

Agenda: LPC Public Forum #2

Date: February 10, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: In-Person/Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Purpose:** Potential District Facilities Plan Amendment**Meeting Called by:** Hopkins County Schools**Mission Statement**

The Mission of Hopkins County Schools is to unite as one team to learn and inspire.

LPC Members (x indicates attendance)

Amy Smith	X	Shelia Carter		Tina Peyton	
Marty Cline	X	Matt Beshear	X	Kilee Beshear	X
George Jones	X	Wendy Eaves	X	Lanise Stone	X
Steve Faulk	X	Eric Stone	X	Meaghan Teal	X
Peter Hughes		Jon Wells	X	Dr. Beth Beverly	X
Chuck Shockley	X	Scott Moore	X	Rian McGuyer	
Travis Ipo		Kia Zieba			

Other Attendees (x indicates attendance)

Pete Galloway	X	Drew Taylor	X	Julie Vaughn	X
Damon Fleming	X	Erika Stark	X	Brooke Stuart	X
John Osborne	X	Mary Jones	X	Andrew Owens	X
Lori Harrison	X	Eydie Tate	X	Mark Rawlings	X
Matt Hughes	X	Jan Richey	X	Justin McElfresh	X
Andy Belcher	X	Chad Menser	X	Ann Elkins	X
Alaysha Scott	X	Valerie Epperson	X	Jenny Haw	X
Jamie Brooks	X	Rebecca Barnett	X	JW Durst	X
Shannon Embry	X	Emily Ray	X	Andrea Browning	X
Katy McGlothlin	X	Kirk Hilbrecht	X	Brandon McClain	X
Brandon Cooper	X	Martha Phelps	X	Susie Woodruff	X
Jeanetta Riley	X	Carol Niswonger	X	Cassie Dunning	X

Topic	Information
Open Public Forum	Marty Cline called the Public Forum to order at 6 p.m. and welcomed all participants.
Approval of Minutes from 2/3/22	Motion by Steve Faulk to approve Feb. 3 minutes, 2 nd by George Jones. All approved.
Facilitator Address	Facilitator Pete Galloway said the 3 rd LPC meeting was just completed. This is the 2 nd forum. The purpose of the forum is to encourage participation from the community. There were several who attended last week but no one spoke. Anyone who speaks is asked to keep their comments to 3 minutes.

	<p>Those on Zoom are asked to use the Chat feature to indicate they want to speak. This is the opportunity for those who want to share anything related to the facility plan amendment that was just passed.</p>
<p>Share Draft Info/Changes</p>	<p>The draft plan is pulled up on the Zoom screen and copies are available at the in-person meeting. There is a sign-in sheet for those who wish to speak. Those who wish to speak on Zoom should just type in Chat that they would like to speak. They will be unmuted when it is their time to speak.</p>
<p>Public Questions/Discussion</p>	<p>No one has signed in to speak from the in-person attendees. Mr. Cline asked those on Zoom to indicate if they wish to speak.</p> <p>Emily Ray, who has children at both Earlington and South Hopkins, said she is concerned with how recently the buildings have been maintained. Browning Springs is the oldest school with students in it and that school has been updated and expanded. She feels maybe these other schools haven't been maintained as well. She is also concerned about what will happen to the buildings if they are closed. She doesn't want her children to lose their schools. The staff is great. Earlington has a lot of low-income children who live right down the street from the school. The school literally takes care of them. Please talk about what happens to a school when it's vacated.</p> <p>Mr. Cline said that what happens to the building is a Board of Education decision. Options include declaring the building surplus, when it can be sold or torn down, or using it by the district in another capacity. There is specific law on how to dispose of property from Kentucky school systems.</p> <p>Steve Faulk said Browning Springs was remodeled several years ago. Earlington and South Middle have been stable buildings in their community. Through the tornado, Earlington provided a safe haven. That's what makes this so difficult. He wants to integrate the history of these schools into the new school somehow.</p> <p>Katy McGlothlin, an Earlington Elementary parent, asked if there will be redistricting. She also spoke on the tradition of Earlington school and said it is a staple to the community.</p>

	<p>Mr. Cline said that redistricting is a decision made by the Board of Education. Looking at the capacity numbers, it does not appear that all the students at Earlington will fit at Southside Elementary. This could result in redistricting but those plans have not been made.</p> <p>Martha Phelps, an Earlington parent, said she understands this from a facilities perspective but is concerned for children this will impact. She expressed concern for their mental health, well-being, and the obstacles these kids have had to overcome. This school has been a constant for them.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>The draft plan will be submitted to Kentucky Department of Education. The Hopkins County Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 15 at the CTC. If the board approves the plan, they will appoint a hearing officer who will conduct a public hearing March 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the CTC. That information can be shared in writing or in person. The feedback will go directly into a hearing report that will be sent to the Department of Education for their review.</p> <p>Mr. Faulk said he’s been asked questions about possible loss of employees. The board hopes to keep all of employees. Superintendent Amy Smith said she met with each of these school staffs this week in person to answer questions. We are looking at this from a facilities perspective now. The ESSER money expires in September 2024. This is something that is several years down the road. It will take time and planning as well as input from stakeholders in each of those buildings. They are the heart of their communities and we respect their opinions very much.</p> <p>Mr. Faulk said there have been questions about the gyms. The new gyms will provide opportunities for kids as well as offering service as a storm shelter.</p>
<p>Adjourn Public Forum</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Jon Wells, 2nd by Scott Moore. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.</p>