

Communication Report- Board Meeting 12.13.22

1. Welcome Board Attorney Grant Chenoweth from the Law Office of Porter, Banks, Baldwin & Shaw, PLLC. In January when Ms. Lisa Mays officially takes her seat on the Board, we will review 3 options that the Board in regards to selecting an attorney for the Board. These options are:
 - Send out a “request for qualifications” inviting interested law firms in our region to essentially provide a resume regarding experience representing school districts, hourly rate, scope of services to be provided, etc. This process can either be used to identify a single firm for direct noncompetitive negotiation under KRS 45A.380(3), or as a step toward inviting the top 2-3 firms to meet with the Board at a public meeting to make presentations to the Board and/or be interviewed by the Board.
 - Proceed directly under KRS 45A.380(3), if competition from other firms is unlikely or there is a particular firm the Board already knows it intends to contract with. If there is consensus of the Board to utilize a particular firm, then this is a good option.
 - Do more formal competitive negotiation under KRS 45A.370 by advertising/posting an RFP to solicit proposals in the same way we would do with other procurement items, setting a deadline for proposals to be submitted, then comparing proposals and selecting a firm under the typical RFP process.

The current contract we have with Porter, Banks, Baldwin & Shaw is a continuing contract that will allow the Board to have attorney services while this decision is made. I am providing a list of counties that Porter, Banks, Baldwin & Shaw represent in the event any Board member would like to contact Board members in the district to get their opinion of the service provided.

2. This Thursday morning, December 15, Kenny Davis from Coddell Construction and Allison Cummings from Sherman, Carter, Barnhart construction will be coming to the district to review the current plans for the Stanton Elementary Construction project. Mr. Crase, a couple staff members from Stanton Elementary, along with a few members of the district team will meet with them and I have asked Ms. Meadows and Ms. Merriman from the Board to join us if possible. We hope to get the final changes needed to the architect so we can bring the plans back to the full Board for approval in January. We also plan to have Dwight Salsbury from Ross Sinclair with us at the January meeting to share our updated bonding potential and we will be making a determination if the Board is ready to send it out to bid again or when the best time will be to send the project out to bid. We received an updated request for the funding gap for our project from Chay Ritter of KDE and he will submit updated number to the General Assembly for possible help with funding the project.
3. We have purchased 3 of the 4 vehicles the Board approved for us to purchase from ESSER funds. These vehicles have already proven their worth as we have been transporting students from Clark County who are considered homeless and wanted to come to Powell County which is their home school, transported students who were ill and needed to go home in the day, and taken trips to meetings saving travel funding. We have 2 Toyota RAV 4 vehicles and 1 Toyota Sienna van. We are still waiting for the maintenance truck to become available.
4. The Powell County Middle School Youth Service Center was featured in the Impact Report Spotlight. There were over 900 Impact Report submissions, and the Powell County submission was one of 80 making the report. The High School Youth Service Center recently had an outstanding monitoring visit. All of our centers do a fabulous job providing the basic needs to our students as well as opportunities they otherwise wouldn't get to experience.

Porter, Banks, Baldwin, and Shaw County List

Currently serving as general counsel for these districts:

Anderson County
 Breathitt County
 Elliott County
 Eminence Independent
 Estill County
 Floyd County
 Franklin County
 Garrard County
 Harlan Independent
 Harrison County
 Henry County
 Johnson County
 Lawrence County
 Lee County
 Marion County
 Martin County
 Menifee County
 Owsley County
 Paintsville Independent
 Paris Independent
 Perry County
 Rowan County
 Spencer County
 Trimble County
 Washington County
 Woodford County

Secondary counsel to a local attorney in these districts:

Corbin Independent
 Fayette County
 Hart County

Currently do or have recently done litigation/special project work for these districts:

Bath County
 Clark County
 Laurel County
 Lincoln County
 Montgomery County
 Nelson County
 Oldham County
 Russell Independent
 Shelby County

Districts with whom Mr. Grant Chenoweth has previously done work:

Anchorage Independent
 Clinton County
 Crittenden County
 Cumberland County
 Fleming County
 Jessamine County
 Mercer County
 Morgan County
 Robertson County
 Scott County

Intervention/Service/Activity **Student Intervention**

Category Individual

BEFORE – demonstrated need

A student at Powell County Middle School with a very unstable home life and poor communication skills would not speak to anyone, nor would she eat in front of peers at lunch time. According to the Early Warning tool, her attendance showed a range of 55, Behavior showed a range of 120, Stability showed a range of 100 and her GRAD Score was 72.

AFTER – impact or outcome of the intervention

The YSC coordinator made contact with the student and made arrangements for her to eat lunch in her office. After several weeks, she continued to eat lunch with the coordinator. While eating lunch with the student, there were various discussions about making good choices, boosting self-esteem, choosing the right friends, and conversations about ways to make home life better.

By the end of the year, she was eating lunch with friends in the cafeteria and continues to do so, to this day. According to the Early Warning Tool, her range for attendance improved to 109, Behavior improved to 132, Stability improved to 115 and her GRAD Score increased to 93.

Submitted by Powell County MS YSC
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