

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(MINUTES)  
Board Agenda Planning Meeting  
January 9, 2006**

The Fayette County Board of Education met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, KY at 5:00 p.m. on the 9th day of January 2006, with the following members present: (1) **Kathy Lousignont** (2) **Larry Conner**, (3) **Steve Hyndman** (4) **John Price** and (5) **Becky Sagan**

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**Staff Members Present**

Stu Silberman, Virginia Gregg, George Rogers, Doug Gibson, Mary Browning, Fabio Zuluaga, Michael Ernst, Lisa Stone, Vince Mattox, Kathy Dykes, Lisa Deffendall, Greg Figs, Bob McLaughlin

A Public Forum was held at 5:00 p.m. to provide information and receive public comments regarding the School Wellness Program. Mary Browning, Mike Kennedy and Michelle Coker gave short presentations with citizens and school representatives making comments.

The purpose of the agenda planning meeting is to review the draft agenda with the Board before the official Board Meeting on January 23, 2006. The minutes include discussion regarding the separate agenda items. The draft agenda is filed with the official minutes.

**A. Call to Order**

Mrs. Lousignont convened the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

**G. Introductions and Recognitions**

1. Mrs. Lousignont introduced the school representatives for the December 5th meeting.
  - a. Teacher Representative: Joy Hicks – Edythe J. Hayes Middle School
  - b. Student Representative: Erin Chenault – Eastside Technical School

**H. Reports, Communications and Resolutions**

**A. Reports Superintendent's Report**

**c. Alliance Corporation Update (Bryan Station High School)**

Steven Harding, on-site representative for Alliance Corporation for the Bryan Station High School Construction Project, stated that he was presenting Project Status Report number twelve to the Board. Mr. Harding stated that the project still remains within budget, but is behind schedule due to the recent cold weather. Mr. Price asked Mr. Harding if he agreed with the general contractor that we are still on target for the end date and Mr. Harding stated that he did not agree. Mr. Harding stated that he did not know the means and methods of the general contractor for completing construction and could not comment and that winter weather would play a big part in the timeframe. He also stated that the way he saw normal construction activities, at this point, it could impact the final end date unless something is done to promote the work, weather permitting. Mr. Harding stated that he would review the updated schedule and would report back to the Board as to his findings.

**d. Nutrition and Physical Activity Report**

Michelle Coker and Mike Kennedy presented the Nutrition and Physical Activity Report during the Public Forum held before the Agenda Planning Meeting. Superintendent Silberman stated that this was the initial status report and that input from the Public Forum was needed to complete the plan. Mrs. Sagan asked if there would be a follow up with the schools not listed in the report in order to have their information for the final report and Mike Kennedy said that they

could get the information. Mr. Conner asked if we were exploring the option of securing locally grown fresh vegetables and fruits and would this increase the price of lunches. Ms. Coker stated that currently a lot of fresh vegetables and fruits are provided that are secured through a local produce company. She stated that she was not familiar with buying directly from the farmer. She also stated that the Food Service Department has to buy from an entity that can supply all fifty-two schools. Ms. Coker stated that she could not say whether lunch prices would increase if produce was purchased directly from the farmer until she had seen what kind of pricing farmers were offering. Ms. Coker also expressed concern that enough produce could be secured locally. Mr. Price stated that it may be more feasible to deal with a local supplier who would deal with the local farmers as a group to supply the amount needed. Ms. Coker stated that you also have to look at the growing season and harvest time which creates a small timeframe that the vegetables and fruits can be secured locally. Superintendent Silberman stated that information for securing locally grown produce should be secured before bringing the final plan back to the Board.

Mrs. Lousignont asked for clarification that the plan presented was the initial written report and the next step would be to incorporate comments and questions presented at the meeting and recommendations from the 20/20 Vision into a plan that would be presented to the Board for consideration. Superintendent Silberman stated that according to the law, the plan would have to be presented to the Board at the next meeting and additional modifications could be made after the approval. Superintendent Silberman stated to Mrs. Lousignont that in the report there would be a section where questions and concerns that have been raised by citizens will be answered or addressed. He also stated that we need to purchase as much as possible locally, but we need to incorporate into the report the fact that we are already providing fresh produce regularly.

