

April 26, 2021

**MUHLENBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT FACILITIES PLAN HEARING REPORT***

A public hearing was held at the Muhlenberg County Board of Education Central Office on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. central time. The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Muhlenberg County Schools Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 11-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the new plan.

There was/were **(18) eighteen** individual(s) in attendance. D. Scott Noel, Vice President of Summit Architectural Services, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. Members of the District Administration and all (5) Board Members were present for the Public Hearing. There were (6) guests from the public in attendance.

COMMENTS

Hearing Officer, D. Scott Noel called the public hearing to order and 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;

1. Changing the Long Range Plan of School Organization to P-K-6, 7-8, 9-12.
2. School Centers would change to the following:
 - a. Muhlenberg High School West Campus would become a 9-12 countywide High School Center.
 - b. Muhlenberg High School – East Campus would become 7-8 countywide Middle School Center.
 - c. Muhlenberg County Career & Tech Center would remain a 9-12 Center.
 - d. Renaissance Center ALC would remain a 9-12 Center.
 - e. Muhlenberg North Middle would become a PS-6 Center, replacing Longest Elementary School.
 - f. Muhlenberg South Middle School would become Transitional and be become surplus.
 - g. Bremen Elementary would become a PS-6 Center.
 - h. Central City Elementary would become a PS-6 Center.
 - i. Greenville Elementary would become a PS-6 Center.
 - j. Longest Elementary would become Transitional and be replaced by the current North Middle School.
 - k. Muhlenberg County South Elementary will become a PS-6 Center.
3. Capital Construction Priorities No. 1
 - a. Priority 1b, 1. Muhlenberg County High School West Campus – Construct a new 4,700 s.f. Kitchen and renovate existing Kitchen Area into expanded Cafeteria Space to serve 1,250 students.

- b. Priority 1e, Life safety system upgrades to the following School Centers; Renaissance Center ALC, Greenville Elementary and Muhlenberg North Middle School. Upgrades are to comply with Senate Bill No. 1.
4. Capital Construction Priorities No. 2
- a. Priority 2c, 1: Central City Elementary (Excluding 2007 Addition/Renovation) Major Renovation to include; roof replacement, security upgrades, doors, hardware, interior finishes and accessories, electrical, plumbing, ADA accessibility. Renovate (2) double sized Resource Rooms and (1) Standard Classroom into (6) standard sized Resource Rooms. New construction consists of (1) FMD Suite and (1) Family Resource Area.
 - b. Priority 2c, 2: Renaissance Center ALC to receive a Major Renovation to include; Parking Asphalt Pavement, doors, hardware and windows, interior finishes and accessories, Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim, Roof Replacement (Excluding 2020 Partial Roof Replacement), HVAC & Controls replacement, electrical, plumbing, fire protection and annunciation systems, ADA accessibility.
 - c. Priority 2c, 3: Muhlenberg North Middle (to replace Longest Elementary) to receive a Major renovation of the 1950 Gymnasium to include; interior finishes and accessories, Fixed Athletic Equipment, ADA accessibility and install HVAC and controls in gymnasium (Currently no A/C).
 - d. Priority 2c, 4: Muhlenberg High School – West Campus to receive a Major renovation to include; HVAC System & controls (Excluding GESC Components and Gymnasium HVAC), power for technology, Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim, Roof Replacement (Excluding Gymnasium), Interior Renovation for Learning Academy Program to include; renovating existing media center into STEMM Academy Labs/Classrooms, Renovating existing Industrial Art, Agricultural, Labs into Fine Arts Academy Labs/Classrooms. Renovation to also include Interior Finishes, Ceilings, Floor Finishes, Emergency Electrical Generator, Windows, Interior & Exterior Doors and Hardware, Classroom Casework, Administrative Casework, Lockers, Fire Alarm, Security System, Exterior Pedestrian Walks and Paving. New Construction consists of (1) Youth Service Center, (1) Media Center and (2) Standard Classrooms.
 - e. Priority 2c, 5: Muhlenberg High School – East Campus (To become Muhlenberg County Middle School) to receive a Major renovation to include; HVAC System & controls (Excluding recent GESC Components and Gymnasium HVAC) , power for technology, Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim, Roof Replacement (Except Gymnasium), parking, subdivide (2) double sized Resource Rooms into (4) Resource Rooms and renovate Resource Room into Self-Contained Classroom. Renovation to also include Interior Finishes, Ceilings, Floor Finishes, Emergency Electrical Generator, Windows, Interior & Exterior Doors and Hardware, Classroom Casework, Administrative Casework, Media Center Furnishings/Casework, Lockers, Gymnasium Fixed Equipment, Fire Alarm, Security System, Exterior Pedestrian Walks and Paving and Asphalt Paving.
 - f. Priority 2c, 6: Greenville Elementary to receive a Major renovation to Include Roof Replacement, HVAC System and Controls (Excluding components from recent GESC) and Fire Alarm System.
5. Capital Construction Priorities No. 4
- a. Priority 4, 1: Central Office to receive a Major Renovation to include; roof replacement, doors, hardware, interior finishes and accessories, HVAC System and Controls (Excluding Components from recent GESC), electrical, plumbing fixtures, fire protection and annunciation systems, Restroom Renovation for ADA accessibility. New Construction consists of (1) School Board Meeting Room Addition.

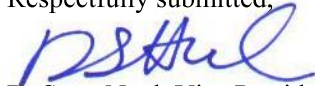
- b. Priority 4, 2: Central Bus Garage to receive a Major Renovation to include; Installation of vehicle exhaust evacuation system, renovate existing space to meet ADA requirements, Fire Alarm System, HVAC System and Controls, Roof Replacement, Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim, Exterior Doors and Hardware, Asphalt Paving and Security Fencing.
- 6. District Need – All projects listed above bring the District Facility Need to \$46,041,003.00.
- 7. Discretionary Construction – Priorities No. 5 (No use of Restricted Funds)
 - a. Priority 5, 1: Muhlenberg High School – West Campus to construct (1) Natatorium, (1) Auxiliary Gymnasium
 - b. Priority 5, 2: Muhlenberg High School – East Campus (To become Muhlenberg County Middle School) to upgrade existing athletic fields (lighting, irrigation, fencing, bleachers, etc.) for soccer, softball (Title IX), band, baseball and football practice areas.
 - c. Priority 5, 3: Greenville Elementary School to construct (4) new standard classrooms and (1) storage building.

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. There was (1) guest, Trent Wolfe offered testimony/question as to see when the Local School Board would implement this new plan. Guest noted that his children were only one year apart and it would be a benefit for the County to have (1) 9-12 High School. All those present were recorded on attached sign-in sheet.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Public Hearing Agenda
Planning File

Attachments: Muhlenberg County School District Facility Plan

*This document is presented to KDE as submitted by the district-appointed hearing officer.