

Local Planning Committee Public Hearing Meeting
April 27, 2021 5:30 PM

Members, Staff and Public present: Melinda Joseph-Dezarn, Valerie Honeycutt-Spears, Janet Lively, Michael Preasely, Sherry Price, Beth Randolph, Meredith Raybould, Steve Rogers, Alan Stein, Myron Thompson

The public hearing was called to order by Ms. Joseph-Dezarn at 5:30 PM.

Ms. Raybould joined the meeting to thank the committee for all the time and effort they spent on the District Facility Plan (DFP) and particularly the fine arts program at SCAPA. She commented "fine arts in our district are very important!" "Increasing SCAPA to 650 students is wonderful."

Ms. Randolph gave thanks to the group for their dedication too. Ms. Randolph said FCPS has lots of needs and attending the meetings has been eye opening. She stated she was glad that SCAPA is a priority.

Mr. Stein agreed the needs at FCPS are great.

Ms. Joseph-Dezarn displayed the DFP and the changes that have been made. The next steps are to take the hearing report to the Local Board, Kentucky Department of Education and then the State for approval. There were no questions.

The Public Hearing meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Local Planning Committee Finding Meeting
April 27, 2021 6:00 PM

Members present: Brad Daniel, Kevin Disney, Connie Harvey, Felicia Lindsay, Lisa Mudd, Michael Preacely, Stephanie Spires, Alan Stein, Clay Sutherland, Myron Thompson, Killian Timoney, Joshua Williams and Chris Woodall

Staff and Visitors: Tracy Bruno, Melinda Joseph-Dezarn, Steve Hill, Sherry Price, Beth Randolph, Meredith Raybould

The Finding meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Ms. Joseph-Dezarn.

Ms. Joseph-Dezarn explained the reason for the meeting was to increase the capacity of the new middle school to 1,200 students. The new middle school will offer medical sciences and other special programs like Frederick Douglass offers.

Will this school be a feeder school or standalone school? It will be both.

Mr. Hill shared data to show current enrollment of middle schools. Three middle schools currently have over 1,000 students. The increase to 1,200 students will give lots more flexibility. He explained how Davis Demographics can build an area demographically and predict what the enrollment will be in a certain year.

Is our population trending down? Yes. Mr. Hill illustrated that with the numbers Davis Demographics has gathered. Increasing the capacity to 1,200 will allow us to compete with charter schools.

Mr. Daniel spoke about some of our middle schools that have a lot of land. *Does KDE require a certain amount of land when purchasing for a school?* Yes.

Mr. Bruno mentioned there is a committee for the new middle school already in progress. This middle school has arts in mind with a stage component. There will be working classrooms and a possible benefit to being across the street from a hospital where training may be done.

Mr. Stein made the motion to amend the plan to 1,200 student capacity and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The vote was in favor 12 – 0.

The plan will now go before the local board and then to Kentucky Department of Education.

Many members thanked Mr. Williams for chairing the committee.

Ms. Spires made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Preasely seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.