



To: Attendees

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Master Facilities Plan
October 3, 2017 Master Facilities Plan Committee Meeting Minutes

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Discussion Topics:

- A. Committee Introductions.
- B. Review of accepted potential solutions from Meeting No. 1 and confirmation of prior opportunities:
 1. Change grade configuration in current buildings and make use of under-utilized spaces.
 2. Start planning for development of additions or new facilities.
 3. Consider modular buildings for immediate capacity needs and plan for anticipated growth.
 4. Increase capacity by allowing more students per class.

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- C. Review of current District financial capacity and BEST Grant funding opportunities. Program cap was also discussed, including COP (Certificates of Participation) used to fund capital improvements in P-12 schools (BEST Grant, etc.).
- D. Review of Enrollment versus Capacity, current and potential capacity in each building.
- E. Review of 2017 Bennett and Watkins area developments, and corresponding projected growth:
 - 1. By 2026, at the Medium Pace of Growth Scenario, the District is projected to be over capacity by 2,243 students.
 - 2. By 2026, at the Slow Pace of Growth Scenario, the District is projected to be over capacity by 1,019.
- F. Review of Potential Solutions/Scenarios:
 - 1. Scenario 1: Increase Capacity by allowing more students per class.
 - a. Comments:
 - 1) Quantity of teachers required will exceed current retained.
 - 2) Student learning will be adversely affected.
 - 3) District may not be able to implement within current budget.
 - 4) Other districts currently exceed capacity significantly with no adverse effect.
 - 5) High probability of being required given projected growth.
 - 2. Scenario 2A: Install 12 modular classrooms to increase Elementary School capacity.
 - a. Comments:
 - 1) Growth is inevitable. Need to plan and orchestrate a plan now.
 - 2) Modular building may be used for other needs later.
 - 3) Affordable.
 - 4) Will balance feeder system if all are elementary classrooms.
 - 3. Scenario 2B: Build 12 'brick and mortar' classroom additions at Elementary School to increase capacity.
 - a. Comments:
 - 1) Current Elementary School building has issues, including, but not limited to drainage, and structural damage. Should the District invest in a building with system issues?
 - 2) Budget would likely exceed projections.
 - 4. Scenario 3: Convert Elementary School to K-2, build new 3-8 (BEST Grant option), and new High School four-classroom and administration addition to increase High School capacity.
 - a. Comments:
 - 1) Costly.
 - 2) No community support is expected to obtain Bond. The community has not been impacted by growth to date.
 - 3) Opportunities for new buildings in developments need to be explored.
 - 4) If no action, the student/classroom ratio is likely to increase to 30 very quickly.
 - 5) Scenario 3 provides a long term solution.
 - 6) The State (CDE – BEST Program) could potentially help.
- G. Review of the potential project schedule for Scenario 2B or 3, from the BEST submittal, bond campaign, bond election, through the completion of construction.
- H. Discussion/Observations/Questions.
- I. Next Steps:
 - 1. Proceed with Scenario 2A, and submit Committee recommendation to the Board.
 - 2. Scenario 2A will be further reviewed and discussed.
- J. The next meeting will be October 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the High School.