

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOLS
Special-Called Working Meeting
July 09, 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. Tom Blankenship Mr. Alan Hubble
Mr. Ricky Lane Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Win Smith

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Alan Hubble was updated to present at: 5:56 PM

1. **Call to Order** Board Chair, Tom Blankenship called the meeting to order a 5:33PM

2. Action Items

2.a. 2019-2020 Amended School Calendar

Order #1. - Motion Passed: Approve the 2019-2020 Amended School Calendar passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Lane and a second by Mr. Win Smith.

Mr. Tom Blankenship	Yes
Mr. Alan Hubble	Absent
Mr. Ricky Lane	Yes
Mr. Win Smith	Yes
Mr. Bruce Smith	Yes

2.b. 2020-2021 School Calendar

Ms. Diana Hart, Director of Pupil Personnel, presented the 2020-2021 school calendar. The calendar shows a later start date for students of August 26th. The school year will have 1,062 instructional hours. All breaks remain the same as previous calendars with the exception of an extra day after the Thanksgiving break.

Order #2. - Motion Passed: Approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Lane and a second by Mr. Bruce Smith.

Mr. Tom Blankenship	Yes
Mr. Alan Hubble	Absent
Mr. Ricky Lane	Yes
Mr. Win Smith	Yes
Mr. Bruce Smith	Yes

3. Discussion Items

3.a. Lawsuit Preventing Implementation of a Welding Program at Lincoln County ATC

Vice Chair, Mr. Win Smith discussed the McKinney lawsuit's impact on welding program and any changes the district may need to make on the facilities. Mr. Smith emphasized that the injunction prevented the district from making modifications or changes to any school, not just the McKinney school. Lincoln County High School principal, Mr. Michael Godbey sent a letter to each board member regarding the need for a welding program at the high school, and the negative impact the McKinney lawsuit had on the ability to implement the program.

July 2, 2020

Dear Members of the Lincoln County Board of Education:

It was the intention of Lincoln County High School, in cooperation with Lincoln County Area Technology Center, to offer a Welding pathway this year to our students. Welding is a high-interest pathway requested by an increasing number of students at Lincoln County High School and a skill that will make our students employable in this area. Currently, we are only offered 7 to 8 slots for students at the Garrard County Vocational School in Lancaster causing a lot of our students to have to choose another pathway.

Plans were developed in cooperation with the Lincoln County ATC including meetings with the Kentucky Department of Education Associate Commissioner, David Horseman, and others from KDE to change the Woodworking Pathway to a Welding Pathway. We even went as far as to meet with representatives from Campbellsville University to partner with the post-secondary institution to offer dual-credit for these courses and have the university sponsor the welding program. In addition to these meetings we met with a representative from Sherman Carter Barnhart to determine what was required to convert the current Woodworking shop in the ATC into a welding lab. Again, all of these efforts were done to maximize offerings for our students and provide them with the best opportunities to become career ready in Lincoln County.

Following all of these preparations and plans we were informed that making any conversions to the area in the technology center would not be possible due to the injunction in place as a result of the lawsuit by the McKinney group. How disappointing and frustrating for our students that we cannot offer a requested pathway to meet their career preparation needs due to a frivolous lawsuit. Another example of our students having to suffer due to the lack for progressive thinking in our district.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter. Know that we will continue to work to add a Welding Pathway to our offerings for students.

*Respectfully,
Michael J. Godbey, Principal*

3.b. Healthy at School Guiding Document

Board members reviewed the Healthy at School Guiding Document. Ms. Tracy Griffin, School Health Coordinator, led discussion over the document. The district met with staff and administrators to discuss ways to implement the guidelines. A meeting with parents is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th. The goal is to have a plan in place by Wednesday, July 15th, to meet the guidelines. The district has ordered 8,000 masks and every student and staff member will be given 2 masks. The district has also ordered enough thermometers to give one to each family so they can check their child's temperature before school. The district is in the process of ordering hand sanitizer and cleaners.

3.c. Results of the Stakeholder Survey

Superintendent Rowe reviewed the Stakeholder Survey results. There were 1,360 Responses to the survey.

- 58.7% indicated that their child will return to in-person instruction
- 67.1% were interested in NTI/online instruction
- 90.7% have reliable internet access
- 84.4% can provide a mask
- 39.6% will ride the bus

3.d. Communicable Disease Waiver for School-Sponsored Sports

It is of legal opinion that a school district cannot require a waiver for the mandatory aspects of public education in Kentucky. However, a school district can use waivers for extracurricular activities. The board needs to discuss the possible adoption of a communicable disease waiver that addresses COVID specifically. As well as, updating the student code of conduct to include and address the "new expectations" by the schools of parents and students that have been brought on by COVID. Parents and students are both required to sign acknowledgments of receipt/"have read" of the Student Code of Conduct.

3.e. Volunteers, Field Trips, Facility Requests, Assemblies, and Mass Gatherings

Superintendent Rowe led discussion on whether the board should suspend all volunteers, field trips, facilities requests, assemblies, and mass gatherings until the COVID-19 pandemic is over or controlled.

3.f. Update on the LCMS Project

Chief Operations Officer, Mr. Darren Yaden, gave an update on the Lincoln County Middle School project. It was initially thought only the brick was in need of repair. However, after removing the brick, contractor found the problem was in fact a lack of flashing. It will take an additional \$22,000 to fix the wall. Superintendent Rowe will check on the liability of the company who initially installed the brick.

3.g. Keyless Entry

Mr. Yaden discussed keyless entry. It will cost an estimated \$10,000 to get the keyless entry at the high school. Mr. Godbey would also like shore up the front entrance of the High School which will run around \$25,000. Mr. Donnie Leigh bought lockboxes which allow law enforcement to enter the school in case of an emergency. The district has been allocated \$99,000 from the State, to help meet Senate Bill 1 guidance. However, if there needs to be a finding or change to the facility plan the district cannot go forward until the McKinney suit has been settled. Superintendent Rowe reminded board members that deadlines for updated facility plans and meetings of the facility committee are due beginning in August. Currently, no plans can be made due to the McKinney lawsuit.

4. Adjourn Board Chair, Mr. Tom Blankenship, thanked the staff for their hard work during these challenging plans. Mr. Blankenship adjourned the meeting at 6:14 PM.

Chairman of the Board

Secretary to the Board