Superintendent Silberman stated that there was some confusion on one question in the survey in terms of how much physical activity a student participates in, versus the programming that is scheduled at the school. He also stated that there is a lot of time built into the master schedule, but rotating through on a nine-week basis is not the same amount of time as the kids are participating. Mike Kennedy stated that the survey was a yes/no survey and the teachers are asking on repeat surveys that a comment section be included. Mrs. Sagan asked if it was a school decision to allow for students being deprived of recess and could parents with concerns address this with the School Based Council. Superintendent Silberman stated that this was correct, but that with the survey being a yes/no survey, comments from the teachers indicating that in inclement weather recess were not possible. He also stated that at some schools, recess is used as a motivator for the students and that also is a School Based Council decision and that there needs to be an offset of this action.

**e. Fayette County Public Schools Legislative Agenda**

Superintendent Silberman reviewed the draft legislative agenda for Fayette County Public Schools. Highlights included support for more revenue enhancements to return funding for public education to 1990 levels, support funding for unmet facilities needs, fund all state and legislative mandates, support superintendent collaboration with SBDM's on principal selection and support increased funding for LEP, ESS, technology, preschool and all day kindergarten. Mrs. Lousignont inquired as to whether anyone has spoken to the legislature regarding the 41.2% funding and how much of this amount includes the increases in personnel and benefit costs. Superintendent Silberman requested that Mary Browning prepare the breakdown for the Board.

Mrs. Lousignont voiced her concern that ESS funds go directly to the students most in need of this support. She stated that schools are in control of these funds and not all schools are taking advantage of the daytime waivers for providing services. Superintendent Silberman stated that the ESS funds are supposed to be spent for the students with the greatest needs first and that the day waivers allow for services to the students with the greatest needs. He stated that he did not feel that the Board could do anything regarding this matter given the Site Based Councils are in control of the ESS funds and decide whether to use the daytime waivers. He also stated that the school directors have encouraged the schools that have these needs to use the daytime waivers with a lot of movement in this direction. Superintendent Silberman stated that a report would be generated showing which schools are using the daytime waivers.

Mr. Conner asked where the state ranks in regard to the amount of funds that goes to public education. Superintendent Silberman stated that the per capita spending in Kentucky is second to last in the nation. He also stated that Fayette County ranks second to last in the state, 175<sup>th</sup> out of 176<sup>th</sup> districts in terms of the percentage of our budget that is received from the state.

## **J. Approval of Consent Items**

### **7. 2006-2007 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings**

Superintendent Silberman pointed out that the Agenda Planning Meeting for April, 2008 is being moved to a Thursday night because of the timing of Spring Break.

### **8. KETS Offer of Assistance**

Superintendent Silberman stated that all of the information for this agenda item may not be available before the regular meeting. Doug Gibson informed the Board that KETS funding is potentially increasing slightly from last year. Last year both offers combined were in the range of \$13.00 per student which netted a little over \$400,000.00. This year the first offer is \$400,000 and an additional offer is expected in the spring. All reports have been filed in order to receive the KETS offer.

## **K. Approval of Action Items**

### **9. Library Software Upgrade RFP**

Doug Gibson stated that typically with major application software, after a period of years, a company stops supporting their software and stops offering upgrades because of new software they are developing. Mr. Gibson stated that the company that we have our library software through has informed us that they will no longer be providing upgrades and at some time will withdraw support for this software. The current software was written to run on Windows 95 and all of our computers are now Windows XP and above. Mr. Gibson stated that fourteen companies nationwide, that would meet our needs, were contacted for information and four companies were found to be potential suppliers of the library software needed for the district. The four vendors gave presentations to the committee and they were ranked based on features and functions and how they would best fit the district. These rankings were done without the benefit of the cost proposal from each company. Mr. Gibson stated that the best suited company was the lowest cost company.

