requires a minimum of five (5) acres plus an additional acre for each 100 or fraction of 100 students of anticipated enrollment. The anticipated enrollment of the new elementary school is 650 students; therefore 12 acres are required per this regulation. The proposed site is 4.5 acres. It is unusual in that it is adjacent to a new YMCA facility. It is relatively flat, can be fully developed and will share parking and other features with the YMCA. Delivery areas, visitor parking, and separate bus and car lanes are accommodated on site as is the requirement for an outdoor physical education area equivalent in size and graded similar to a soccer field. Staff parking is provided. Additional parking is part of the YMCA site and car rider pick up stacking is provided on site and along adjacent road with signage in cooperation with Metro Louisville Public Works.
- 702 KAR 4:170 – Gymnasiums:
- A gymnasium will not be constructed as part of the new school. The YMCA has agreed to share their existing gymnasium. As part of the agreement, reimbursement up to one-half of the cost of a KDE standard elementary size gymnasium will be given to the YMCA.
- The current regulation requires bleacher seating for the entire student body for non-athletic functions and assemblies. The existing YMCA gymnasium does not have bleachers and does not have room to add bleachers, the new cafeteria will be sized to meet this requirement with chair seating.
- Art Room-Due to site constraints the art room cannot have a north window exposure. The windows will face west. Administrative Space-Additional administrative offices are required to serve the well-being of the student body which may impact the overall allowable area.
- Submitted by: Amy Dennes