

Facilities Strategic Plan Study Session

Future High School Needs

Consultant Lynne Merrick from the Lionakis Beaumont Design Group (LBDG) provided a Powerpoint presentation and reviewed preliminary high school enrollment projections, current and board policy capacity ranges, and housing options and costs. Expansion plans to address mid-range needs for Irvine, Northwood and Woodbridge high schools were presented, with projections indicating the need for a new high school in the northern sphere by 2017-18. Staff advised that based on the current economy, generation rates continue to change rapidly.

The Board discussed the School Size policy, which addresses both existing and new school capacities. For planning purposes, board members expressed a desire to use less than the 2600 maximum and the need to specify the length of time a school could stay at maximum capacity.

Other strategies to increase capacity were discussed including the use of relocatables, two-story building options, staggered starts, year round calendar, more traveling teachers, and directing students to college or online courses.

Board direction to staff:

- ▶ Proceed with the Woodbridge HS expansion project.
- ▶ Explore the Irvine HS expansion project.
- ▶ Explore the Northwood HS expansion project.
- ▶ Convene a committee to begin the site selection process for a new comprehensive high school, projected to be needed at build-out of current development plans.

A fiscal plan will be presented for the Board's consideration at the December 9th meeting.

Medeiros reiterated that the WHS pool was not included in the expansion project. At an estimated cost of \$6.5-\$7.5 million, no funding source has been identified. Two pool location options have been identified and staff will explore both options further.

Speaking to the topic:
Alan Dugard

Deerfield Modernization

Deputy Superintendent Medeiros advised the Deerfield Modernization project would be addressed at a future board meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further Board of Education business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Carolyn McInerney
Board President

Gwen E. Gross, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools