

Big Horn County District # 4
District Vision Statement Related to Facilities
Mary Fisher, Superintendent

Annotated by SFC: Sep. 8, 2009
Updated: July 26, 2010

Grade Configuration

Our current grade configuration includes a K-4 elementary school in Basin, an elementary in Manderson serving 5th grade, a 6-8 middle school in Manderson, and a 9-12 high school in Basin. Big Horn County School District # 4 has a total enrollment of 329.

Our goal for the foreseeable grade configuration is to add on to the elementary school to make it a K-5 facility and build a new 6th -12th building.

Current Significant Impacts

The District has several projects that major maintenance funding will provide for; however, we also have some building concerns that need to be addressed where major maintenance funds will not be sufficient and that will need additional funding from capital construction money to accomplish.

Condition Issues

Both the high school in Basin and the middle school in Manderson were built in 1957, making them 53 years old. Several component issues scoring FCI 2's will require the district to make some facility decisions in the next three years, needing capital money to address deficiencies and projects such as exterior walls shifting, heating and ventilation, and replacement of sewer systems that are at risk of collapse.

Capacity Issues

Our current buildings are oversized for our needs. We need to consider action toward remedy due to cost of upkeep and actual spaces within our buildings no longer serving the requirements of the learning environment.

Suitability Issues

Currently the Manderson Elementary and Middle School are isolated and sit in a low lying area (Big Horn River Flood Plain) which is at risk of being exposed to poisonous gases from the oil wells surrounding the small town. The facility is 47,350 square feet and sits on 12.5 acres just off the highway approximately 12 miles from any emergency response teams. Therefore a safe learning environment and the level of security are not optimal at this facility. This school currently serves 94 students of which the majority is bused from Basin. Having grades 5-8 down at Manderson creates additional costs to the state for transportation (most students are transported from Basin to Manderson and back), duplicated administration and faculty, more maintenance personnel are required, and the cost of utilities is greater. There are currently more square feet than we are funded to support and the spaces do not meet the needs of the students for an appropriate learning environment.

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The High School in Basin, Wyoming, sits on 6.6 acres and consists of 51,342 square feet including the gymnasium. This school serves 118 students. Several concerns for this facility include: does not meet ADA requirements, there is no commons area, there are security issues due to no clear sight line from administrative office area, there is inadequate parking, there are no shipping or receiving areas, inadequate wiring and infrastructure to support technology, there are not appropriate spaces for offices or support services, the building does not meet many requirements of current codes pertaining to lateral loading – remodeling could weaken the lateral load resisting systems currently in place, room ventilation systems are fair to poor condition, and the building is not currently protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system. The kitchen area for the high school is in dire condition with heaving floors where the soil from underneath are shifting and causing gaps and holes in the floor. Bugs and ants enter the kitchen through these. The equipment in the kitchen does not have the proper electrical or mechanical infrastructure to support the usage.

Planned Disposition of Facilities

The District is at a point where they need to make large commitments for renovation and maintenance of the buildings they currently have or decide with the help of the state if a new 6-12 building would be more economical in the long term.

Strategies for SFC Goal Achievement

The District is working with SFC to provide remedies for the low FCI component and Suitability scores for Riverside High School. We would like to embark on strategic facility planning to address the current outdated buildings.

On September 8, Mary Fisher, Superintendent, and Janelle _____, Assistant Business Manager, met with SFC staff.

- i) Vision statement.
 - a. Grade Configuration
 - i. The configuration is as shown in the WDE directory
 - ii. We discussed the potential of a K-12 facility for the district
 - b. Condition issues
 - i. The district receives approximately \$200,000 a year in MM
 - ii. The district is nearly 40,000 above allowable SF
 - iii. The district does not have the ability to replace the most costly components without additional funds from the SFC
 - iv. The current sites are small, but seem to be working
 - v. The electrical power to Manderson is particularly problematic
- ii) The inventory of facilities is correct
- iii) Todd Wilder and Fred Hynek will continue the work of planning with the district commencing in the fall of 2010, unless the district requests this assistance earlier for a K-12 setting in Basin. The elementary school in Basin is in good condition and the high school needs significant renovation.

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- iv) MM projects were identified in Maximus
- v) The real property inventory was checked.
- vi) The SFC needs to show the enhancement of the high school track.
- vii) The enrollment projection was corrected. Current enrollment is down from last year due to a relatively large graduating class and fewer kindergarteners.
- viii) No acquisitions of property are anticipated
- ix) Dependent upon planning and the needs list for the 2012 biennium
- x) No leased spaces.

Date July 26, 2010

Name Mary Fisher, Andrew DeGraw, Nancy Nuttbrock, Merle Smith, Jim Lowham,
Ken Daraie

(i) A full description of the District's long-term goals and strategies related to its facilities, including disposition of facilities and modification of grade configurations and school boundaries;

Changes or modifications:
none

(ii) An inventory of all existing facilities and the current and anticipated future use of each facility, including grade configuration and student population, if applicable;

Changes or modifications:
No changes

(iii) A full description of all anticipated new or replacement facilities to be funded for the district over the next ten (10) years with a thorough explanation of the reasons supporting the perceived need for the new or replacement facility;

Project List Items:

District would like to close the 5-8 facility in Manderson and have a k-5 and 6-12 in Basin.

(iv) A full description of the anticipated impact of maintenance or renovation of facilities on the district's long-term goals and strategies, including non-construction alternatives.

Project List Items:
none

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Major Maintenance Items:

- Redone cafeteria floor in the Riverside HS
- Upgrade lighting and electrical at HS
- HVAC at HS (controls, univents, etc.)
- Generator at Manderson EI/Cloud Peak
- Door replacement at HS and MS

(v) An inventory of all real property owned by the district along with an explanation of the current and future use of the property. District owned property shall be considered, and if possible, used for all construction projects prior to new property purchases being considered or approved;

Changes or modifications:

No changes

(vi) Identification of all local enhancements and community facilities which are capable of supporting any aspect of the district's long-term goals and strategies, including any current use of such facilities;

Changes or modifications:

See spreadsheet—track enhancement needs to be added.

(vii) Student enrollment projections for the district and each facility within the district in accordance with W.S. 21-15-116(a) and these rules and regulations;

Changes or modifications:

Kindergarten this year is expected to have an enrollment in the mid-20's.

(viii) Projections for acquisition of land in accordance with the district's long-term goals and strategies and the subsections of this rule;

Changes or modifications:

none

(ix) Cost estimates in current and future dollars for the facility remedies proposed in the facility plan;

Project List Items:

Not well-defined

Other

MM will fund other work

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(x) Identification of all leased spaces, including the identity of the lessee/lessor;

Changes or modifications:

None

(xi) Cross-reference to any appropriate additional source of relevant information, including computer databases maintained by the Commission;