



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Executive Summary
Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting
Agenda Item**

MEETING: Regular

DATE: July 26, 2021

TOPIC: Approval of Five (5) Waiver Requests of 702 KAR 4:180 Related to Computer Classrooms, Administrative Area, Total Square Footage, Efficiency Factor, and Band/Orchestra Storage for the Construction of the New Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard BG# 21-176

PREPARED BY: Myron Thompson, Chief Operating Officer @ 381-4165

Recommended Action on: 7/26/2021
Consent Item

Superintendent Prior Approval: No

Recommendation/Motion: Approve the five (5) waiver requests described below to the Kentucky Board of Education, pursuant to 702 KAR 4:180 related to the construction of the New Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard, subject to the approval of the Kentucky Department of Education, District Facilities Branch, per the provisions of 702 KAR 4:170:

1. Three (3) computer classrooms at 1,200 SF in lieu of four (4) computer classrooms at 900 SF.
2. Administrative area with a total of 5,541 SF.
3. Allow program to be recognized at 105,200 NSF, or 148,169 GSF using a 71% efficiency factor.
4. Allow wider corridors for a lower efficiency factor.
5. Allow for storage spaces for the Band and Orchestra rooms to be located within the Band and Orchestra rooms.

Background/Rationale: The construction of the New Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard is listed as priority 1a.3. on FCPS's 2017 (amended) District Facility Plan (DFP) of approximately 140,479 SF to serve 1,200 students. The Facility Programming and Construction Criteria set out in 702 KAR 4:170 requires specific standards for a typical middle school. Below are five (5) items requiring waivers:

Waiver Request #1

The model program lists four (4) Computer Classrooms at 900 SF each. Current plans contain three (3) Computer Classrooms at 1,200 SF each. Given this is a middle school, the Steering Committee elected to program the building with one Computer Classroom for each grade level and divide the square footage from the fourth model program classroom among the three grade-level rooms. This provides the building with a larger Computer Classroom for each grade level, while still meeting the total square footage from the KDE model program.

Waiver Request #2

The District is expanding its student support services. Therefore, more full-time, and part-time office space is required for district staff, such as mental health professionals and social service professionals. Additionally, these rooms have been designed to be more adaptable and flexible than a traditional row-and-columns desk arrangement and are identified as "flex" on the current drawings.

Waiver Request #3

Due to the additional program space from Waiver Request #2, the District requests that the program be recognized at 105,200 NSF, or 148,169 GSF using a 71% efficiency factor. As such, the current design is under the 120% size threshold and within the regulations.

Waiver Request #4

Since this is a middle school, the District has made a conscious decision to make the corridors wider and otherwise more navigable by students. The Steering Committee believes this will lower disciplinary issues such as bullying throughout the school.

Waiver Request #5

The band and orchestra room storage spaces are located within the rooms themselves and not within a separate storage room. The Steering Committee has made a conscious decision to make the storage visible and therefore more observable by the staff.


Policy: 702 KAR 4:160

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachment(s): None

On motion by Stephaine Spores, seconded by Christy Morris, the Board approved the five (5) waiver requests described below to the Kentucky Board of Education, pursuant to 702 KAR 4:180 related to the construction of the New Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard, subject to the approval of the Kentucky Department of Education, District Facilities Branch, per the provisions of 702 KAR 4:170:

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Tyler Murphy, Board Chair


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