

Madison County Schools

On fire for their future

Board Report

May 28, 2020

At this time and given the extraordinary circumstances public agencies are confronting, an opinion issued on March 18, 2020, issued as OAG 20-25 the Kentucky Attorney General stated that under the present state of emergency and the need to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 it is not “feasible” under KRS 61.840 to precisely identify and provide a physical location at which the public may attend and view a meeting held as a video conference under the Open Meetings Act. Instead, because of the public health necessity of imposing social distancing to help stop the spread of COVID-19, a public agency should precisely identify a website, television station, or other technological means by which the public may view a meeting conducted under the Act until the conclusion of the state of emergency.

The May 14, 2020 meeting of the Madison County Board of Education was held via video conference. The public was given a YouTube link to watch the meeting and the meeting was also streamed through Facebook live.

Board members present: Samantha Burford, Lori Cobb, Beth Brock, Becky Coyle and Brandon Rutherford

Board members were at different locations and Google meets was used for the virtual meeting.

NOTE--Prior to the Madison County Board of Education meeting the Madison County School District Finance Corporation held a Special Meeting. The sole purpose of the meeting was to confirm officers.

Chair Samantha Burford called the meeting to order

Actions taken by the Board:

- Action Agenda
 - Approved the minutes of the May 14 meeting
 - Approved the designation for the 2019-2020 fund balances for site-based carryover, sick leave restriction, funds obligated for purchases, future personnel expenditures, facility maintenance, and capital projects/property costs
 - Un-committed 2019-2020 funds for KSBIT obligation, operating expenses, special projects, and for capital projects as needed
 - Approved the 2019-2020 revised working budget
 - Approved the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget
 - Approved the final plans and BG-3 for the Richmond area career/technology center
 - The Board went into Executive Session for preliminary discussion of the Superintendent’s evaluation pursuant to KRS 61:810 and KRS 156:557

- The Board came out of Executive Session and they took no action as a result of the Executive Session
- Adjourned

Showcase

Due to the state of emergency due to COVID-19 there was no Showcase

Recognition

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Comment from the Board

- Beth Brock state that she has received several calls from students as well as parents wanting to know what the district plans are for the months ahead. She said that the Board and district is going to focus day by day and do the best we can do given the information we receive on an ever-evolving situation, but they are doing whatever they can do to give students the best educational experience they can have, provide what the teachers needs and most importantly keep the students of Madison County Schools safe.
- Dr. Gilliam replied to Mrs. Brock's statements by giving a brief rundown of the steps the district is taking to plan for the new school year which includes parent and teacher surveys that will be sent out next week.
- Lori Cobb encouraged everyone to participate in the surveys that they receive. She stated that the more input the survey gets the better it is for everyone.
- Becky Coyle asked that everyone complete their census and the survey.

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