



Waverly Community Schools

Special Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2010 7:30 PM

Agenda of Special Meeting

The Board of Education Waverly Community Schools

A Special meeting of the Board of Education of Waverly Community Schools will be held January 25, 2010, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Waverly High School Auditorium - 160 Snow Road.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

- I. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag - President John Broughton
- II. Board Member Comment
- III. Presentation of Reports
 - A. For Discussion - Facility Review Committee Recommendation 3
- IV. Public Comments
- V. Other Board Business
- VI. Adjournment
- VII. ***Consent Agenda

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 25, 2010**

FOR DISCUSSION

Subject: Facility Review Committee Recommendation

Recommendation:

The recommendation of the Facility Review Committee (FRC) is to close two elementary schools (Elmwood and Windemere View). The approach would require the redistribution of K-3 students into Colt and Winans and 4th grade students to East Intermediate.

Statement of Purpose/Issue:

The Facility Review Committee was created to recommend to the Board of Education the viability of facilities. If there was a recommendation to reduce Waverly schools, then a specific school or schools should be identified.

Budget Impact:

The anticipated cost savings associated with the schools' closing range from \$750,000 to \$850,000.

Historical Perspective:

Key factors that lead to the formation of the Facility Review Committee by the Board of Education were:

- Declining enrollment resulting in under-utilized facilities
- Declining operating revenue directly related to student enrollment

Discussion of Options:

The Facility Review Committee recommends adoption of the option to close two elementary schools and arrived at this conclusion after reviewing five-year demographic data, enrollment trends, real estate information, building usage and financial data for each facility. In addition, tours of each instructional facility were conducted as well as a tour of the District Administrative Center. As a guideline, the FRC also used the District's Strategic Plan.

Numerous alternative configurations were analyzed and evaluated including the option to remain "status quo". At the conclusion of the facility visits, a picture of possible options began to emerge. At a high level, the options grouped into those that involved considering one or more elementary schools and those that considered East Intermediate. Altering the configuration of the high school or middle school or closing the Administrative Center were not considered viable options.

Rationale for Recommendation:

Any option that closes a school or schools has a profound impact upon the District's children, families, and staff. The option to close two schools was recommended because it had the minimal impact to instructional programs, and buildings capacities were not stretched beyond acceptable limits. The Facility Review Committee did determine that closing one elementary school was a viable option but chose closing two schools based on the desire to redistribute children and staff to remaining buildings one time versus a phased approach.

Strategic Plan References

Parameter: We will provide a safe and secure environment in which to teach, learn, and work.

Parameter: Nothing will take funding precedence over K-12 programs and services necessary to meet the mission and objectives.