

Lincoln County Board of Education Board Meeting October 23, 2018

The Lincoln County Board of Education met in special session on October 23, 2018 at Lincoln County High School. Board Chairman Mr. Tommy Stevenson was in the chair, and Mrs. Karen Putman acted as secretary. Mr. Stevenson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Jared Bradley
Carla Buchanan
Johnny Collins
Susan Cowley
Jennifer Haynes
Kevin Posey
Tommy Stevenson
Sammy Tucker

Anna Grace Welch – Student Board Representative
Denali Quinonez – Student Board Representative

Members Absent:

None

Business Transacted:

Mrs. Christy Wright was recognized to address the Board on behalf of Blanche School and the community. She expressed her appreciation to the Board, Dr. Heath and the County Commissioners for their work in bringing about the plan to build a new school for Blanche.

Dr. Heath presented information concerning the process that has brought the Board to this point in the plan including information on revenues for capital projects for the system. The five year plan included three revenue streams: 1) capital projects fund; 2) maintenance operations General Purpose budget; 3) new revenue. Phase I of the building plan includes three main projects: 1) a new building for Blanche School; 2) a STEM wing for Lincoln County High School; 3) renovation of the gymnasium at Flintville, which was completed this past summer. A committee was formed to specifically move forward with the part of the plan to build a new school at Blanche. He also presented information on the process the committee used to view and determine possible property sites. The number of sites was narrowed to four (4) and these sites were evaluated by Civil Site Design Group. Board members were presented a copy of the report from the architectural firm. Dr. Heath expressed his thanks to the Budget Committee of the Lincoln County Commission for their work in helping move this plan forward. The County Commission has approved the bond issue for this project.

Vote to accept these minutes will
Be at the next regular Board meeting.

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Mr. Stevenson presented information from the report on the four (4) sites, including costs that would be incurred in preparing each site for construction of a new school building. He also noted that site #17 was the site that most closely fit the requirements.

Mr. Tucker moved, seconded by Mr. Collins, to consider site #17 as the property for the building of the new Blanche School. The roll call vote resulted in 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Mr. Tucker moved, seconded by Mrs. Haynes, to allow the executive committee to negotiate a contract for acquisition within the budget parameters. The roll call vote resulted in 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Mr. Stevenson appointed a committee for the repurposing of Lincoln County Ninth Grade Academy. With the upcoming move of ninth grade students to Lincoln County High School, there needs to be an evaluation for the best long term option for the Ninth Grade Academy facility. Parameters for the committee will be looking at the existing central office structure, potential learning center (possibly for CTE, arts, magnet school or a combination) or any other proposal that will benefit students and taxpayers in the long term. Input from county officials and stakeholders will be requested during this process. The committee will be comprised of Mr. Posey, Chairman; Mrs. Haynes; Mr. Tucker; Mr. Stevenson.

Mr. Stevenson appointed a committee for site based decisions for Lincoln County High School. With funding approved for the LCHS addition, this committee will evaluate and select the best location for the addition. Parameters for the committee will be identifying the location for the addition with appearance, accessibility, road access and any other items deemed appropriate. The committee will be comprised of Mr. Collins, Chairman; Mr. Bradley; Ms. Buchanan; Miss Cowley. Dr. Heath will appoint administrative personnel to be a part of the committee.

Dr. Heath discussed the time line for the projects.

Mr. Stevenson recognized Miss Quinonez and Miss Welch, LCHS Student Board Representatives.

Mr. Tucker moved, seconded by Mr. Collins, to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Dr. Bill Heath **Director of Schools**

Mr. Tommy Stevenson **Board Chairman**