

Agenda: LPC Meeting #1

Date: January 25, 2022

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: In-Person/Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Purpose:** Potential District Facilities Plan Amendment**Meeting Called by:** Hopkins County Schools**Mission Statement**

The Mission of Hopkins County Schools is to unite as one team to learn and inspire.

LPC Members (x indicates attendance)

Amy Smith	X	Shelia Carter		Tina Peyton	X
Marty Cline	X	Matt Beshear	X	Kilee Beshear	
George Jones	X	Wendy Eaves	X	Lanise Stone	X
Steve Faulk	X	Eric Stone	X	Meaghan Teal	X
Peter Hughes	X	Jon Wells	X	Dr. Beth Beverly	X
Chuck Shockley	X	Scott Moore	X	Rian McGuyer	
Travis Ipox		Kia Zieba	X		

Other Attendees (x indicates attendance)

Pete Galloway	X	Eydie Tate	X	Justin McElfresh	X
Drew Taylor	X	Mark Rawlings	X	Shannon Embry	X
Damon Fleming	X	Carroll Boyd	X	John Osborne	X
Lori Harrison	X	Andrew Owens	X	Kirk Hilbrecht	X
Ashley Dusa	X				

Topic	Information
Call Meeting to Order	George Jones, vice chairperson, called the meeting to order.
Welcome and Introductions	Superintendent Amy Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Marty Cline introduced our facilitator, Pete Galloway. Committee members present and on Zoom introduced themselves.
Election of Chairperson	Steve Gilliam served as chairperson last time, so a new chairman needs to be elected. George Jones nominated Marty Cline, with a 2 nd by Steve Faulk. All voted in favor.
Facilitator Address	Pete Galloway provided a brief overview of the District Facility Plan. The current plan was approved by the State Board of Education in June 2019. Members were selected to serve a full four-year term. During that period, things can change that need to be addressed before the next four-year period. The amendment process allows us to do that if the

	<p>Board recognizes this need and asks Kentucky Department of Education for approval to reconvene the LPC. This committee only makes a recommendation to the local Board of Education. The Board has the final say. Our goal is to do what's best for all students in Hopkins County.</p>
<p>Chairperson Address</p>	<p>Marty Cline told members that their packets include information regarding the amendment process as well as a timeline. We have information from our architects that can help us understand the true condition of our buildings. The previous plan prioritized Hanson Elementary and all other buildings were at same level of priority. We have a great need in this district to maintain our facilities so students have the best experience. This committee's job is to help us analyze this information moving forward.</p>
<p>Facilities Presentation</p>	<p>Andrew Owens and Justin McElfresh of Sherman Carter Barnhart</p> <p>Justin said they look at facilities based on age and condition. We compare all of your schools to what KDE considers a model program. Andrew has walked through our facilities recently. We have to consider how much you will have to spend on each of your facilities as well as the suitability of that facility to be renovated. There are three facilities that are the most difficult to renovate with the most potential cost liability. These are South Hopkins Middle School, Earlington Elementary School, and West Hopkins School.</p>
<p>Financial Presentation</p>	<p>Mark Rawlings and Carroll Boyd of Baird Public Finance (Handout in committee members' packet)</p> <p>Mark Rawlings said the district's revenue sources include restricted funds that can only be used for capital projects. He covered capital outlay, local nickel, state equalization of local nickel, and SFCC offers of assistance. Total funds available for debt service is \$3.667 million.</p> <p>Carroll Boyd said Hopkins County is different from a lot of districts because of how funding is determined. This can be frustrating for an LPC.</p> <p>Mr. Rawlings said existing bond issue payments must be made first out of the debt service funds before new bonds can be issued. New bonding capacity is estimated at \$22.8</p>

	<p>million. This should allow the district to do some meaningful things. This can be influenced by an additional nickel, changes in equalization, leveraging general fund, leveraging more or less than 80% capital outlay, and future SFCC offers of assistance, retiring old debt, and refunding existing issues. ADA and interest rate fluctuations have huge impact. As part of the economic recovery, the federal government has made pools of money available to recover from COVID. These are called ESSER funds. It has been determined they can be used for capital projects if the project helps prevent/mitigate COVID, such as allowing additional distancing or filtration. The big thing is there is a deadline to use this money.</p>
Discussion	<p>Marty Cline asked if there are any questions. He explained that the amendment process requires two LPC meetings. We have three on the timeline, the one tonight and two others that will include public forums. Our intention is to come back at the next meeting and work toward a draft amendment if we see fit.</p> <p>Steve Faulk asked about amount of ESSER funding. Total of this round is about \$15M. The amount for facilities would be about \$8-\$10M, Eydie Tate said. Marty Cline said that September 2024 is the sunset date on that funding. This offer provides funding that doesn't involve raising taxes.</p> <p>Steve Faulk: Are these three schools also the buildings with higher energy costs? Andrew Owens said that they are. SHMS has the highest amount of energy use in district; EES is 3rd; WHS is about 5th.</p> <p>Pete Galloway said that if we used the \$22.8M in bonding potential, which we wouldn't likely do, the district can do \$8-\$10M more if we do it within the next two years.</p> <p>Amy Smith asked about keeping reserve in bonding capacity. Mr. Rawling's recommendation would be to keep about \$5M in reserve because of the number of buildings in the district and their age. That would put a project total around \$27M to \$28M. Marty Cline asked whether the dollar figures would increase from what's on the current facility plan, even without additional need. Justin said numbers have significantly increased.</p>

	<p>Chuck Shockley asked about enrollment trends. They have been given a sheet with current enrollment and capacity. Marty said enrollment is generally trending down.</p>
Next Steps	<p>The next LPC meeting is Feb. 3 at 5 p.m. at CTC. We will get with architects and try to bring back a draft of the DFP at that point. This will be followed by a public forum. A similar format will be followed on Feb. 10.</p> <p>There will be a special called Board of Education meeting on Feb. 15 and a public hearing on March 3. The plan will be brought to the board at their regular meeting on March 7. Pete Galloway told members to contact him if they have questions before the next meeting.</p>
Adjourn	<p>Scott Moore made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by George Jones. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.</p>