

BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 19, 2015

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 158 BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD APPROVES RECOMMENDED BOUNDARY CHANGES

Changes to be Phased in Over Three Years Beginning in Fall of 2015

The District 158 Board of Education voted to approve boundary changes recommended by the administration at the Board's March 19, 2015, meeting.

The approved option was presented to the Board at its February meeting as "Scenario 1," along with two other viable options to reduce overcrowding at Leggee Elementary School.

Among other positives, the Board selected the option because it allows changes to be phased in over three years.

Phase-in

Beginning in fall 2015, and for each of the next two years after that, students living in the affected areas who are entering kindergarten or third grade will attend the new boundaries.

Students entering other grades will continue to attend Leggee. Families will be given the option to accelerate the phase-in and have

siblings also at Leggee to move to the new boundaries as well.

All Leggee families living in the affected neighborhoods will receive a letter outlining the schools their children will attend next year and, if relevant, options for accelerating the phase-in. Letters will be sent in early April.

Affected Neighborhoods

- Georgian Place and Huntley East of 47/North of Main Street move to the Reed Road Campus.
- Wing Pointe and Huntley East of 47/South of Main Street move to the Square Barn Road Campus.
- Middle School boundaries are realigned to enable elementary students on the Reed Rd and Square Barn Campuses to attend middle school on the same campus as their elementary schools.

- For Leggee students entering middle school, the boundary line would run along Main Street west to Harmony Road.

[Click here to view maps of the new boundaries.](#)

Under the boundary changes, enrollment at Leggee will be reduced by about 600 students over the next three years.

Middle School Boundaries

Middle school boundary changes will begin taking effect in the fall of 2018. All students currently attending or scheduled to begin middle school in the next three years will continue to attend middle school under the current boundaries.

Beginning in fall 2018, and for each of the following two years, incoming sixth-grade students will attend the new boundaries.

Full information is online at www.district158.org/boundaries.

Elementary Schools Adopt Trimester Grading Schedule

The Board approved a proposal to shift elementary schools from a traditional quarterly reporting schedule to trimesters. To ensure a successful transition to trimesters, the calendar will be adjusted. For the 2015-16 school year, the proposed trimester calendar would be as follows: Trimester 1, Ending November 13; Trimester 2, Ending March 4; Trimester 3: Ending June 3. Chief Academic Officer Erika Schlichter said information will be shared with parents regarding the change from traditional quarterly reporting.

High School Semester Break to Come Before Winter Break

The Board approved a change to the high school grading schedule, shifting the end of the high school’s first semester marking period to the day immediately before winter break. The HHS school improvement team proposed the change, believing it to be in the best interest of students and teachers to be able to enter winter break free of the stresses of finals looming when they return. The proposal noted that the move is in line with similar changes made by other districts in recent years.

Additional Actions

In addition, the Board:

- Approved minutes from the Regular February 19, 2015; Special meeting March 5, 2015; and Committee of the Whole: March 2, 2015, March 3, 2015, and March 5, 2015, as presented, as well as closed executive session meeting minutes of Regular February 19, 2015, Committee of the Whole, March 5, 2015 and February 5, 2015, as presented during closed session.
- Approved HR Personnel and Addendum Reports as provided.
- Approved application of honors credit to the following HHS courses: Spanish II, Spanish III, Spanish IV, and Project Lead the Way - Principles of Engineering.
- Approved second reading of the General Personnel – Family and Medical Leave policy update in response to federal rulemaking.
- Approved purchase orders at \$186,549.72; Imprest checks at \$142,050.19; and disbursements at \$6,922,635.22, as presented.
- Approved supplement purchase orders report at \$1,891,669.23 and the supplemental accounts payable report at \$14,034.42
- Approved notice of reduction in extra contract days outside the standard 182 days, by resolution.
- Voted to move forward, pursuant to Section 24-12 of the State Code, to provide a written Notice of Non-Renewal and Dismissals by certified mail return receipt requested, at least forty-five (45) days before the end of the school term.
- Authorized the administration to expend up to \$25,000.00, to include emergency repairs for HVAC equipment emergency, as well as repairs due to a sprinkler system failure, through March 25, 2016.
- Approved Paul Troy as the authorized agent of the Board of Education for Energy Procurement, to sign approval of natural gas and electricity procurement contracts until January 2016 Board meeting.
- Approved change orders to trade contractor's contracts for the HHS additions and renovations in an accumulative amount of \$37,253.00, and as follows: Contractor International Test & Balance for trade package 17B-01 Test & Balance, at a cost of \$28,600; Contractor Schroeder Asphalt for trade package 02D-01 Asphalt, at a cost of \$4,978.00; and Contractor Burroak Masonry for trade package 04A-01 Masonry, at a cost of \$3,675.
- Approved Engagement Letter with Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C. for the annual audit.
- Awarded Transportation Bus Bid #2015-07 to Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc., in the amount of \$121,534.00 per year, for seven buses.
- Award ARCON Project No. 14205 security upgrades contract to Tonyan & Sons, for the base bid amount of \$162,000.00 and the alternate bid amount of \$194,000.00
- Recognized a donation from the Leggee PTA of a swing set, along with the appropriate safety surface, to be installed on the Leggee playground, at an estimated value of \$28,072.

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