Dr. Hyndman questioned if this was a one time fee and Mr. Gibson stated yes and that in addition there is an annual maintenance cost which we have always had with our software. Mr. Gibson stated to Dr. Hyndman that this was a web based cataloging program and that the current software is client server based. Mr. Gibson also stated that the \$220,000 includes software licenses for each school, data conversion from current system to the new system and scanning devices at the school. Mr. Price inquired as to the cost of the license fee per school and Mr. Gibson replied in the range of \$3,000. Superintendent Silberman inquired if the maintenance fees were factored in for the four companies and Mr. Gibson replied no. Superintendent Silberman stated that he would like to get information

regarding the maintenance fees on the four companies before the next Board meeting. Mr. Price said that he would also like to see the figures on the current maintenance fees.

**10. Kentucky Department of Education Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Program Grant**

Jack Hayes stated that this program would supply services similar to ESS services to those students identified as homeless and cannot replace regular ESS services or services currently in place. He also stated that it could not be used for transportation or staffing other than the teacher who would provide direct services.

**11. Approval of Student Continuation Plan Including Community Task Force's Recommendations (plan included with permanent minutes)**

Superintendent Silberman stated that the Continuation Plan had been presented at the January 5, 2006, Public Forum and the Board members agreed that the total power point presentation did not need to be presented again. Superintendent Silberman stated that the Continuation Plan was honoring all prior Board decisions. With the students from Todds Road who are given priority for out of area to go to ACE, the Board's prior decision was that they could stay at ACE until Liberty Road was built and would then have to attend Liberty Road. At the Public Forum the question was asked, with the Continuation Plan, could the students remain at ACE. Mrs. Lousignont stated that at the time of the prior Board approval, she was aware of a possible student continuation plan and she is comfortable with the prior decision. Mrs. Sagan stated that in her determination, when a parent chooses an out of area school, they are leaving their districted school to go to ACE and when their district school (Liberty Road) opens, they should go to their district school. She stated that we are not moving them, the parent is choosing to move and therefore she feels that this is continuing with the prior approval. Mr. Price stated that the intent is to maximize the continuation of every student in the building they are in and as Mrs. Sagan stated, the parent is making a choice. He also stated that we also want to maximize the opportunity of the incoming kindergarten students to stay in their primary school and staying with the prior Board approval allows for the maximum number of incoming students to enter that school as their primary school, which he feels is the overall intent of the plan. Superintendent Silberman stated that from the discussion he was hearing that the Board members wanted to stay with their prior decision.

Superintendent Silberman stated that there are three sections to the Continuation Plan. One section is with the current plan and part of it is what happens in 2008 when the three new schools open and all of this part flows extremely well. In the third section, there are some areas that are being recommended to be changed from their current district. These are separate from prior Board decisions and make sense in the overall picture of the plan. Superintendent Silberman stated that he had a concern with the recommendation to move Saron Drive to Veterans Park. He stated that he felt that even with the close proximity, if the school was full, the students could not enroll and given the current enrollment at Veterans Park, this would not be a good move and Saron Drive should stay as it is. Bob Joice stated that this area is primarily vacant land with a subdivision being created at the corner of Tates Creek and Man O War. The previous Veterans Park taskforce recommended they go to Millcreek, which the Board approved. With the new plan there is an alternate way of dealing with overcrowding, where they could be placed in Veterans Park. Mrs. Lousignont stated that the problem was that those who had been moved through that taskforce proposal, with the new way of thinking on clustering, they should have the right to go back and have the same option and she did not feel that we could go back and undo that entire plan. Superintendent Silberman stated that it was his recommendation to eliminate the entire third section and leave it with the prior Board decision. Mrs. Sagan clarified that this was the new area at the corner of Tates Creek and Man O War and stated that she agreed with the Superintendent not to move this area into Veterans Park. Superintendent Silberman requested that

