

April 27, 2017

**OLDHAM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT FACILITIES PLAN HEARING REPORT***

A public hearing was held at the Kenwood Station Elementary School Library/Media Center on April 27, 2017, at 5:30 PM (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Oldham County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 14 - 0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Oldham County Board voted 5 - 0 to approve the new plan.

There were 17 people at the hearing exclusive of the hearing officer in attendance. Mr. Kevin Jeffries, LPC Chairman, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. Attendees included 11 Local Planning Committee members, Superintendent Greg Schultz, 3 Oldham County School employees and 3 community members were present.

COMMENTS

Mr. Greg Schultz, Superintendent called the public hearing to order and introduced Mr. Kevin Jeffries, Hearing Officer. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. All considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report.

Jim Ewalt, Facilities Director read the proposed new District Facility Plan as follows:

- **Priority 1** projects include: South Oldham High (Gymnasium HVAC replacement including an addition to house the equipment).

- **Priority 2** projects include:
New facilities: Brownsboro Elementary (New school), Buckner Alternative High School and English Language Learners (Replacement Facility).
Additions: South Oldham High School, East Oldham Middle, North Oldham Middle, Buckner Elementary, Camden Station Elementary, and Oldham Co. Preschool.
Major Renovations: Oldham Co. High, South Oldham High, North Oldham Middle, Camden Station Elementary, LaGrange Elementary, Oldham Co. Arts Center.
Roof Replacements: East Oldham Middle, Goshen at Hillcrest Elementary, and Kenwood Station Elementary.
District Wide Safety & Security Phase 2 project.

- **Priority 3** projects: None

- **Priority 4** projects: Administrative Annex (roof repairs), Bus Garage (various renovations), Central Office (window replacement), and Grounds Shop (various renovations).

Mr. Jeffries noted that the district had not received any written testimony. The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. Only one person requested to speak.

Mr. Gary Keibler questioned if the April 20th meeting had been properly advertised since he did not see the advertisement in the newspaper. Mr. Keibler's greatest concern was the listing of Brownsboro Elementary School on the facilities plan based on the following issues:

1. The school was in the wrong location due to limited number of students that reside in the area of the proposed school.
2. Schools should be built where the students are located.
3. Utility costs for the new campus was listed in Priority 5
4. The capacity of the school was reduced from the previous plan from 700 students to 600 but the construction cost was cut in half.
5. Enrollment projections did not indicate the need for a new elementary school for 10 years and we should not build the facility based upon undeveloped sites.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Oldham County Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Oldham County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Oldham County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Jeffries, LPC Chairman and Hearing Officer

cc: Gary Leist, Architect
Public Hearing Agenda
Planning File

Attachments: Oldham County School District Facility Plan

*This document is presented to KDE as submitted by the district-appointed hearing officer.