

ELLIOTT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRCT FACILITIES PLAN HEARING REPORT*

Date of Report: March 23, 2020

A public hearing was held at the Elliott County High School Performing Arts Center on **March 11, 2020** at 5:30 (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Elliott County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 14 in favor and 0 opposed in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 3 in favor and 2 opposed to approve the new plan.

There were 34 individuals in attendance at the hearing exclusive of the hearing officer, superintendent and district finance officer. Jonathan C. Shaw, Elliott County Board Attorney, served as the locally appointed hearing officer. Individuals present are reflected on the attached sign in sheet.

COMMENTS

The district representative called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. 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 ; reorganization of existing school structure from: two preschool centers, three K-6 centers, and one 7-12 center to: one preschool-2 center, one 3-5 center, one 6-8 center, and one 9-12 center.

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement.

District Finance officer Kristen Salyers presented the attached information concerning distribution of teachers, funding and class size across the district. Information included current construction needs at facility, population analysis, enrollment decline, allocation information, proposed plan and summary of plan benefits.

The attached written statement of Janet Stinson with petition signed by approximately 162 individuals was read into the record.

The following individuals spoke:

- Roby Owens - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed.
- Tim Hutchinson - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed - allowed to speak multiple times.
- Dr. Gary Oliver - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed - allowed to speak multiple times

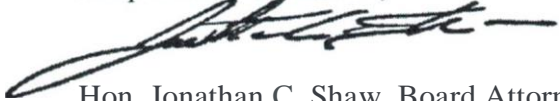
- Tom Owens - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed - allowed to speak multiple times.
- Valerie Campbell - State Representative White's spokesperson was allowed to speak multiple times.
- Kenneth Skaggs - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed.
- Janet Stinson - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed - allowed to speak multiple times.
- District Finance Officer Kristen Salyers - addressed audit issues raised.
- Reggie Dickerson - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed.
- Robin Griffith - spoke in favor of plan as proposed - allowed to speak multiple times.
- Sonya Adkins - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed.
- Tony Lewis - in favor.
- Susan Preston, Board Chair - clarification regarding board involvement in personnel decisions.
- Chris Dickerson , Magistrate - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed.
- Kris Skaggs - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed.
- Ashley Burke - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed.
- Jimmy Skaggs - spoke in opposition to plan as proposed.

All comments were video recorded and is attached to this report. Although requested to make comments within a three-minute allotment of time, time limits were not imposed, and members of the community were allowed to speak until no one had further comment. Many who were opposed had more questions more than comment - district representatives attempted to respond to the extent possible.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Given the approval of the local planning committee and majority of the board of education based upon documented recommendations and data it is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Elliott County Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Elliott County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Elliott County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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