



New Braunfels Independent School District

2017 Facilities Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 14, 2017

LOCATION: NBISD Boardroom, 430 W. Mill St.

Present:

Dana Castilleja, Joe Castilleja (Chair), Leigh Ann Dees (Co-Chair), Brandon Dietert, Kimberley Dunbar, Keith Fontenot, Bryon Gardner, Ashli Goodspeed, Gina Jones, Elaine Lang, Sandra Littlejohn, Courtney Lyons-Garcia, Jim Streety, Danielle Taylor and Brad Wehring

Absent:

Heather Andrus, J Lee Deardorff, Kristen Fain, Jennifer Faulkner, Shelly Malatek Elizabeth Mullins, Faride Nasser, George Ortiz, Jason Ragsdale, Valerie Rodriguez, Wes Stamps, Molly Waldrip, and Bryan Woods.

NBISD Staff and Board Members in Attendance: Vickie Pursch, Randy Moczygemba, Rebecca Villarreal, Steve Brown, Shana Behling, Kara Bock, Greg Hughes, Keith Smith, Sherry Harrison, and David Heefner

Called to order at 6:04 p.m.

The Superintendent gave a brief overview of the information shared at the last meeting.

He went through a PowerPoint based on historical enrollment data that he put together. He started with NBMS Projected Enrollment vs. Capacity and NBMS Projected Enrollment to Capacity (scenario includes the use of Science Labs as full-time Science classrooms). His projection showed enrollment from 2018-2019 to 2022-2023. The campus is projected to reach capacity in 2021-2022 without use of the Science labs.

The next slide showed the “Projected Growth at ORMS” through 2022-2023. They will have 61 available seats in that final year with a total capacity of 1,024.

The “Projected Growth for the NBHS Ninth Grade Center” was also discussed. The campus will not run out of room for more than 10 years (beyond 2025-2027) with a total capacity of 1,024. It is projected they will have 151 available seats in 2025-2026.

He also shared the “Projected Growth at NBHS for grades 10-12”. The data shows that we don’t run out of seats until 2025-2026 and by only 4 seats. By 2027-2028, it is projected we will be over by 122 students with a total capacity of 2,040.

The plan is to split the high school into two once the capacity hits 3,000 in order to be able to fund the same program offerings we currently have at NBHA - a 6A high school.

The slide for “Projected Growth at NBHS for Grades 9-12” showed the following enrollments: 2018-2019 (2,527 students), 2022-2023 (2,691 students) and 2026-2027 (2,969 students). Once we get to 2027-2028, we will have to consider portable buildings, if a permanent solution is not in place.

He referenced Boerne ISD and Bastrop ISD that both split their high schools before they hit the 3,000-student enrollment and to this day continue to struggle financially. Both school districts are also finding it difficult to maintain the programs they had before they split high schools. The 2016-2017 enrollment for Boerne Champion was 1,589 and Boerne High School is 1,114. The 2016-2017 enrollment at Bastrop High School was 1,326 and Cedar Creek High School was 1,476.

The Superintendent mentioned a tactic similar to the City of New Braunfels with the Castell Avenue project where they are offering community forums onsite and allow participants to take a survey before they leave. Those that attend will have more information and then be more capable of answering the survey questions.

He also proposed that some of the FPC members join him for a speaker's tour of PTA meetings or other civic groups to speak about the proposal and provide them with data. After each presentation, they will be asked to take a survey. Some of the committee members thought that the PTA meetings are not well attended and we should look at other options to get the word out.

The Superintendent included a "Projections" slide in his presentation to include the following facts:

- NBMS will reach capacity by 2021
 - NBMS can utilize science classrooms until 2022
- ORMS will not reach capacity prior to 2024
- NGC will not reach capacity any time soon
- NBHS will reach capacity (10-12) by 2026
- NBHS will not reach 3,000 (9-12) prior to 2027

His final slide "NBMS Solutions" was a activity for the group to brainstorm and the following were provided:

- Add portables after use of Science labs is implemented (2 buildings)
- Build next classroom wing (600 seats that increase capacity to 2,850) for a cost of \$29.6 million (not including FFE & soft costs) – also will need to add gym/locker rooms for added cost
- Build a new middle school over on Klein Road (cost is \$74 million of capacity of 1,500 students)

According to our tax advisors:

2-cent tax increase would generate \$37 million

4-cent tax increase would generate \$62 million

If we build out NBMS as a high school for up to 3,200 students, it will include athletic facilities, new classroom wing, a gym, fine arts expansion and a Performing Arts Center.

New High School master plan includes:

2,500 parking spots

Performing Arts Center

Move in would be 2022

Campus would be closer to Ag facilities off of Zipp Road (limited with the current 7-period school day)

NGC goes away in 2022

New NBMS enrollment would be 1,398, if moved to current NBHS campus and new attendance boundaries were drawn using Loop 337. The enrollment at ORMS would be 606 and allow for the future growth that is projected to occur in that attendance zone outside of Loop 337. The percentage of low-socio economic students with the proposed attendance boundaries would result in a one-percent difference between the schools.

Q&A

Q: What would happen to Unicorn Stadium if the current NBHS site became a middle school.

A: The facility could still be used as the district stadium for football. The problem that will continue is the lack of parking.

Q: When is full build-out?

A: 30 years

Possible Scenarios to address older facilities:

- NGC could be demolished to build a new elementary to house up to 750 students from Carl Schurz and Seele attendance zones.
- The old Carl Schurz Elementary or Seele Elementary could also be used to house Lamar students while it gets rebuilt on the same site.
- SOC could also be moved to a portion of Carl Schurz. The support services departments could utilize the rest of the CSE footprint.

The FPC broke into two groups to discuss ideas for the solutions to address the MS growth.

Group 1 – Joe Castilleja, Brandon Dietert, Jim Streety, Bryan Gardner, Kimberley Dunbar, Brad Wehring And Sandy Littlejohn

NOTES:

No notes provided

Group 2 – Leigh Ann Dees, Courtney Lyons-Garcia, Ashli Goodspeed, Dana Castilleja, Danielle Taylor, Elaine Lang and Jennifer Faulkner

NOTES:

- Need to have opportunity to discuss
- Talk to other districts to get: enrollment numbers for extracurricular activities
- HS at current NBMS
 - Tax increase will not pass if kids have to be on bus or parents have to drive
 - 1 district athletic facilities at new HS
 - we need to talk to our neighbors to explain – perception is that we are adding to the new building and not addressing the old buildings
 - if you do new HS, show love to old buildings, demo NGC, refurbish all at the same time
 - where will the 2nd high school be going? Behind H-E-B?
- Immediately build behind H-E-B
- Build out NBMS to new HS
- On H-E-B site: 85 acres but 10 acres can't be used due to geological issues (can be a middle school)
- People are already angry about NBMS -> NBHS. They think its all about football.
- 3000-student high school means
 - fewer kids get to participate in sports or other activities
 - too difficult to get in to top 10%

Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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