

**July 6, 2023**

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT FACILITIES PLAN HEARING REPORT  
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

A public hearing was held at the Christian County Board of Education, 200 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 on July 6, 2023, at 5:30 PM. The purpose of the public hearing was to propose an amended District Facility Plan developed by the Christian County Public Schools Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 16-0 in favor of the proposed amended plan and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the amendment.

There were 9 individual(s) in attendance. Jack Lackey, Board Attorney, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. There were 3 members present from CCPS. There were 4 citizens in attendance, and there were 2 from local radio station representatives.

**COMMENTS**

Mr. Jack Lackey, Board Attorney/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 Department of Education via the hearing officer's report. Dr. Jason Wilson read the proposed amendment to the District Facility Plan which includes:

- Christian County Middle School to become 6-8 center
- Hopkinsville Middle School to become 6-8 center at the current MLK ES site
- Crofton Elementary to become PS-5 center
- Freedom Elementary to become K-5 center
- Indian Hills Elementary to become K-5 center at Old HMS location
- Martin Luther King, Jr. to become transitional
- Millbrooke Elementary to become K-5 center
- Pembroke Elementary to become PS-5 center
- Sinking Fork Elementary to become PS-5 center
- South Christian Elementary to become PS-5 center
- Old Indian Hills Elementary to become PRE-K/Daycare Center (Inspire)

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. There were two Christian County residents who signed up to speak Caleb Ballard and Ron Hicks. Christian County resident Shannon Wood provided a written statement that was read aloud by the hearing officer, Jack Lackey. Mr. Ballard came to the podium and questioned the legality of the public hearing. Specifically, Mr. Ballard questioned whether the hearing violated the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Ballard also asserted that proposed DFP had not been readily available for public inspection per the advertisement of the meeting. Then Mr. Ballard asked a series of questions about the public notice that was placed in the Ky New Era. Mr. Ballard question why the public hearing notice was not posted on social media. Mr. Ballard then asked questions about how much the renovations would cost that are proposed in the DFP. Mr. Ballard then asked questions about the high school consolidation. Mr. Ballard concluded with more questions about the process of developing the proposed DFP.

Ron Hicks was the next public speaker. Mr. Hicks stated that he is the pastor of Henderson

Memorial Baptist Church which is located next door to Indian Hills Elementary. He then stated that he did not believe it was best for the students to be moved from Indian Hills to a new location that is not surrounded by the Church and neighboring community. He felt that moving Indian Hills would take away from the neighborhood environment that is currently present at Indian Hills. He concluded by saying it was his wish that a new plan be created.

There was then a written statement read into the record by the hearing officer, Mr. Jack Lackey. The written statement was from Shannon Wood, a Christian County resident. The written statement addressed concerns. The first was with a lack of public notice. The second was about the shortage of bus drivers and concerns that the proposed DFP would create a need for more buses. The third was a concern about the cost to make the changes and renovations needed to follow through with the proposed DFP. He specifically stated making HMS into Indian Hills would have a cost of putting in a playground at HMS. He also expressed concern over the closing of schools and the resulting overcrowding. Mr. Wood's statement went on to talk about the June 6 meeting where Davis Demographic data was shared. He questioned the data since there are new building projects going in on Pyle Lane within 2 miles of Millbrooke. The written statement concluded by asking for the high school consolidation project to get finished before we scatter our children.

With no other speakers or written statements, the public hearing was adjourned.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

**Jack Lackey, Board Attorney**

**KDE Staff name and title**

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

Attachments: Public Hearing Agenda  
Christian County School DFP

August 2, 2023

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT FACILITIES PLAN HEARING REPORT  
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

A public hearing was held at the Christian County Board of Education on August 2, 2023, at 6:00 pm CST. The purpose of the public hearing was to propose an amended District Facility Plan developed by the Christian County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 16-0 in favor of the proposed amended plan and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the amendment.

There were 2 people exclusive of the hearing officer in attendance. Jack Lackey, board attorney, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. There were 2 representatives from Christian County Public Schools present along with Jack Lackey, the hearing officer.

**COMMENTS**

Mr. Jack Lackey, Board Attorney/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 Department of Education via the hearing officer's report. Dr. Jason Wilson read the proposed amendment to the District Facility Plan which includes:

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The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. There was no one in attendance to make a statement and no written statements were submitted prior to the hearing. With no speakers present and no written statements submitted the meeting was adjourned.

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