

CONCEPTS AND ROLES

The Governing Board recognizes that one of its major responsibilities is to provide healthful, safe and adequate facilities that enhance the instructional program and align with the needs of the district. The Board shall endeavor to provide and maintain high-quality school facilities that support the district's educational program. Because the schools serve as a focal point for the community, the Board shall strive to provide district facilities that are compatible with surrounding neighborhoods and have the flexibility of design to meet future educational and community needs. As part of its intent to make use of each facility, the Board recognizes that, in some instances, the best use may be reuse by a third party, and in other instances, may be lease or sale.

In order to plan for long-range facilities needs, the Superintendent or designee may develop, for Board approval, a school facilities master plan in accordance with Board Policy 7110 - Facilities Master Plan, and regularly review such plan in light of the district's educational goals. In accordance with this plan, the Board shall:

1. Approve additions or major alterations to existing buildings
2. Determine what new buildings shall be built, when and where, and what equipment shall be purchased for them
3. Determine the method of financing that will be used
4. Select and purchase school sites for future expansion, as needed, and facilities for new school sites or other district use
5. Sell or lease facilities, including via joint occupancy or joint use, when no other better use is identified
6. Approve the selection of architects and structural engineers
7. Award contracts for design and construction
8. Authorize the use of school facilities by district residents and community groups in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1330 - Use of School Facilities
9. Consider the use of district property for workforce housing
10. Advocate school facility needs to the community

The Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Assess the district's short- and long-term facilities needs

2. Direct the preparation and updating of the facilities master plan
3. Oversee the preparation of bids and awarding of contracts
4. Supervise the implementation of the district's building program in accordance with the master plan, Board policy, and state and local requirements, including collaboration with the architect and contractor on the construction of new facilities and modernization of existing facilities
5. Represent the district in official governmental interactions related to the building program