

ENROLLMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 15, 2015

ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT STUDY

Taken from the May 26, 2015 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Item #8

8. ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT STUDY

INFORMATION:

The Boyertown Area School District has completed facilities and demographics studies. This information serves to guide the Board of School Directors and Administration as decisions are made to continue to provide educational facilities for our students. A need has been identified to study our long-term needs at our elementary level. Administration is proposing a process that ensures appropriate resources and information is in place to thoroughly study these needs, involves stakeholders with opportunities to provide input and develops options for the Board of School Directors to consider. A timeline has been developed to detail the steps Administration proposes to evaluate and address our elementary enrollment needs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of School Directors approves the proposed timeline for the study of the District's elementary enrollment needs. The Board President will establish an ad hoc committee to work with Administration to study these needs, consider options, and make recommendations to the Facilities Committee / Board of School Directors.

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ENROLLMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE TIMELINE

Summer 2015	Resources secured to ensure BASD can effectively evaluate District needs
Fall 2015 – Winter 2016	Board Ad-Hoc Committee formed to evaluate information; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Input • Meetings with parent groups to gather input • Community Forums
Spring / Summer 2016	Ad-Hoc Committee shares options for Board review/ public input
Fall 2016	Board action taken on option that meets needs of BASD Community
Winter/Spring 2017	Transition activities/communication
August 2017	6 th grade moves to middle school/ 9 th grade moves to BASH
August 2017	Implement approved changes to BASD elementary enrollment or begin work on approved actions.

BASD ELEMENTARY BACKGROUND

2005 - Gray Attendance areas established

- Gray areas expanded several times
- K-6 new enrollment in gray areas placed by Administration

2005 - Present - “Bubble” Sections

- Sections are added or deleted at a school per BASD elementary class size guidelines

2009 - Redistricting

- All schools involved with redistricting to alleviate enrollment in Montgomery County Schools

BASD ELEMENTARY BACKGROUND

Grade Level Caps

- A few times in the past ten years a grade level at an elementary school was capped and subsequently enrolled students were assigned to a neighboring school

Classroom Repurposing

- During the past three years all elementary computer labs have been repurposed to classrooms or instructional spaces
- Science/LGI rooms have been repurposed to classroom space

BASD ELEMENTARY BACKGROUND

Special Education Programs

- During the past ten years two Autistic Support classrooms (WES), one Emotional Support classroom (BES) and an English as a Second Language (BES) program has been added to meet District-wide student needs

Modular Classrooms

- Two modular classrooms were added to GES in August 2015 to increase building instructional space

Grade Reconfiguration

- In August 2017 all grade six students will attend JHE or JHW, converting to middle school program for grades 6-8

HANOVER RESEARCH DISCUSSION

Impacts of School and Class Size on Student Outcome

- Key Findings

Elementary School Enrollment Redistribution

- Key Findings

TRANSFINDER/BASD ATTENDANCE AREAS

Understanding our current enrollment boundaries

- School/Student Display
- Attendance Area/ Outside Area
- Distance to Schools
- System Capabilities

BASD Demographics

- Pennsylvania Economy League, February 2015 Report

- Report available at

<https://www.boyertownasd.org/cms/lib/PA01916192/Centricity/Domain/4/PEL%20-%20Boyertown%20Area%20SD%20FINAL%20%20Report%20-%20February%202015.pdf>

- Key Findings / Projections
- Importance of updated demographic data

NEXT STEPS

- Develop Survey
- Administration share information with PTA/PTD/HSA groups in January, February
- Post committee updates on BASD website
- February 9, 2016 Enrollment Review Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m., Education Center
 - Review Building Feasibility Report
 - Review Elementary Capital Project Information
 - Complete Survey