

The Glasgow Board of Education's Central Office, including the Superintendent's office has been sold. The Real estate at 1108 Cleveland Avenue has been sold to the Barren County Farm Bureau pending approval of the Kentucky Department of Education.. There was only one bid submitted to purchase the property. That was from Barren County Farm Bureau for \$261,500. In a special called meeting last night the board met in closed session for about an hour and voted to accept the Farm Bureau Bid and sell the property. The reason it was sold using a sealed bid process is because an appraisal had been done valuing the building at \$409,500. But as board chair Elaine Richardson explains:

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Last fall the board decided to declare the Central Office as surplus property, hoping the sale would make way to consolidate the central office to into the former Happy Valley School location on Cherry Street. Richardson says it just makes sense for the district:

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And as far as funding the move:

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Following the meeting Barren County Farm Bureau President Jay Coleman confirmed to WCLU Local news that Farm Bureau will be creating a second location by utilizing the new purchase. He said following KDE approval Farm Bureau would make the building a service center for customers in the southern end of the county bringing on additional insurance agents and providing other services they currently provide in their lone facility on Reynolds Road.

Superintendent Sean Howard says he anticipates about 60 to 90 days will be needed to make the move once KDE gives their approval.

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Bureau for \$261,500 pending state approval.