



Long-range Facilities Plan Information

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As previewed in the September 2012 issue of the *District Digest* and presented at the district's Budget Hearing on September 24, **the School District of New Berlin is currently developing a Long-range Facilities Plan.** The Board of Education will begin the process of determining the scope of the plan at its October 22 meeting. SDNB anticipates a thorough review of needs, plans and financing options to be considered over the course of the fiscal year.

What facilities needs have been identified?

In April 2011, the district commissioned IFF Real Estate LLC to conduct a thorough analysis of buildings to determine what is needed to ensure they are properly and safely maintained, energy efficient and cost effective. The study identified \$22 million in capital needs across the district. Several needs were identified at Glen Park Elementary School, which confirmed previous discussions regarding the need to consolidate elementary schools. In 2012, Glen Park was closed. Further needs identified by the study will be presented as the long-range facilities planning process continues.

Did the study take into consideration future technology and instructional delivery needs?

In addition to capital needs identified by the IFF study, changing instructional delivery models and increased technology requirements could be taken into consideration as the plan is developed.

How will the district's current unoccupied or underutilized properties fit into the plan?

The district has the following surplus properties: Glen Park, Prospect Hill, Little Grove, three vacant parcels of land, and reversion rights to Hickory Grove. The plan will determine the best and most appropriate manner for disposition of these properties. The process will include obtaining appraisals, discussing sale options with real estate agents, and discussion with the City to determine the ability to have a property re-zoned. The Board of Education has not reached any decision on any of these properties and will not do so outside consideration of the overall Long-range Facilities Plan. Further, if it is determined that Glen Park should be disposed, a recommendation will need to be considered and approved at a meeting of the electors of the district.

Will individual maintenance items or improvements be considered in isolation?

All decisions will be made as part of the overall Long-range Facilities Plan. No decisions will be made in isolation.

What is the timeline for developing the Long-range Facilities Plan?

On October 22, the Board of Education will receive a general overview of needs to consider, representative projects, estimated costs, and capital finance options. The report will include assumptions that the Board will be asked to confirm, and a recommended decision-making timeline. The timeline will then be shared with the community.

What input will the community have in this process?

The timeline presented following the October 22 Board meeting will include opportunities for community feedback.