

Tom Shelton, Ph.D.
Superintendent

November 30, 2011

Terry Holliday
Kentucky Department of Education
500 Mero Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Commissioner Holliday:

Fayette County Public Schools has elected to participate in the pilot district-level leadership assessment project, in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education and AdvancEd. Work on that project has begun in earnest.

Per our conversation during your visit in early-November, our district is keenly aware of the need to align the results of this pilot district process with the mandated Leadership Assessment scheduled for Bryan Station High School, so that improvement plans are aligned and mutually supportive.

For this reason Fayette County Public Schools requests to waive the 60-day requirement in 703 KAR 5:180, Intervention System for Persistently Low-Achieving Schools (PLA). The Bryan Station High School leadership assessment would be conducted simultaneously with the pilot district assessment at some point in January 2012. This request was approved by the Fayette County Board of Education in its regular meeting on November 21, 2011 (supporting document attached).

Fayette County Public Schools looks forward to the opportunity to help build the leadership assessment process for future use in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Sincerely,



Tom Shelton, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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K. Approval of Action Items

16. Approval of Bid, Proposed Contract, and a Revision to the BG-1 Project Application for the Adaptive Re-Use of 1126 Russell Cave Road as the Warehouse Facility BG 11-108

Mary Wright:

- Bid received below estimate

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Amanda Ferguson to accept the base bid with Alternates 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as submitted by D.W. Wilburn, Inc., approve the proposed contract in the amount of \$9,292,800 (Nine Million, Two Hundred Ninety-two Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars), and approve a revision to the BG-1 Project Application for a total of \$11,227,536 (Eleven Million, Two Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-six Dollars), for the adaptive re-use of 1126 Russell Cave Road as the warehouse facility, subject to the approval of the Kentucky Department of Education, District Facilities Branch, per the provisions of 702 KAR 4:160. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

17. Request for Waiver to 703 KAR 5:180, Intervention System for Persistently Low Achieving Schools (PLA)

Tom Shelton:

- BSHS recently named to list of persistently low achieving schools
- Required to complete Leadership Assessment within 60 days of identification
- KDE requested Fayette County to participate in pilot program – Board approval required for 60 day Leadership Assessment waiver
- District audit to be coordinated with school audit – early January
- Jack Hayes and Mike McKenzie coordinating

Jack Hayes:

- Revised dip would be brought to Board in March

A motion was made by Doug Barnett and seconded by Daryl Love to approve the request to waive the 60 day requirement to complete required Leadership Assessment per 703 KAR 5:180. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

18. Report on 2011 Financial Records Audit for Fayette County Public Schools (hard copy available at District offices)

Rodney Jackson:

- Audit presented to Budget and Finance Committee and Board of Education on November 7, 2011 meeting
- Audit presented in detail at the November 7, 2011 Planning Board meeting
- District received a clean unqualified opinion
- Report reflects adoption of GASB 54 for more transparency for readers a year earlier than required

A motion was made by Daryl Love and seconded by Doug Barnett to accept the independent audit report for the Fayette County Public Schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 as presented. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.