

**Weakley County, Tennessee**  
**Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee**  
**November 3, 2014, 8:00 a.m.**

ORIGINAL

Members Present: Commissioners Jack Vincent, James Bynum, Dale Overton, Larry Hudson, Roger VanCleave, Scott Fortner, Carmen Chandler, Donald Doster, and James Roy Pope.

The HEED Committee met on November 3, 2014, 8:00 a.m. at the new Weakley County Department of Finance. Others present included Jake Bynum- County Mayor, Randy Frazier-Director of Schools, Commissioner Larry Taylor, and Gordon Morris.

Chairperson Chandler called the meeting to order.

**New Business**

**Tour of Schools**

**Adult Learning Center**

The committee began the school tour at the Adult Learning Center in Dresden. Mr. Mitchell Parham, Director of the Adult Learning Center greeted the commissioners. Wayne Reynolds-School Maintenance Supervisor, and Buddy White with TLM & Associates accompanied the commissioners. The Adult Learning Center was built in 1970s and has served many students throughout the years. Mr. Frazier & Mr. Parham stated they are negotiating with some two-year colleges and technology schools to host satellite classes at the facility. The county alternative school is housed at this facility and needs some renovations such as: enclosed locked entrance, conference room, teacher's office area, the removal of all carpet in the alternative school area. The enclosure of two open areas in the hallway for potential satellite classrooms. The office area carpet needs to be replaced along with the ceiling tiles or a drop ceiling.

**Dresden High School**

School Board member Gath Meeks joined the group at Dresden High School along with Jerry Hartsfield & Mark Maddox of TLM & Associates. Principal Chuck West greeted the commissioners. Mr. Frazier began with the outside appearance of the school, he stated the HVAC were new however many were complaining of their appearance, also the awning leaks, and the outside brick is beginning to crumble, TLM stated that a specific paint could be used restore the brick appearance and prevent the cracking. The DHS theater needs upgrading in particular the seating, stage curtains, stage floor, lightning, and the sound system. The DHS gym bottom level bleachers need replacing and one area on the second level needs to be enclosed to house the weight lifting equipment. The visitor locker rooms need to be renovated and space is needed for storage of athletic equipment. The DHS Ag shop roof is leaking and the roll-up door is causing energy loss. There is also an old boiler in the shop that can be removed. The Ag classroom floor tile needs to be replaced.

**Gleason School**

County Commissioner Eric Owen joined the group at Gleason School. Principal Trish Price & Vice-Principal Lee Lawrence greeted the commissioners. Mr. Frazier wanted the group to see the new gym and ag shop that was part of the last school building project in 2004. The tour visited the old gym which need air conditioning installed and new bleachers. The weight room is small and need expanding and ventilation system installed. Commissioner Hudson stated a computer lab was needed in the junior high wing of the school.

**Greenfield School**

School Board member John Liggett joined the group at Greenfield School. Mr. Frazier began the tour at the high school gym area. The gym was built in 1966. The gym bleachers no longer work properly and do not meet safety codes, the gym need air conditioning and regulated heat. There is heat in the gym; however it is hard to regulate. The gym locker rooms, home and visitor areas, along with the restroom areas are in desperate need of renovation. The group continued to the GHS Ag Shop area which was built in 1960s which like the high school gym is not connected to the school building. This disconnection from the k-12 building presents security issues for the students. Next, the group crossed the road to the K-12 school building, Mr. Frazier pointed out the need for the cafeteria to be connected to the high school area via an enclosure. The

group visited the elementary gym where the bleachers do not meet safety codes and are not motorized. Next the group moved to the outside area where a proposal was explained to build a new high school gym, ag shop, and playground. The group viewed the architect's draft plan. Discussion continued on this project.

### **Sharon School**

Principal Donald Ray High greeted the commissioners. Mr. Frazier began the tour in the gym where there is no air conditioning and the bleachers need some repair or replacement. Next the group viewed the CDC program for three year olds through 8<sup>th</sup> grade special education students, the program currently has 50 students housed in four classrooms. The group also viewed the cafeteria area.

### **Martin Primary School**

School Board member John Hatler joined the group at Martin Primary School. Principal Tracey Bell greeted the commissioners. Mr. Frazier began the tour in the cafeteria. Mrs. Bell explained that lunch begins at 10:15 a.m. with the pre-k students eating and ends at 12:45 p.m. Mrs. Bell stated that when visitors attend for lunch is it impossible to seat all the students and visitors; so some lunches are moved to the classrooms and gym areas. This is the smallest cafeteria in the county. Mr. Frazier showed the group the adjacent room that could be incorporated into the cafeteria to add space.

### **Martin Middle School**

School Board member John Hatler joined the group at Martin Primary School. Principal Nate Holmes greeted the commissioners. Mr. Frazier began the tour outside the building noting the outside appearance of the school, he stated the HVAC were new however many were complaining of their appearance, the outside brick is beginning to crumble, TLM stated that a specific paint could be used restore the brick appearance and prevent the cracking. An outside awning is needed to help accommodate the loading and unloading of students in bad weather conditions. The MMS theater needs upgrading in particular the seating, stage curtains, stage floor, lightning, and the sound system. The MMS cheer room located in the basement area of the gym has some energy loss problems due to the roll-up garage door. The locker rooms need to be renovated. The gym bleachers need to be repaired. Next the group moved to the MMS fieldhouse built in the late 1970s. The fieldhouse is in bad condition and needs to be completely renovated. Restrooms are needed for the football game attendees. Discussion of the fieldhouse continued.

Chairperson Chandler recessed the meeting 1:57 p.m. The committee will reconvene on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Approved:



Carmen Chandler., Chairperson  
Health, Education, & Economic Development Committee

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