



Fayette County Public Schools

Local Planning Committee Meeting #7 Wednesday, February 5, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. Winburn Middle and Via Zoom

Members Present: Sarah Chumley, Carlos Cooper III, Lauren De Anda, Amanda Ferguson, David Horton, Kiyon Jenkins, Michael Jones, Jennifer Kendall, Dale Morgan, Anthony Orr, Dakota Penrod, Jonathan Ratliff, Boyd Sewe, Alan Stein, Benjamin VanderHorst, Todd Zeigler

Staff Present: Melinda Joseph Dezarn, Matthew Marsh, Sherry Price, Matthew Spottswood, Myron Thompson, Eric Thornsbury

Ms. Kiyon Jenkins, Manager of J. D. Price and Facilities, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and the roll was taken by Ms. Price. There were 16 members present by Zoom or in person.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Mr. Stein made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Norton second the motion. Minutes were approved 16 – 0.

Mr. Matthew Spottswood, Principal at Maxwell Elementary, shared some history of Maxwell Elementary. The school was built in 1972 and became a Spanish Immersion Magnet school in 1990. The current enrollment is 563 students. Maxwell has had significant growth due to special education, ELL, GT, and mental health services. The land Maxwell sits on does not offer any area for portables. The lot allows for 25 parking spaces and there is staff of over 60. There is no property available around the school for parking or building expansion.

Mr. Spottswood proposed moving the school to 701 E. Main Street where there would be more space for the students and staff. Maxwell Spanish Immersion Magnet School is the only wall to wall immersion school in the state of Kentucky. There is currently a 300-student waitlist at Maxwell. Maxwell is tied with third highest ranked school in Fayette County with KSA Accountability System.

Ms. Melinda Joseph Dezarn, Director of Facility Design and Construction, presented a brief overview of all 13 middle schools and their location on the current District Facility Plan (DFP). She also included information about our newest middle school, Mary E Britton Middle, that will open August 2025 and the Rise STEM Academy, which is designed for grades K-8. Three hundred of Rise STEM students will be middle school age.

Ms. Joseph Dezarn explained as the Draft District Facility Plan is built, each school's current enrollment and facility conditions are taken into consideration. Evaluations are

based on KDE model program to determine the number of classrooms needed, which is calculated based on the current enrollment at the time of the DFP.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 5:30 p.m. at 128 Walton Ave. and via Zoom. This meeting will be a work meeting for the committee to begin prioritizing the needs on the Draft DFP.

Adjournment of the meeting was at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Eric Thornsby, Principal at Winburn Middle, directed those in attendance, on a tour of classrooms, restrooms, and the cafeteria at Winburn Middle.