

The Garrard County Board of Education met on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., at Camp Dick Robinson Elementary School, for a Community Facilities Public Form, Special Called Meeting.

Dr. Jerry Browning, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Comments: Dr. Jerry Browning
Mr. Michael McQueary
Mr. Kenneth Hurt
Dr. Connie Lamb
Mrs. Mary Davis

Public Comments: Patrick Alcorn
Bret Bairlein
Paul Purcell
Emma Lawrence (student)
Brandon Cooper
Erin Owens
Kristen Long
Lamont Hocker
Bob Brine

Attendees:

Board Members: Dr. Jerry Browning, Mr. Michael McQueary, Dr. Connie Lamb, Mr. Kenneth Hurt
Mrs. Mary Davis

Others From District: Kevin Stull, Laura Perry, Scott Bolin, Brad Abee , Lesley Lawson
Audrey Nichols, Michael Anderson, Chris Vance, Kristen Long, Bret Bairlein
Natalie King, Erin Owens, Lamont Hocker, Adam Hardwick, Brandon Cooper

Others/Public: Patrick Alcorn, Bob Brine, Paul Purcell, Michelle Lawrence, Emma Lawrence
Emma Lawrence, Josi Griffith, Adrian Griffith

Public Comments: If everything is completed on the list, bonding potential will not be an issue.
Revenue generation is needed by attracting companies to the community.
Negotiate the cost to get the best deals.
Any facility needs to be multi-purpose, student focused, enhance community engagement and fiscally responsible.
No interest is a new football facility
Possible gym: if built correctly could hit on all four facility needs (multipurpose most difficult) – Current gym is great; a new gym would not be able to be built to host region.
Possible track/soccer/band area: Addresses all four facility needs; addresses equity issues for track and soccer; revenue generator through competitions that have not been possible previously.

Possible indoor training: 120X60; addresses opportunities for all athletes
 Bounding capacity may never be better now with the low interest rates
 A track would be a great opportunity for all athletes; it can create team atmosphere that can't happen now since there is no track; a track would be something new, not something else we already have.
 Give the students something to be proud of; we could use a new gym and a track; we need water at baseball and softball fields; existing locker rooms in the current gym need to be remodeled; create an environment elementary students would be excited to look forward to.
 Turf field for track soccer, band; band competitions could raise funds
 Soccer field doesn't work for bank; a place to hold band competition would be a great way to raise money; band parents pay to watch bands compete
 Create an outdoor facility for basketball; upgrade WiFi in current locations; hard wire facilities if WiFi isn't available
 GMS restrooms need to be remodeled
 COVID has changed how facilities will need to be constructed; biological protection and efficiency don't go together; pay close attention to what you are purchasing when creating new facilities

- Dr. Browning: Shared information in the packets
 Appreciate the turnout and the information that was shared
- Mr. Hurt: Board wants to hear, wants to make the best decision for students
 Athletics is the best dropout prevention tool
 Perseverance is a key to all the conversations
 We should expect the best for our students and create the best for them
- Mr. McQueary: Bonding potential decreases as work is started
 Schools built 25 years ago need work
 Voters won't approve a new tax
- Dr. Lamb: Heard the need for upgraded WiFi; Locker room renovations; restroom renovations
 We know what we currently have and what may be coming so we need to organize a plan to address the needs
- Mrs. Davis: Appreciated out-of-the box thinking; connections to fine arts (band)
 Appreciated everyone who came; interested in the perspective of the community; talk with friends
 Appreciated the unselfish attitudes and the focus on students and the community

Kevin Stull: Answered questions regarding:
Remaining high school debt
Yearly debt payment

Brad Abee: Agreed the best method is always to negotiate for the best price

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At 7:25 p.m., Mr. Kenneth Hurt moved, seconded by Dr. Connie Lamb to adjourn. All members present voted aye, 5-0.