Bob Joice take this back to the committee and bring him back any additional information that they might have. Mr. Price asked if the changes in section three were discussed at the Public Forum and Mr. Joice stated that they were not discussed in any detail. Mr. Joice stated to Mr. Price that he felt that the committee would continue to bring this recommendation to the Board with a few changes. Mr. Price asked if there was a change with the Chilesburg, Stuart Hall and Walnut Creek areas. Mr. Joice stated that there was not a recommended change for 2006, but Liberty opens in 2008 and the primary school for those areas could be Athens Chilesburg. Mr. Price also questioned that there were only approximately forty spaces opening up by the Liberty Road expansion and he felt there would be more than forty students from the Chilesburg, Stuart Hall and Walnut Creek areas. Mr. Price also stated that he felt that there would be more students in these neighborhoods than slots opened up by the out of area and grandfathered students who leave. Superintendent Silberman stated that we need to take those that were part of the prior decision out of the third section and go with the top two sections. Mr. Price stated that he did not remember discussing the changes in section three at the Public Forum and that this is a Student Continuation Plan and not a changing of zones. Superintendent Silberman reported that the general feedback has been very positive and that there is a section on the FCPS website that goes through the entire plan plus a frequently asked questions section.

Mrs. Lousignont questioned as to how we communicate that this Continuation Plan is only at the elementary level and does not address over-crowding at the middle school and high school level. Superintendent Silberman stated that at the next forum it needs to be stressed that this plan is only at the elementary level. Mrs. Lousignont asked if there has been any discussion regarding the impact that the plan would have on diversity. Mr. Joice stated that this is one of the criteria in rounds one and two in the pre-registration periods, if a school starts getting crowded, the criteria of diversity determines who gets into the school because of the limited number of spots. Superintendent Silberman stated that the plan has the potential to help with diversity because right now our highest poverty level schools have the greatest amount of room, so a student going into a school that is crowded is not usually one of the higher poverty level schools. Generally the movement is to schools with a higher poverty level and would impact diversity in a positive way.

Mrs. Lousignont inquired as to whether there would be a cap on the non-free and reduced percentages at any given school. Superintendent Silberman stated that he felt that the current numbers we have would actually improve, particularly in the higher poverty level schools. He also stated that capacity numbers are going to be determined on the front end. Also, as registration takes place, you only deal with new students and all registrations will be date and time stamped so that no questions are raised. Superintendent Silberman stated that records will be maintained at the IAKSS building in order for everything to be accomplished in a fair and transparent manner. Mrs. Sagan stated that the committee had a lot of discussion regarding the fact that the committee was not redistricting and they did not want to get into moving neighborhoods around, even though they could see areas that might need to be redistricted. In reference to free and reduced lunches, the Committee stayed with the current zones. Superintendent Silberman stated to Mrs. Lousignont that he did not think the Continuation Plan addressed the situation of schools later having higher percentages of free and reduced or non-free and reduced lunch students. He also stated that the charge to the committee was to end the constant redistricting. Mrs. Lousignont stated that funding would be based on needs, not just a set amount per school and would offset some of the differences between the schools. Superintendent Silberman stated that for the most part the data showing spending per school, versus the free and reduced lunch rates, indicates that the schools with the greatest needs are getting the greatest funding, but with some inconsistencies. He stated that he would get this information to the Board members.

**Break: 7:16 p.m.**

**Reconvened: 7:25 p.m.**

**12. Alternative Programs Proposal January 2006- May 2007**

Jack Hayes stated that the funding for this proposal would continue through May of 2007 and that they tried to be consistent with recommendations from the 20/20 Vision. Mr. Sellers reviewed the proposal being presented with the highlights of the proposal consisting of a duplication of an elementary highly structured classroom, self-contained special education units, expansion of MLK middle school transition program, expansion of MLK night program, satellite programs in regular schools and PLATO investment. Mr. Sellers stated to Superintendent Silberman that all of the high schools were given a chance to participate in the pilot, with two schools showing an interest in participating.

Mr. Sellers stated that the classrooms would allow for more individualized instruction and would be like a smaller school within a school. He also stated that PLATO would be used in the classrooms. This situation would also give a student an opportunity to find success in a total day.

Mr. Conner asked what do we do with the behavior problem students and Mark stated that these students, once given the opportunity, can excel with a school day that fits them. The attitude of the student changes when their school day is individualized for them. Mr. Conner stated that teachers state they can not get the students into MLK Superintendent Silberman reiterated that in order for a student to be placed into the alternative program within the school, the principal will have to gone through the intervention process and the proper procedures. He also stated that this program gives the student an opportunity to come out of the classroom without going to MLK.

