



Board of Ed members listen to Facilitator Tim Eaton



Facilitator Tim Eaton discusses the screening process and the timeline.

Wayne County Board of Education switches gears on superintendent search

The Wayne County Board of Education and Screening Committee met Monday, June 12 for a joint meeting to lay the groundwork towards filling the upcoming superintendent vacancy.

There were 20 applications received by the Kentucky School Board Association, who is coordinating the search project, with five incomplete applications that won't be considered.

The screening committee introductions were made as follows: Panesia Humble and Kevin Jones – certified staff, Valerie Hutchinson – classified staff, Virginia Cares - principal, Jason Lee – parent, Pavielle Dick – minority parent (who was participating via zoom online), and Larry Muse – board member.

The Board of Education's charge to the Screening Committee was to maintain the confidentiality of applicants, except as may be necessary to check references. They agreed to recommend 3-6 candidates to the board. Recommended that the applicants are to be listed in alphabetical order and not ranked. They will meet with the Board on June 22 for the purpose of formally recommending and discussing candidates.

All of the applicants reside in Kentucky and there are 12 men and 3 females applying, according to Facilitator Tim Eaton. Eaton shared the following data about the applicants' current positions which were: Superintendents – 3, Central Office – 6, Principals – 3, Educational Organizations – 1, Teacher – 1, and Retired – 1.

The Screening Committee will meet two more times to help vet the applicants and do reference checks with their third meeting being devoted to forming a list of candidates to recommend to the Board from all the information received. On June 22, a joint meeting will be held between the Board and Screening Committee. A Board planning meeting will then follow the joint meeting. The Board will conduct interviews from June 23-30, and a new superintendent will be named at the end of the month.