

BPEC

Budget and Program Evaluation Committee

March 31, 2021

Remote Meeting

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Present: Kathy Johnson, Anthony Lewis, Lindsey Buck, Anna Stubblefield, David Cunningham, Brad Kempf, Blake Swenson, Jacki Mickel, Julitha Rials, JoLynn Albertson-Sears, Jill Anderson, Kevin Harrell, Marcia Riggins, Kelly Jones, Larry Engelbrick, Lisa Koppes, Myron Graber, Catherine Glidewell, Kevin Etzel, Robin Yackley, Zachary Conrad

Absent: Colin Neill, Laurie Matney, Mary Lee, Melissa Johnson, Patrick Kelly, Phil Mitchell, Samrie Devin

Welcome– Kathy Johnson

Agenda:

1. Financial Review:

- Enrollment Review
- Review of Budget Reductions and Additions
- Summary – 742,275.36 short of breaking even for next year.
- Timeline requires decisions be made at the BOE meeting on April 12.

2. Review Boundary Committee's recommendation of boundary change tied to the proposal of changing Kennedy to an ECH Community Center and no longer being a K-5 grade school

- Option 1 (BPEC C1 -
- Option 2 (BPEC C2) – \$722,214 savings
- Option 2A (BPEC D) - ESL add on Kennedy and Prairie Park ESL students would move to Cordley, neutral cost,

Q: Is this in addition to the Option 2?

A: Yes, this is layer on top of Option 2.

Q: Does this option put Cordley closer to capacity?

A: Yes, with the added ESL they are closer to 90% capacity or three section school.

Discussion on if 95% capacity is too high? Not able to answer tonight, more information needs to be gathered.

- Review of current transportation situation and guidelines.

Discussion regarding the 2.5 miles guideline for transportation. Can we get some clarity from the Transportation Committee regarding the 2.5 miles guideline and how it effects safety.

3. Additional Threshold options for all elementary schools

- Using middle threshold, 24, 26, & 29 provides relief for our really big schools.

Q: is this without additional boundary changes?

A: Correct, this would include the boundary changes for Kennedy.

4. Board Meeting April 12, 2021

- Plan to share committee work to continue the work of meeting the budget deficit.
- Review of scenarios to share with the Board of Education on April 12, 2021.
 - i. BPEC-A, Maintain current Elementary staffing, ratios and building configurations
 - ii. BPEC-B, Blended grades, no building repurpose. **Removed from options.**

- iii. BPEC-C1, Kennedy to Prairie Park and New York. **Removed from options.**
- iv. BPEC-C2, Kennedy to Prairie Park, New York and Cordley
- v. BPEC-D, ESL add on to C2
- vi. BPEC-E, Maintain current ratios with option C2,D
- vii. BPEC-F, Make all building 25,27, 29 thresholds with option C2,D

Q: Could these options include boundary changes for any other schools? Why are we not looking more broadly at the design?

A: Given the time constraints to make a decision by April 12th we looked at the schools that were the most under capacity. This would be phase two. Students impacted in this shift would not be impacted in future shifts unless they moved. The financial picture looks like we will need to continue to look at this.

Q: How did we come up with the Kindergarten enrollment for 2021-2022.

A: Enrollment numbers for 2019-2020, not 2020-2021 used. If Covid scenarios/causes create higher numbers there are Cares ACT funding to help support those numbers with staffing. The final decision on the thresholds will help us navigate final numbers and how it impacts staffing.

Discussion on the numbers in third grade and what supports might be available for the grade levels with higher numbers

5. POLLS– Questions and Results

Start time	5:09 PM
1. Do you support the Kennedy ECH moving K-5 to PPark, NY, CD	
A. Yes	80%
B. No	0%
C. Not answered	19%

Start time	5:15 PM
1. Which Threshold Scenario do you prefer?	
A. 3 FTE Savings - Keep tier thresholds as current	22%
B. 1 FTE Savings - change to all the same 25,27,29	50%
C. Not answered	27%

- Both options will be shared with the board on April 12th.
- Additional information about capacity and safe routes as it relates to transportation.

6. Meeting Concluded 5:20 pm

- **NEXT MEETING** – April 14, 2021 (Wednesday)- 4:00-5:30pm – Remote meeting