Mr. Conner stated that he did not feel that the proposal addresses the students with severe behavior problems and they can not get into MLK. Mr. Sellers stated by adding more night school students, these students can be served. Superintendent Silberman stated with the highly structured classroom, the students in that classroom are being helped and the students in the regular class from which the student came are also being helped. Bob McLaughlin stated that at all three levels, we need to provide a continuum of services to students with emotional and behavior problems. He also stated that with the types of alternatives in this proposal, kids will not be “dumped” because all appropriate interventions, with documentation, will have to be completed before they are moved to a more restrictive placement. Mr. Conner stated that he does not support a “dumping” situation for behavior students, that when students are referred to an alternative program, they need purposeful and meaningful instruction and resources that will allow them to return to the regular classroom setting. Superintendent Silberman stated that this proposal is a pilot to have a placement between the classroom and MLK in order to give principals and classrooms some relief at all three levels.

Mrs. Lousignont asked if before putting this proposal in place, are we going to make sure that the schools are effectively using their existing SAFE allocations first. Superintendent Silberman stated that maybe the SAFE program and the alternative program could be combined if the alternative program proves to be successful. Mr. Sellers stated that Satellite program allows the student to stay at their school receiving additional help outside the regular classroom and also allows students to participate in extracurricular activities. Dr. Hyndman agreed with Mr. Conner that there needs to be a setting between the classroom and MLK and that funding has not allowed this to happen. Dr. Hyndman also stated that he was not sure how effectively the three high schools that have space issues will be able to benefit from this program. Superintendent Silberman stated that within the budget there is money to expand the teachers to full time if the Board would like and Mr. Conner stated that he would like to have this option explored.

Superintendent Silberman stated that this proposal is being brought to the Board at this time to try to bring some relief to the schools and classrooms from the disruptive student problems. Dr. Hyndman stated that he questions whether we are using our resources wisely i.e. funding SCAPA, which is a program for a select groups of students, instead of using the funds district-wide. Mrs. Lousignont questioned as to whether the middle school and high school level are using the ESS funds for these students and could the funding for some of the pilots be increased if there was better use of the ESS funds with daytime waivers, for example. Mr. Conner stated that he wants to see the alternative program move forward with inclusion of some of the discussion held tonight in order to provide the maximum amount of resources possible. He also stated that periodical reports are needed. Mr. Price inquired as to how many students could be potentially impacted by the alternate programs, how will we know that it is working and at the high school level what is going to be the measurement of success. Mr. Price also stated that funding for the second year was contingent on success of the first year. Superintendent Silberman stated that at least a monthly report to the Board would be needed. He also stated that he agreed that if the program was not working by the end of year, the program does not need to continue forward. Mr. Price also inquired as why the middle school transition program at MLK was proposed not to continue and Superintendent Silberman stated that it was a funding issue and if the funding was still available, the program would probably continue. Dr. Hyndman asked for clarification that the satellite program would only be at Tates Creek High School and Bryan Station High School and the other high schools could not have the program because of space. Mr. Sellers answered that this was correct. Superintendent Silberman asked if space would open up at MLK with the two schools having the satellite programs and Mr. Sellers replied that this was correct. Mrs. Lousignont reiterated that this program is primarily addressing what the schools see as a more pressing problem, which is students with severe behavior problems in the classrooms disrupting the education of the other students. She also stated that the “grey area students” are not addressed in this program.

