

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Trigg County School District Request for Waiver of 702 KAR 4:180 and the 2008 Kentucky School Facilities Planning Manual which is incorporated by

Date: April 2022

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Held In: Full Board Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Operations

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To approve the waiver of the 2008 Kentucky School Facilities Planning Manual, incorporated by reference in 702 KAR 4:180 which defines discretionary project, in part, as “Extracurricular Facilities – Construction of field houses; stadiums; sports field facilities; or any athletic facility.”

COMMISSIONER’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends approval of the waiver request from Trigg County Schools

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

702 KAR 4:180, KRS 156.070(4), KRS 157.420

BACKGROUND:

Existing Policy:

In accordance with 702 KAR 4:180, the Kentucky School Facilities Planning Manual provides that a discretionary project means a project to be noted on the District Facilities Plan (DFP) in Priority 5. These projects do not qualify to be included in priorities 1 through 4 and as such cannot be completed using restricted funds. Priority 5 projects shall be used to list projects by school or building that do not qualify for inclusion in the DFP in the first four (4) priorities. This priority includes extracurricular facilities such as the construction of field houses, stadiums, sports field facilities, or any athletic facility.

Summary of Issue:

The Trigg County School Board requests a waiver from the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) to complete a Multi-Purpose Facility, a discretionary project listed on their current DFP. The Multi-Purpose Facility project is currently estimated to cost \$6.2 million and includes a new press box, restrooms, and a concessions building. The facility will be used, in part, to house the archery, wrestling, and cheerleading programs. The cost of construction has exceeded the district’s initial estimates by approximately \$2.0 million. As such, the Trigg County School Board wishes to request the use of restricted funds to complete the Multi-Purpose Facility. Currently, the district is using \$4.2 million of general funds to fund the project.

Budget Impact:

While there is no budgetary impact to the Kentucky Department of Education, these types of waivers can impact the unmet need calculation which is used to determine a district’s participation level in SFCC offers of assistance. Additionally, while discretionary projects are not

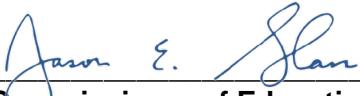
used to determine unmet need, the restricted funds spent on discretionary projects will not be available for the district's other facility needs.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The School Facilities Construction Commission

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