

**LEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION &  
DISTRICT FACILITY LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
JOINT WORK SESSION  
THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2013 @ 6:00 P.M.**

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

William Owens, Lee County Board Of Education Chairman, called the Board of Education meeting to order. The following Lee County Board of Education members were in attendance: William Owens, Larry Burgess, Curtis Davis, Janie Thorpe, and Melissa L. Judd.

Ray Shuler, Local Planning Committee (LPC) Chairman, called the LPC meeting to order and welcomed members and guests. The following LPC members were in attendance: Ray Shuler, Larry Burgess, Barbara Puckett, John Profitt, Kim Williams, David Lyons, Steve Carroll, Matthew Coleman, Letha Hogan, Maureen Patrick, and James Evans, Jr. Also present were Sharron Adams and John David Sipple from the Lee County Central Office, and Mike Sparkman and Michael Meade from ALT 32 Architect Firm.

Public Attendees: Tony Barrett, Brent Duncil, Candice Sizemore, Rhonda Estes, Kenneth Isaacs, James Dailey, Mike Patrick, Vickie Adams, Susan Perdue, Cheri Murrey, Bruce Murrey, Pamela Deaton, Bob Smith, Linda Smith, Katrina Broaddus, Veronica Wilder, Karen Stansbury, Vicky Charles, Natasha Ratliff, Kendra Napier, and Bethany Hobbs.

**APPROVE FEBRUARY 18, 2013 LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

LPC Chairman, Ray Shuler, entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the LPC February 18, 2013 meeting. On motion of David Lyons, seconded by Kim Williams, and by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve the LPC February 18, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Ray Shuler informed those present that the purpose of this meeting was to hold a joint work session of the Lee County Board of Education and the District Facility Local Planning Committee to discuss LPC recommendations in the development of the District Facility Plan and hear additional information prepared by Mike Sparkman of Alt 32.

### CONSOLIDATION POSSIBILITIES PRESENTED BY RAY SHULER

Ray Shuler shared a Power Point presentation which included statistical information for Beattyville Elementary and Southside Elementary Schools; conditions of the facilities; reasons to consolidate/reasons not to consolidate, and items needed for consolidation.

### ELEMENTARY BUILDING REVIEWS BY MIKE SPARKMAN AND MICHAEL MEADE OF ALT 32

Mike Sparkman, President of Alt 32 Architect Firm, and Michael Meade, an intern with Alt 32, reported findings following evaluations of Beattyville Elementary and Southside Elementary Schools. A bonding potential printout developed by the district's Fiscal Agent, Ross Sinclair Associates was also provided.

Mr. Sparkman advised that looking at the physical plant, his recommendation would be to identify Beattyville Elementary as a transitional facility and construct additional classrooms at Southside Elementary School. This change would put the district in a better fiscal position and provide a better environment for students.

### OPEN DISCUSSION BY LPC AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

The following items/questions were discussed:

- If a school is identified as transitional, do we have to leave the facility immediately? No
- What would be timeframe for additions to Southside? 8-12 months for construction; additional 6 months for design phase
- Would labor charges increase if we do a project over longer period of time? Yes
- Is it common for a school to be renovated during the academic calendar? Yes
- Would construction cause disturbance at Southside? Exterior construction would only cause site and traffic flow disturbance. Would try to complete gym, cafeteria, and interior renovation during summer and other breaks
- If Beattyville Elementary is identified as transitional, could we advertise for sale before we move? Yes, could advertise after the facility is declared transitional
- What is LPC's role in developing the District Facility Plan? The LPC makes recommendations to the Lee County Board of Education. It is ultimately the Board's decision to approve a District Facility Plan to be submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education's Facilities Management Branch and the Kentucky Board of Education for final approval

- How would we determine the number of certified staff needed if consolidation takes place? SBDM Formula would be used to determine the number of staff needed
- Could Southside's current facility needs be added to the renovation project? Those needs could be addressed during renovation

Comments:

- "Decisions have to be made for the district to remain solvent."
- "Consolidation is going to happen. We must have the attitude and vision to know we can make it better for kids."
- Beattyville Elementary and Southside Elementary have two different cultures. One good thing about consolidation would be unified elementary school.
- It's about kids and it's about money.
- We are working to bring more people and businesses here which would be in conflict with consolidation. What if you close a school and the student enrollment increases.
- Don't take the first offer you get for Beattyville Elementary
- Make sure Public Forum is advertised in newspaper and web page

LPC PUBLIC FORUM AND LPC COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED

An LPC Public Forum and LPC meeting were scheduled on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 starting at 6:00 P.M. Due to conflicting schedules, these meetings have been rescheduled. They will now be held at the Lee County Board of Education on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, with the Public Forum beginning at 6:00 p.m., and the LPC meeting immediately following.

**63-13 ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Janie Thorpe, seconded by Melissa L. Judd, and by unanimous vote, the Lee County Board of Education adjourned.

Upon motion, the LPC meeting adjourned.