#### **L. Informational items**

- 1. Personnel Changes** – no discussion
- 2. Cashier Guidelines AP** – no discussion
- 3. Fayette County Public Schools Draft Budget for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Mary Browning stated that the budget presented is a draft budget and previous trend data has been reviewed in preparing the draft budget. Julane Mullins stated that they are required by KDE to present the Board a draft budget by January 31st of each year. Ms. Mullins stated that increases in revenue are projected at approximately \$6.5 million and an additional \$3.5 million in unbudgeted, recurring revenue, is expected and is reflected in the beginning balance. Also, Ms. Mullins stated that the draft budget includes a 3% expected mandated cost of living increase and a 1.5% experience step increase for both classified and certified staff. Also, the hourly employee retirement match for the district will be increasing from 10.98% to 13.19% which is also included in the budget. Ms. Mullins presented further highlights of the draft budget (included with official minutes). Superintendent Silberman stated in the draft budget, revenue that came in at a higher rate was budgeted at a higher rate for next year, such as property tax which had been budgeted at 5% and 6.5% in the draft budget. Also, delinquent and omitted taxes had previously been budgeted at approximately \$660,000 and those funds have been coming in at approximately \$1 million to \$1.5 million and the line item has been changed to reflect the increase. Ms. Mullins stated that interest income has also been increased due to current increases in interest rates.

Mr. Price inquired about the recurring \$3.5 million and Ms. Mullins stated that some revenues are being projected to come in at a higher rate, such as property taxes, interest income and delinquent and

omitted property taxes. Superintendent Silberman stated that trend data examined supports this increase. Dr. Hyndman stated that he hoped that the new budget would not be the same as last year where we under-budgeted spending, leaving a large carryover of funds. Mr. Price stated that part of the carryover was due to increased revenue and not spending as much last year. Superintendent Silberman stated that there were areas of increased revenue that were out of our control and we were within 1%. He also stated that a report would be given to the Board showing these areas. Ms. Mullins stated that one of the revenue areas under budgeted was on occupational taxes and a lot of this revenue is received in the last quarter.

Mrs. Lousignont stated she thought the draft budget needed to be stamped, "to be zero based" because of the pending zero based budget. Superintendent Silberman stated that he was not sure that this process would be totally completed by the time a tentative budget has to be completed. He also stated that the zero based budget process is taking longer than expected.

Dr. Hyndman inquired as to where the \$18 million dollars was that we missed the budget by and when is it going to be allocated. Mr. Price stated that it is in the carry forward balance and that part of it is in the contingency fund. Superintendent Silberman stated that part of the carryover was for prior year, unpaid purchase orders. He also stated that a breakdown of the budget carryover would be provided to the board. Superintendent Silberman stated that in looking at the trend data, the decisions made were correct decisions and if an error is made, it is best made on the side of the revenue. He also stated that he did not want to take a chance of overspending and being in the red and that the year before he came there were more expenditures than revenues taken in.

Mrs. Lousignont inquired as to when did it change that we would not have the zero based budget in place this year and Mr. Price stated that he wasn't sure that it was ever stated that it would be completely ready this year that it was discussed to phase in the zero based budget. He stated that things are going to have to be done a lot differently and it takes time to create the building blocks for this process. Superintendent Silberman stated that the Finance Committee is discussing how dollars are allocated to the schools. Mr. Price stated that the Finance Committee is also looking at if some dollars were decided not be allocated to the schools they would be allocated at the Board table. Dr. Hyndman stated that the zero based budget is a complicated issue and the Finance Committee is taking an in-dept approach to the zero based budget. Ms. Browning stated that they are looking at every facet of the budget. Mr. Conner stated that he felt the intend of the board was to have some type of zero based budgeting this year and that he understands the complexity of the process, but he would like to see this year at least one department with a zero based budget. Ms. Browning stated that that is going to be done with transportation, operations and maintenance.

Mrs. Lousignont expressed concerned that the community had been told there would be funding for the 20/20 Vision and now the money may not be there due to not doing a complete zero based budget. Superintendent Silberman stated that with the complicated process he did not want to rush, creating mistakes. He stated that it is taking a lot longer than expected to develop the process. Mr. Conner stated that he was comfortable with the direction the Budget and Finance committee was moving, but we need to get started on the zero based budget. Mrs. Lousignont stated that she does not want to do a blanket approval this year i.e. a SAFE aide for every school, where everyone gets one because that area has not been discussed. Mr. Conner stated that he felt these kinds of items could be done through a needs based budget. Mr. Price stated that this is part of the discussion of the Budget and Finance Committee, the way we allocate dollars to the schools. He also stated that the committee members from the community had to be trained on the SEEK formula and other school finance areas. Superintendent Silberman stated that the staffing policy was not being brought to the board this month because of the work that the budget and Finance Committee is doing toward the zero based budget.

