

**Olentangy Development Committee Meeting
Minutes of November 3, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
Olentangy Administrative Offices**

In attendance for the Development Committee were:

- Antronica, Anthony
- Au, Ralph
- Frash, David
- Fuller, Robert
- Hall, Greg
- Jacobs, Marty
- Jurawitz, Sharon
- Lewis, Tony
- Manor, Mike
- Muharrem, Gurgun
- Murnane, Ann
- Norton, Mike
- Reiner, Charles
- Schuette, John
- Seils, Rich
- Thomas, Ron
- Vasbinder, Mike
- Weaver, Deb

Also in attendance: Stacy Dunbar, Kevin O'Brien, Linda Martin, Keith Pomeroy, Terri Shaw, Tracy Healy, Ann Hoffsis and Andy Kerr.

Ron Thomas moved and Charles Reiner seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

David Frash moved and Gurgun Muharrem seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2010 meeting.

Ralph Au introduced the new Board of Education Development Committee liaisons, Stacy Dunbar and Kevin O'Brien.

Tracy Healy of Dejong-Healy presented the enrollment projection report. Dejong-Healy has been providing enrollment projections for the District for the past 12 years. Tracy noted several items from the report.

She noted that the kindergarten enrollment was adjusted due to the lower than projected count for the 2010-11 school year. This year the birth rate for the area was incorporated into the projections for years 2011/12 through 2013/14. A growth factor was applied to account for growth due to the implementation of all-day kindergarten in 2013/14. With the implementation of all-day kindergarten, there should be less of an increase at the

first grade level. The report shows the housing starts in the District continue to slow. The survival ratios show the changes in enrollment as students move through the system, year-to-year and grade by grade. The increase in Pre-K students was averaged over the last seven years and was then applied to 2010, adding 34 new students each year moving forward.

The projected enrollment ranges from 16,179 students for the end of this 2010/11 school year to 22,740 for the end of the 2020/21 school year. The current forecast shows approximately 500 fewer students than last year's forecast.

Tracy discussed the risk factors and assumptions included in this report. The area birth data is known just through 2008, as the information for 2009 is not yet available; therefore, the 2009 birth rate is an assumption. The report assumes the number of all-day kindergarten students. In light of the election results, there may be future unknown policies enacted that would affect education. The housing market recovery timeline is not known.

Ralph cautioned the committee to be aware of the risk factors and assumptions made and to take these into consideration when evaluating the projection information.

Linda Martin explained the current structure of the Pre-K classroom noting that there is a combination of typical and disabled students with the maximum class size not exceeding 12. By law, the District is responsible for providing education to students with disabilities from age two and one-half to five years old.

Andy noted that in a survey given to parents with children currently attending kindergarten, 85% responded that they would enroll their children in an all-day kindergarten program if offered by the District.

Ralph Au presented the enrollment projection report from the Long Range Planning Sub-Committee. This sub-committee takes the projection numbers from the Dejong-Healy report to project building capacity and future construction needs. There were three different documents presented; the 2009 report to show a historical perspective, the LRPC proposed enrollment projections, and the final projection proposal which includes administrative recommendations. Each model shows projection numbers using both kindergarten scenarios, the current half-day and the future full-day plan.

The LRPC projections show the high schools to be over capacity in the 2014/15 school year by 469 students with the opening of the fourth high school in August 2015. This is not a change from last year's forecast. Middle school #6 is projected to open for the 2016/17 school year. These numbers are based on students who are already in the school system and have proven to be very accurate in the past.

The three key factors in the elementary school model are the Dejong-Healy enrollment numbers, students per classroom ratio, and the design to seat capacity change. The student/classroom ratio shows the number of students administrators suggest for each classroom based on grade level. The overall need for school buildings is very sensitive to this ratio. The new projection report shows a change in the Pre-K ratio from 9.7:1 this year to 11:1 moving forward; the kindergarten ratio changes from 20 to 21. First and second

grade ratios remain the same at 22 students per classroom, as did grades three through five at a ratio of 24:1.

The design capacity number for each building was changed to a seat capacity. This, with the addition of one more classroom per building (due to the computer lab to classroom conversion), adds an additional 50 seats to each building in the calculation. These changes have a significant impact on when new elementary buildings are needed. The projection report using the half-day kindergarten model shows a reduction in the need for elementary buildings from three to one within the next ten years. The full-day kindergarten model shows the same three to one reduction, but moves the opening of elementary #16 from the 2016/17 school year to the 2014/15 school year.

The LRPC enrollment projections were reviewed by District administrators to consider classroom ratios. They recommended changing the kindergarten ratio from 21:1 to 20:1 and the third through fifth grade ratio from 24:1 to 23:1. Their recommendations are reflected in the Enrollment Projections Administrative Review report dated November 3, 2010. These changes move the need for elementary #16 to the 2014/15 school year in the half-day kindergarten model. The full day kindergarten model shows the need for elementary #16 in the 2013/14 school year and adds elementary #17 to the ten-year projection forecast, opening this building in the 2016/17 school year.

Ralph asked the committee, once again, to consider the significant changes that were made from last year's projections to this year's and asked the group to consider their comfort level with this very conservative building schedule.

Andy added that this new model could require a change the methodology used for redistricting students in the future.

The Development Committee will present its recommendation to the Board of Education during their November 17 meeting. This report will include input from administrators to explain the rationale of changing classroom ratios. Tracy Healy of Dejong-Healy will be present to provide a clear explanation of the risks and assumptions involved in these current projections.

Ralph Au asked for a motion to recommend the enrollment projections from the Administrative Review, November 2, 2010 report. Deb Weaver moved and Ann Murnane seconded the motion as stated. Motion carried.

Andy Kerr provided a construction update for Berkshire Middle School and Elementary #15.

Berkshire Middle School is still within the contractual completion date. Challenges continue and the managing team is spending a significant amount of time keeping this project on track. Bill O'Sullivan is spending close to four hours a day to insure this project will be completed on time and within budget without claims. With this oversight, the progress is good and there currently is not a concern regarding completion or budget. The job quality is good with some components being outstanding. The winter weather impact will not be a concern.

Elementary #15 has the interior masonry walls up and the mechanical systems are moving forward. We are anticipating a completion date of June 15, which is two weeks earlier than the contractual date of July 1. There will be an early completion bonus if the building is completed early.

Andy updated the committee on HB264 and the high school/middle school utilization project.

Interest rates were calculated and added to the total dollar amount for the HB264 Project. This adjusted number will be reviewed by the full committee during their December 1 meeting and then presented to the Board of Education for their consideration at their December 8 meeting.

The same methodology will be applied to the HS/MS utilization calculation as was applied to the elementary building calculations. The data will be shared with the Long Range Planning Committee to better enable them to plan for future buildings.

Under governmental influencers, Andy reported the Ohio Department of Transportation's plan for a new interchange for Rt. 36/37. Two options currently exist with one being an interchange north of Rt. 36/37, which would be outside of the Olentangy school district; the other being south of Rt. 36/37 with one side of the development residing within the school district boundaries. The County is looking for funding for further research on the exact placement of the interchange and the plan for arterial roads, which would create new commercial and residential development.

Delaware County engineers are still working on the plan to extend Sawmill Parkway, which would bring critical utilities to the elementary #16 building site.

In the future, the Development Committee will be providing building utilization data for Project 2020, which Dr. Lucas will be leading. Project 2020 will create a number of options for handling future growth and these will be shared and discussed by the Board of Education.

No future agenda items were discussed.

Gurgun Muharrem moved and Ron Thomas seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Kerr