

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Special-Called Meeting

October 15, 2020 5:30 PM

Board Room at the Student Support Center, 305 Danville Avenue, Stanford, KY 40484

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Win Smith Mr. Ricky Lane
Mr. Alan Hubble Mr. Bruce Smith

1. Call to Order

2. Discussion Items

2.a. Revised Safety and Security Projects Step by Step Process

The Kentucky Department of Education has determined that districts do NOT need to modify their DFP's in order to utilize security funds for "SB-1 security items" but rather, only need to submit a "properly prepared" BG-1 Project Application; prepared as follows:

- On the BG-1 Project Application, Identify the Project Type as Security.
- If the work is on the current/KBE approved DFP, identify the DFP Priority(s).
- If the work is not on the current/KBE approved DFP, check Project Not Listed On DFP.
- FOR EACH SUBJECT SCHOOL CENTER - Describe the work to address the items below and enter this information under SCOPE.

1. Main entrance electronic lock - provide the number needed for compliance
2. Main entrance camera - provide the number needed for compliance
3. Main entrance intercom - provide the number needed for compliance
4. Classroom door locks - provide the number needed for compliance
5. Classroom door window covering - provide the number needed for compliance
6. Exterior door access control - provide the number needed for compliance

For approval of the BG-1, the language of the project description must PRECISELY match the wording within the statute. For example, it is NOT approvable to indicate the work as "Intercom system and classroom window covering" but rather, the work must be listed as "Main Entrance Intercom" and "Classroom Door Window Coverings"

2.b. Social Media Post

Superintendent, Mr. Michael Rowe, read the following in response to a social media post from McKinney Schools Recovery, Inc.

The Lincoln County School District strives to provide accurate information to our stakeholders. Normally, our protocol is to limit responses to social media posts. However in this instance, it was brought to the attention of the district that a letter from the counsel representing Ricky King, Jenn Broadbent and McKinney School Recovery, Inc. was shared on social media.

The letter was posted before the Honorable Jonathan Baker, our board attorney, was able to read the letter. I FIND THIS ALARMING. I am going to read a letter from the Honorable Larry Bryson who is representing the district in the lawsuit filed by Ricky King, Jenn Broadbent and McKinney School Recovery, Inc

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Michael Rowe, Superintendent Lincoln
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RE: Litigation Involving McKinney Elementary

Dear Superintendent Rowe:

I reviewed David Spenard's letter of October 1, 2020 to Board Attorney Honorable Jonathan R. Baker. I agree completely with Mr. Baker's representation that because of the litigation by the Plaintiffs in Franklin Circuit Court; in Civil Action No. 19-CI-01302, the plan of the welding class could not be implemented. All public school districts in Kentucky are required to submit a four (4) year Facility Plan that requires extensive planning and involvement, as well as the School Board's approval. An amendment may be sought during the term of the four year plan. However, because of the injunction relief sought by the Plaintiffs, the Kentucky Department of Education would not approve any amendments to the Plan after the lawsuit was filed.

While Mr. Spenard expressed his opinion to Mr. Baker about the Order, the reality of the situation is that KDE would not approve an amendment to the Plan to allow construction modification to the building under consideration for the welding class. While Mr. Spenard may take issue with the KDE as to the literal wording of the Order and the Plaintiffs may wish to deflect responsibility for this problem, it is clear that the Plaintiffs sought injunctive relief and KDE would not consider modifications to the Facility Plan that would have permitted the welding class; otherwise, the Lincoln County Board of Education would have moved forward with modification plans for the building and for the welding class.

2.c. District Facility Plan Process

As reflected in the Board approved August 6, 2020 minutes, Attorney Jonathan Baker was in contact with KDE to allow the district to move forward with the District Facilities Plan without restriction. However, it was not until September 16, 2020 that KDE and their legal department provided written communication that it is now a local decision if the Board plans to move forward with the district facilities process. If the Board decides to move forward, KDE has now indicated their ability to assist.

Superintendent Rowe will make a recommendation to contract with Tim Eaton to facilitate the process at a cost of \$4,500.0.

2.d. COVID Days

The Kentucky Department of Education has given districts the option to approve unlimited paid COVID-19 days for school employees. Currently staff have a total of 14 days of paid COVID-19 days that expire on December 31, 2020.

2.e. Mental Health Provider

The Kentucky Center for School Safety in conjunction with KDE and the Kentucky General Assembly has allotted each school district in Kentucky the sum of \$43,000 to assist in providing mental health providers in schools. As defined by SB 8 (2020) a school based mental health service provider is as a school social worker, school psychologist or school counselor.

Stanford has 583 students with one counselor. The funding is currently for only one year.

2.f. MOA with EKU for Dual Credit Classes

The purpose of the Memorandum of Agreement is to assign the responsibilities and outline the conditions in which Eastern Kentucky University will provide Dual Credit opportunities for the students of Lincoln County Schools.

2.g. Medical Services for Early Childhood Participants

Early Childhood is required to provide students with mental health, medical, vision, and dental services.

2.h. Changes to the Salary Schedule

Early Head Start Teachers and Family Liaisons do not have an hourly rate for 25+ years, only a daily rate. FRC and 21st Century Coordinator substitutes do not have a sub rate.

2.i. Contract with DOE

Highland Elementary is purchasing a new copier for Danville Office Equipment. The service contract for this purchase requires board approval.

2.j. Review Policy on Fund-Raising Activities

Currently the Board approves all fundraising activities, however board policy only requires approval on school-wide fundraisers. The Board will look at policies from other districts and have further discussion at a later working meeting.

2.k. Facility Requests for Athletics

Before allowing the use of district facilities by outside groups the following questions must be addressed.

- i. Who will enforce the social distancing guidelines, mask use, and crowd control for games?
- ii. Who will ensure the area is properly disinfected between games and at the end of the day?

What are nearby districts doing?

- Casey County - allowing little league to use facilities
- Danville Independent - only allowing outdoor facilities to be used, has not made a decision about gyms
- McCreary County – only allowing outdoor facilities to be used, has not made a decision about gyms
- Pulaski County - allowing little leagues to use facilities
- Rockcastle County – only allowing outdoor facilities to be used, has not made a decision about gyms
- Somerset Independent – allowing little leagues to use facilities

The Board will make a decision on facility requests by the January meeting.

3. Action Items

3.a. Purchases Over \$30,000

- U.S. Bank, 2014 Bond Series - \$71,922.50
- U.S. Bank, 2012 Bond Series - \$30,815.00
- U.S. Bank, 2009 Bond Series - \$93,350.00

Order #43. - Motion Passed: Approve Purchases Over \$30,000 passed with a motion by Mr. Bruce Smith and a second by Mr. Alan Hubble.

Mr. Alan Hubble	Yes
Mr. Ricky Lane	Yes
Mr. Win Smith	Yes
Mr. Bruce Smith	Yes

3.b. COVID-19 Contact Tracer

Due to COVID-19 quarantines and active cases within Lincoln County, the District is requesting a temporary full-time Contact Tracer dedicated to working with the Lincoln County Health Department and School Contact Tracers to identify and notify exposed individuals, provide education, information and support to help patients understand their risk. FEMA will fund 75% of this position's salary.

Order #44. - Motion Passed: Approve the Temporary Position of and Job Description for a District Contact Tracer for Lincoln County Schools passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Lane and a second by Mr. Bruce Smith.

Mr. Alan Hubble	Yes
Mr. Ricky Lane	Yes
Mr. Win Smith	Yes
Mr. Bruce Smith	Yes

4. Adjourn Board Chair, Mr. Win Smith, adjourned the meeting at 6:14PM.

Chairman of the Board

Secretary to the Board