Superintendent Silberman stated that if the Board wanted to take a simplified position on the budget, we could bring to them what is mandated and what is discretionary. He also stated that this has been done in the District before, but that it creates a lot of turmoil. Mr. Price stated that maybe the transportation department should share their zero based budget process with the Board. Ms. Browning stated that this could be done by May, but that we need to remember that staffing allocations have to be done in March. Mr. Price stated that there is a lot of refinement that has to be done before 20/20 Vision is implemented.

A lengthy discussion was held between the Board Members regarding the criteria on zero based budgeting, allocation of funds based on needs, and ways of prioritizing funding. Superintendent Silberman stated that some needs based budgeting has been done through the RFP process for the last two years. He also stated that this is a draft budget and everything is contingent on the legislative rulings regarding funding and salaries.

Mrs. Lousignont stated concern in regard to losing trust with the community if the zero based budgeting is not put into effect in a timely manner and implementing the funding of the 20/20 Vision. Ms. Browning stated that she felt there would be some dollars generated and that the Board would have to decide whether to continue some programs already in place. Mrs. Lousignont stated that she felt discussions need to occur on areas that we fund, that are not mandated, and how we are going to incorporate part of 20/20 Vision into these areas. Ms. Browning stated that this was the direction that they were hoping to go. Dr. Hyndman expressed concern that we are funding a school for just a few elite, such as SCAPA, instead of using the money district wide and are we spending wisely. Mr. Conner stated that whatever process we use to zero base the budget and criteria used to fund projects, has to be a sound process. Mrs. Lousignont stated that the community needs a detailed explanation of what is going on with 20/20 Vision. Superintendent Silberman stated that if we are moving parts of 20/20 forward and continuing to zero base the budget, we are fulfilling what we said we were going to do. Only if we get into the new year and we can't do any of the 20/20 Vision recommendations, then we have a problem. Superintendent Silberman stated that the Board will be brought the 20/20 Vision recommendations and the Board will have to determine the priority and what needs to be implemented, without judgment being made by the committees. He also stated that if the Board wanted to take the six hundred page report and make decisions directly from the report, he is OK with this method. The process being used now was just to simplify the report for the Board.

Mrs. Lousignont inquired as to when the Board would see the reports on the RFP allocated money and Superintendent Silberman stated that there is not a report yet for this year. Superintendent Silberman stated that the report for last year would be sent to them again. Mr. Conner asked Ms. Browning what was needed from the Board Members for the next meeting and Ms. Browning stated that the draft budget was for information and that they would proceed to bring a tentative budget back in May. Superintendent Silberman reiterated that this is a draft budget and is dependent on the legislature decisions.

### **Requests from board – No requests**

### **M. 3. Other Business**

#### **a. Board**

##### **Discussion of Board Work**

1. Explanation of Evaluation Method Used for the Superintendent
2. Explanation of the Board Goal-Setting and Evaluation
3. Board Self-Evaluation

#### **b. Staff**

**05863**

**Closed Session**

*A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Conner, to go into closed session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss student discipline pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f) and proposed or pending litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c). The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.*

Staff Members Present: Stu Silberman and Virginia Gregg

Following the disciplinary hearing, the Board took the following action:

*It was moved by Mr. Conner and seconded by Mr. Price to: (1) not expel a Lafayette High School student; (2) to continue the student's placement at Project Rebound; and (3) allow the Superintendent to determine the student's future placement. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.*

*It was moved by Dr. Hyndman and seconded by Mr. Conner to: (1) not expel a Paul Laurence Dunbar High School student; (2) to continue the student's placement at Martin Luther King Academy; and (3) allow the Superintendent to determine the student's future placement. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.*

**Open Session**

*A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Dr. Hyndman, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.*

**Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Dr. Hyndman, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.*

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY