

West Contra Costa Unified School District

District-wide School Consolidation / Closure Process

Adopted December 10, 2008

Goal: Prepare a recommendation for a public hearing at the Board of Education meeting on February 4, 2009 that meets the requirements for school closure from the adopted budget and as required by the Contra Costa County Office of Education and the California Department of Education.

November 12, 2008

Board and Board members elect discussed possible consolidation / closure criteria.

December 10, 2008

Board adopts criteria for consolidation / closure and approves the process for community and expert input. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to contract with an independent expert firm or group to review the data on enrollment, enrollment projections, school capacity, school site capacity, constraints for forming student attendance areas (railroad tracks, etc). This firm or group will provide a report including findings and recommendation on schools to be consolidated / closed by January 27, 2009. The Board also authorizes the Superintendent to contract with facilitator to lead the community meetings associated with the process.

December 11, 2008

The District will provide a community presentation on the background factors including enrollment information, projections, capacity analysis, and financial background. The meeting will include gathering community input and questions.

January 27, 2008

Public presentation of data collected from community as well as expert panel findings / recommendations.

January 29, 2009

Public presentation of recommendations that will go to the Board for a Board hearing on February 4.

February 4, 2009

As part of the regular meeting, the Board holds a hearing on the recommendation for consolidation / closures.

February 11, 2009

Board approval of consolidation / closure plan for 2009-10 and 2010-11.

Board Charge to the Committee Members

1. Attend the meeting to which the member is appointed or make arrangements to attend an alternative meeting. Each appointee will act in the capacity of a committee member at one and only one meeting. Committee members are, of course, welcome to attend any or all of the other meetings but will participate as part of the committee only in one.
2. Review materials provided on the web site in advance of the meeting including the two scenarios for school consolidation / closure as well as the underlying enrollment projections, financial information, school capacity report, and the projection of attendance areas for each potential closure scenario.
3. Discuss possible alternative consolidation / closure scenarios that meet the requirements for financial savings for 2009-10 and 2010-11.
4. Based on the Board adopted criteria, complete the rating process to evaluate each of the two proposals and rank the order in which the schools will be closed. Only appointed committee members will complete the ratings and rankings during the meeting at which the appointed member was seated as a member of the committee.

Meeting Dates / Locations – all meetings 6:30 to 9:00 PM

January 8 – Hercules High School Cafeteria

January 12 – Pinole Valley High Cafeteria

January 13 – Crespi Middle School Multipurpose Room

January 14 – Helms Middle School Multipurpose Room

January 15 – Kennedy High School Cafeteria

January 20 – Portola Middle School Gymnasium

School Closure Committee Membership

- 5 high school students appointed by the ASB or Student Leadership who live in that attendance area
- 1 parent appointed by the PTA or a parent representative on the site council from each elementary, middle and high school in the high school attendance area
- 1 certificated staff appointed by the United Teachers of Richmond from each elementary, middle and high school in the high school attendance area
- 2 members for Hercules group only appointed by Hercules Mayor
- 2 members for Pinole Valley group only appointed by Pinole Mayor
- 2 members for Richmond group only appointed by San Pablo Mayor
- 2 members for El Cerrito group only appointed by El Cerrito Mayor
- 2 members each for DeAnza, Richmond, Kennedy, Pinole Valley & El Cerrito appointed by the Richmond Mayor
- 3 members to represent the County Supervisor (1 for each of three meetings)
- 3 classified employees who work in the high school attendance area appointed by Local 1
- 1 member appointed by the Special Education CAC
- 1 member appointed by the District GATE Advisory Council
- 1 member appointed by the Multilingual District Advisory Committee
- 1 member of SSA appointed by SSA
- 1 non school-based member of WCCAA appointed by WCCAA
- 1 principal, (AP, VP or IS if principal not available) from each school in the high school attendance area
- 1 realtor who lives / works in WCCUSD appointed by the Realtor's Association
- 1 representative of Contra Costa Taxpayers association
- 1 representative of Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council as appointed by the Chair
- Alternative schools (e.g. Nlymph/tiot available97, G2(1 if no)4(t available97, G2)1107, C BT/TT0 1 Tf0.o-EMC /P AMC

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