



Fayette County Public Schools

Local Planning Committee Meeting # 4 Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 5:30 P.M. Zoom Only

Members Present: Sarah Chumley, Carlos Cooper III, Lauren De Anda, Amanda Ferguson, Kimberlee Haddix, David Horton, Kiyon Jenkins, Michael Jones, Dale Morgan, Dakota Penrod, Jonathan Ratliff, Alan Stein, Benjamin VanderHorst

Staff Present: Melinda Joseph Dezarn, Logan Poteat, Heidi Reihing, Myron Thompson, Sherry Price

Ms. Joseph Dezarn, Director of Facility Design and Construction, introduced the new member of the LPC, David Horton, and thanked him for joining the committee. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vanderhorst at 5:31 p.m. Ms. Price took roll and 13 members were present.

Mr. Logan Poteat, Energy Manager, presented on FCPS energy usage. Last year \$13.8 million was spent with \$11.5 million on electricity and gas. He shared schools with high and low energy usage.

- Elementary Schools - Julius Marks was highest cost. Meadowthorpe and Garrett Morgan were the most efficient elementary schools.
- Middle Schools - Winburn was highest cost, lowest was Bryan Station Middle.
- High Schools – P. L. Dunbar was highest usage and Frederick Douglass and Tates Creek High were most efficient. He pointed out that the two newest high schools are the most efficient.

Mr. Poteat said energy efficiency depends upon many factors such as how tight the windows are, skeleton of the building, geothermal energy and LED lighting. There is a Sustainability Coordinator at each school, and they conduct an energy behavior audit periodically.

Can we project the energy efficiency at the new middle school? Yes, I will get those projections.

Do you maintain energy usage at each building? Yes. I'd like to see Lafayette.

Mr. Poteat pointed out that with the new construction of Henry Clay High, we could save \$500,000.

Mr. Myron Thompson, Chief Operating Officer and Ms. Heidi Reihing, Director of Maintenance presented on FCPS Maintenance Department. Mr. Thompson stated FCPS has 6 million square feet of facilities to maintain on a limited budget. The Maintenance department consist of 56 staff members. Electronics, HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, and General Maintenance are the groups that maintain our buildings and

perform minor renovations. Many of the maintenance staff are licensed trade employees.

Ms. Reihing explained Facilitron, the work order system. This system manages district needs by priority. At the school level, a custodian will input a work order and prioritize the issue. The work order will be distributed by maintenance to the appropriate maintenance supervisor. Contractors are often used in the HVAC and roofing areas. The district grounds and custodian department work closely with maintenance.

Mr. Stein reminded the group of the community investment for safety money a few years ago. Mr. Thompson said that safety money was earmarked for vestibules at schools, metal detectors, but could not be used for maintenance purposes. The Board did approve an addition nickel for facilities which allows approximately \$3 million for maintenance annually.

Ms. Melinda Joseph Dezarn, reviewed Kentucky Facilities Inventory and Classification Systems (KFICS) reports with the group. She displayed the 2017 – 2024 reports and the number of FCPS schools that were listed as “critical or fair”. The increase from 2017 to 2024 was substantial.

Ms. Joseph Dezarn gave some of the history of Winburn Middle School. The school was built in 1970 and was named Winburn Junior at that time. The land was purchased from Winston and Burnetta Coleman. Winburn has approximately 92,000 square feet and is on 15 acres. Current enrollment at Winburn is 828 students. On the 2013 DFP it was priority 2.a. (Capital Construction Priority). The 2021 DFP has Winburn moved up in priority to 1.c (Major renovations/additions of educational facilities).

The next meeting location is Paul L Dunbar, Wednesday January 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Stein made the motion to adjourn and Dr. Orr second the motion. Adjournment was at 6:26 p.m.