



WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Mead School District Board of Directors
Wednesday, October 16, 2019

The Board of Directors held a Work Session on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. The meeting began at 2 pm and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Green, Burchard, Olson, Denholm and Wylder were present. Also attending were Superintendent Shawn Woodward, Chief Financial Officer Wayne Leonard, Human Resources Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer, Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley, Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens and Facilities & Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Enrollment & 10th Elementary Discussion

Superintendent Woodward, on behalf of the District Leadership Team, shared it is the team's recommendation the district move forward with building a 10th elementary school, to open in the fall of 2021, on the 68-acre site where Highland Middle School is currently being built. The following rationale and information for this recommendation was shared:

Why go forward with this project?

- Addresses current space needs on Five Mile.
- Eliminates the current significant shuttling of overflow Prairie View students to other district elementary schools.
- Building now is less expensive than building in the future.
- Public perception on Five Mile is that the district will be moving forward with the 10th elementary school.

Best conservative estimate of money available for the 10th elementary school project.

Facilities & Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle shared that, at this time, based on conservative projections, the district will have in excess of \$20 million for a 10th elementary school. This includes *state match* money as well as savings from 2015 bond projects.

A *Project Cost Summary* for building a 55,000 sq. ft., 58,000 sq. ft., 60,000 sq. ft. and 65,000 sq. ft. school was provided. \$20 million would cover the hard and soft costs of constructing a 55,000 sq. ft. building. Discussion included building the school in stages if necessary (for a three-wing school delay building one wing).

Other potential funding sources were discussed including delaying purchasing land for new schools and delaying Prairie View roof repairs until after the new school is completed. The possibility of selling district real estate, including the building the district owns at Northpointe where Learning Services is currently housed, was also discussed.

In conclusion, Mr. Wendle affirmed the district's financial wherewithal to build, at a minimum, a 10th elementary school to house 300 students. This would more than meet the current student housing needs for elementary students who reside on Five Mile Prairie.

Enrollment Projections

Chief Financial Officer Wayne Leonard shared current and projected enrollment information. For 2019/20 district enrollment is flat when compared to last year. Moving

forward, using data provided by Davis Demographics, it is projected ten elementary schools would meet district needs for ten years. A fourth middle school would need to be added in 2024 and a third high school in 2028. Enrollment projections are reviewed and updated annually.

K-3 Class Size

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley reported on the number of classrooms needed to meet a 20:1 K-3 ratio for all current students who reside in the Prairie View attendance area. The current Prairie View enrollment is 663 with 106 students shuttled to other district schools . . . resulting in a total adjusted enrollment of 769. With an enrollment of 769 students nine additional classrooms would be needed to meet the 20:1 K-3 ratio.

10th Elementary School Grade Configuration

Human Resources Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer reviewed grade options for the 10th elementary school that would join Prairie View on Five Mile Prairie. These included:

- Option One: Two Schools . . . Both K-5
- Option Two: Two Campuses . . . K-3 & 4-5 or K-2 & 3-5

Other discussion items included the difference in cost between a K-5 school versus an intermediate grades school and, if the option to add a second K-5 school was chosen, who would attend this new school. The possibility of surveying the Prairie View community to solicit their input on the decision was also discussed.

Superintendent Woodward reported the district found no research to suggest, from a student learning standpoint, that one option was better than the other.

2020-2021 “Gap” Year

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley reviewed options for housing students who live on Five Mile Prairie for the 2020-2021 school year while the community waits for the 10th elementary school to open in the fall of 2021. These included:

- Continue shuttling overflow students.
- Moving 4th & 5th graders to Old Northwood.
- Identifying boundaries for the new 10th elementary school and housing those students at Old Northwood.

Discussion included the possibility of surveying the community on their preference.

Decision Timeline

Superintendent Woodward recommended a final decision to move forward with building a 10th elementary school, scheduled to open in the fall of 2021, be made at a Special Board Meeting on November 6. This is the day after results from the November 5th Supplemental Levy ballot measure will be available. Knowing whether or not the levy receives voter approval is important information for the board to have in making a final determination on the project.

Draft Boundary Change Timeline

Whether or not the district moves forward with building a 10th elementary school to open in the fall of 2021, the opening of Creekside Elementary and Highland Middle School in the fall of 2020 will require adjustment to current elementary, middle and high school boundaries. To meet a deadline of new boundaries being approved by January 1, 2020, the following draft Boundary Change Timeline was shared:

Date	Action
November 6 – Special Board Meeting	Yes/No 10 th Elementary
Dates tbd (3 meetings)	Boundary Committee Reconvenes

November 18 - Regular Board Meeting	Boundary Recommendation Presented to Board
November 20 (?) - time/place tbd	Boundary Recommendation Large Group Community Presentation
November 21(?)	Post Recommendation to District Homepage w/ link to provide Online Feedback
December 2-5 & 9-12	Individual Community/Feeder School Presentations w/ Feedback Opportunities - 8 meetings (one at each elementary school)
December 16-18	Revise Boundary Recommendation as needed based on Community Feedback
December 19 - Special Board Meeting	Presentation of Final Boundary Change Recommendation & School Board Vote

There were no suggested revisions to the presented draft timeline.

Following the formal presentation the additional information the board will need to assist them in making a final determination on November 6th on whether or not to move forward with the 10th elementary school project was discussed.

This was a discussion item. No board action was taken.

III. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 3:20 pm.

President

Secretary