

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

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Hot Springs County School District #1 District Vision Statement Related to Facilities

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Grade Configuration

Hot Springs County School District #1's current grade configurations include one K-5 elementary school, one 6-8 middle school and one 9-12 high school. Our foreseeable grade configurations include one K-4 elementary school, one 5-8 middle school and one 9-12 high school.

Current Significant Impacts

School/district operations significantly impacted by current facilities include being over operational capacity at Ralph Witters Elementary School. In addition, Thermopolis Middle School is at 36% of its operational capacity. Rather than ask for permission to add on to Ralph Witters again, we are considering grade level reconfiguration of our buildings. This would allow us to meet our needs in regards to space and enhance our academic programs.

Condition Issues

Thermopolis Middle School continues to have issues with movement in the floating floor. This movement has caused cracking in the walls of the building. None of the support walls have been affected but we are concerned about plumbing and HVAC systems contained within the non support walls that are experiencing movement. We are planning to use Major Maintenance funding to mud-jack the floors on an as needed basis until we can achieve some sort of stability.

Our running track is in need of resurfacing. It was last resurfaced and painted approximately 15 years ago. We are beginning to see surface tracks and low spots on the surface. We intend to address this issue before the cracks reach the base and become a much more significant problem. The roof at Ralph Witters Elementary continues to have leaks on the new addition and may require additional repair after the warranty expires.

Capacity Issues

Although we have experienced a small amount of growth in the last two years, current and projected ADM figures for our district indicate a relatively stable student population for the next few years.

Suitability Issues

Due to the capacity issues at Ralph Witters Elementary School we are experiencing significant suitability issues in regards to space for Special Education, food service and storage areas. Storage areas are being utilized as classrooms and the kitchen area was not built with enough freezer space to accommodate the amount of commodities we need to have on site for the number of students in the building.

The State of Wyoming provides Hathaway Merit and Need Scholarships to Wyoming students attending the University of Wyoming and Wyoming Community Colleges. Every Wyoming student who meets the merit requirements can earn a Hathaway Merit Scholarship. Contact your school counselor for more information.

Planned Disposition of Facilities

We are currently in the process of putting out specifications on the demolition of Lucerne Elementary School.

Strategies for SFC Goal Achievement

The district is working with the SFC to provide remedies for the capacity issues at Ralph Witters Elementary School. This involves a process to utilize square footage within our current footprint. This square footage is available at Thermopolis Middle School and a reconfiguration of grade levels done by moving fifth grade to the middle school building would provide an inexpensive and academically beneficial solution.

ON August 31 Marty Kobza, Superintendent, Phil Miller, Operations and Maintenance, Lisa Pierce, Business Manager met with SFC staff to review the facility plan.

- i) Vision Statement
 - a. Grade configuration
 - i. in the first line delete “current” and insert “former”
 - ii. in the second line, delete “foreseeable” and insert current
 - iii. Marty will send a copy of the letter
 - b. Condition Issues
 - i. Track was resurfaced this summer
 - ii. District will write a letter to the contractor about roof issues at Ralph Witters Elementary
 - c. Lucerne Elementary will be demolished by Oct 1.
- ii) Inventory shown in Maximus is correct
- iii) Current educational facilities are adequate for the foreseeable future. There is need for storage space which can be addressed by using MM on a current facility.
- iv) MM projects were entered into Maximus
- v) Real property is correct as shown
- vi) Enhancement shown is the only enhancement in the district
- vii) Enrollment projections are fairly flat with no capacity problems
- viii) There was a question about selling property near the middle school to the Rec District. District was to investigate issues related to the floors at the middle school to ensure this property would not be impacted by mitigation of the floor problem.
- ix) See MM projects
- x) No leased property.

Date July 28, 2010

Name Marty Kobza, Lisa Pearce, Jim Lowham, Nancy Nuttbrock

(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:

No changes

(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 from AiM

(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:

- The MS floor keeps settling. It appears there will be continued problems with this.
- If the funding model changes, the district may seek other mitigation related to grade configuration.

(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:

Continued monitoring of the floor at the MS is needed. This will be a component level project to correct if and when it will be needed.

Major Maintenance Items:

MM is funding other needs as well as the mud jacking when needed.

(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:
Correct on spreadsheet

(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:

Elementary enrollment may be stabilizing and the secondary enrollment is stable.

(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 known

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

Project List Items:

Not sufficiently well-defined to estimate now

Other

MM will fund.

(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;