



West Central Area Schools

Task Force Committee Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting No. 7 – Options**

- Meeting Date: March 10, 2025, 6pm
- Attendees: See attached sign-in list for Task Force Members and School Board Members in attendance
- Review of Process Moving Forward: Lindsey provided a broad overview of the entire process a potential project may follow and where West Central Schools is currently at in the process. The intent was to illustrate to the group that the process doesn't end with a recommendation from the Task Force but is one step. Lindsey reiterated that any project would require additional input gathering and meetings with administrators, staff, students, community, and other user groups.
- Discussion on Consensus: There was discussion on how to determine what this Task Force group felt was adequate consensus for forwarding a recommendation for improvements to the school board. Mentimeter was used to gather everyone's opinion on what was adequate. Following the exercise, the average percentage was 74%.
- Building Options and Cost Estimates: Brent reviewed the 4 options that were identified in Task Force Meeting No. 6 and further developed. The options included:
 - Option 1A: Maintain All Three Facilities
 - Overview: This option would address the facilities maintenance items identified during the facility assessment that were deemed high priority.
 - Square Footage: No change to over district areas.
 - Cost: \$22,580,898
 - Option 1B: Modernize and Update all Three Facilities
 - Overview: In addition to the items indicated in Option 1A, this would also include additional educational improvements at each facility identified as part of the educational adequacy review. Improvements addressed space utilization, additional SPED and Preschool space, kitchen and cafeteria expansion at South, improvements to the Ag program, new running track, tennis court replacement, restrooms at football field, new fitness area, and other improvements.
 - Square Footage: Increase of approximately 11,800 sf district wide.
 - Cost: \$35,799,165
 - Option 2: Two Site Concept
 - Overview: South Elementary would be closed and demolished. North Elementary would house grades 3-6. The classroom wing at North Elementary would be demolished and be replaced with a new classroom wing to the east of the existing building. New outdoor play areas would be created. Parking would

be added to the south side of the site. The Secondary School would house PreK-2nd Grade, in addition to grades 7-12. It would include an addition off the north end of the building for classrooms and a new fitness room addition. Additional parking would be provided. Interior improvements would occur in the Ag program area, FACS, locker room area, wrestling room area, and corridors.

- Square Footage: Decrease of approximately 19,586 sf. district wide.
- Cost: \$37,561,291
- Option 3: One Site Concept
 - Overview: North and South Elementary would be closed and demolished. An addition would be completed at the Secondary Space to provide elementary classrooms, activity space, daycare, and support spaces. Additional parking would be provided. Interior improvements would occur in the Ag program area, FACS, locker room area, wrestling room area, and corridors.
 - Square Footage: Decrease of approximately 42,310 sf. district wide.
 - Cost: \$32,921,946
- Discussions: Extended discussions were had by the group as it relates to costs, student enrollment, impact to individual cities, staffing, utility costs, etc. A Mentimeter exercise was completed to eliminate the least favorite option, which was Option 1A. After additional discussions, it appeared Options 1B and 3 were the leading candidates. But there were additional improvements and/or amenities that the group wants to see to each. It was decided that the changes would be further explored, and revisions made. The group was instructed to take the next day or so to come up with their ideas of what they think should be included and to email them to Paul. A Task Force Meeting No. 8 will be scheduled.
- Next Meeting
 - Task Force Meeting No. 8 – April 1st
Review of revised options, discussions, and recommendations



West Central Area Schools Task Force Committee Meeting No. 7 Sign-In Sheet

Please check the box next to your name

☒ Andy Clauson

☒ Anthony Green

☐ Barbara Nygren

☐ Bonnie Waskosky

☒ Boone Carlson

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☐ Caitlin Hendricks

☒ Chad Norenberg

☒ Claire Vincent

☒ Courtney Smith

☒ Dale Rau

☐ Darin Grosz

☒ Derek Birdsall

☒ Eric Sawatzke

☒ Jake Foslien

☒ Janee Strunk

☐ Jerald Stavick

☒ John Kreft

☐ Josh Ulrich

☒ Kathy Sommers

☐ Kayla Sanstead

☒ Keith Swanson

☒ Kesha Trinko

☒ Lance Wittnebel

☒ Lindsey Kriens

☒ Megan Dotts

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☐ Mike Hagen

☒ Mindy Anderson

☐ Nate Wood

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