

March 16, 2021

LETCHER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRCT FACILITIES PLAN HEARING REPORT

A public hearing was held at the Letcher County Maintenance Building in the Lendell Smith Conference Room, on March 11, 2021, at 6:00p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Letcher County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 14-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the new plan.

There were no members of the public present at the hearing. Terry Sturgill, chairman of the LPC, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. We had four members of the LPC planning committee present in person and one member joined us virtually. The superintendent was accompanied by her husband.

COMMENTS

Terry Sturgill, the hearing officer 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. The plan recognizes and proposes to recommend renovations and new construction on the existing facilities which include:

Letcher County Central High School; West Whitesburg Elementary/Whitesburg Middle School; Letcher Elementary/Letcher Middle School; Fleming Neon Middle School; Arlie Boggs Elementary School; Cowan Elementary School; Martha Jane Potter Elementary School; Letcher County Alternative School; Letcher County Area Technology Center;

New Construction Priorities were listed for the following schools:
WWE/WMS; FN; CES; MJP

Major Renovations recommendations for the following schools at the approximate cost listed: WMS/WWE- \$11 Million; LE/ LM- \$14 million; FN- \$4.3 million; ABE -\$2.5 million; CES- \$7.75 million; MJP- \$5.1 million; AE- \$2.4 million; The primary focus is to update and improve security and safety at the schools. An attached Letcher County plan is attached with the recommendations and the estimated expense to perform these renovations.

Discretionary Projects:

LCCHS Athletic Complex; Soccer field /Track and access road, Soccer /Track restrooms and concessions/press box 1.4 million

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The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. There was no one present or virtually who desired to read a statement. No written statements were submitted to be read and added to the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Letcher County Public Schools Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Letcher County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Letcher County Public School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Sturgill, LPC Chairman

Reviewed by,

Hearing officer name and title

KDE Staff name and title

cc: Greg Dunbar, Manager of
District Facilities Branch
Planning File

Attachments: Public Hearing Agenda
Letcher Co. School District Facility Plan