

Facilities Advisory Council (FAC)  
Bettendorf Community School District  
Conclusions and Recommendations 2009

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## Critical Preface for Recommendations

The purpose of this recommendation is to avoid building projects that could potentially become antiquated or redundant in cost and implementation.

The following are items to consider as a result of the Council's work:

1. Many of the schools in our district are aging. Should the District embark on a systematic plan to begin replacing schools or continue to invest in additions and large capital investments in these facilities? Grant Wood Elementary School is of particular concern and a great deal of discussion revolved around the replacement of this school. The committee agreed that the classroom sizes are not equitable to the other Elementary Schools in the District and that the moisture concerns do not seem to be adequately resolved.

2. If it is the conclusion of the Board to replace Grant Wood Elementary School, then the Council recommends that a study be completed that explores replacing Grant Wood Elementary with a school that is located in the Northern region of Bettendorf. This should be considered in order to provide this part of our district with its own "Neighborhood School." In addition, re-evaluating current school boundaries would also be needed. This committee is not recommending that this school be moved, but that the Board fully explores replacing Grant Wood on its current property or moving it North. This committee does not advocate either position unanimously, only that the appropriate studies are executed prior to a decision by the Board.

3. The Council suggests that the Board explore the feasibility of limiting open enrollment prior to the expansion of our current schools. The committee discussed the income from open enrollment in conjunction with the expenses of expanding current structures. This Council does not advocate a position on this topic, only that it should be thoroughly considered in any school expansion decisions.

4. Pre-School programs were also discussed extensively and the Council recommends exploring the feasibility of a central Pre-School facility for this population of our community. By moving these children into a central facility it would reassign school space back to the traditional (grades K-5) elementary school population. This would alleviate the space shortages in many of our elementary schools. This Council is not advocating this action, only the exploration of its feasibility.

5. If the Board decides to move forward with the addition of a Performing Arts Center for Bettendorf High School, then the Council recommends a feasibility study that would identify and assess private funding to help defray the total cost of the project. The Council believes that the Bettendorf community would benefit from this addition and should also be solicited for funding.

6. Plans for housing the Administration Center staff should also be considered in the new facilities plan. The council suggests exploring the cost and educational benefits of adding the Administrative offices onto one of the existing schools as they are expanded through other building additions.

7. The development of a long range Property Acquisition Plan is also needed to alleviate current conditions at current select facilities and/or prepare for the expansion/replacements of facilities.

8. The council also recommends that geo-thermal heating and cooling be designed into at least one new facility or building addition to test the concept.

9. Because of continual changes in state requirements, storage plans should also be added to any facility additions/renovations and new buildings. Every school in the district has a shortage of storage and many of these schools are storing materials in inappropriate spaces causing concern over safe fire exits in the event of an emergency. A storage formula for each new building project may help to alleviate the challenges that come with these creeping changes.

It is the unanimous conclusion of this Advisory Council that the Board reviews and considers the additional recommendations below:

- An update of the District Vision Statement
- A review of the current District Mission Statement
- An update of the Strategic Plan including a facilities plan

Respectfully submitted:

Members of the 2009 Facilities Advisory Council  
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Bettendorf Community School District 2009 Facilities Advisory Council Facility Improvements by Category (FINAL)

<u>1. Improve Health, Safety or Security of Students and Staff</u>	<u>2. Support Curriculum and Student Achievement</u>	<u>3. Improve Support Services to Students</u>	<u>4. Conserve Energy</u>	<u>5. Make Facility More Useful to the Community</u>	<u>6. Improve Structural Integrity of Facility</u>	<u>7. Improve Aesthetics of Facility and Surrounding</u>	<u>8. Other</u>
High - * Grant Wood - Parking, playground sidewalk improvements	High - High School - Performing arts center - 800 seats	High - Mark Twain - Addition of classroom/meeting space	Medium - * Grant Wood - Energy efficient window upgrade	Low - High School - Athletics office expansion/Hall of Honor			
High - Mark Twain - Reconfigure driveway entrance	High - High School - Wrestling room	Low - Build/locate an Administration Center					
High - Middle School - Renovation of the entrance and main office	High - Hoover - Add 2-4 classrooms to aid in becoming a 3-section school; Add on to the building for extra storage space	Low - Norton - Expanded commons/lunchroom/service area					
Medium - High School - Addition to front entrance - expansion and safety for main student commons area/guidance offices	High - Jefferson - Upgrade gym floor and benches; add conference room and work/lunch room; add staff restroom	Low - Norton - Conference room(s)/ PTA work room/ storage					
Medium - Hoover - New frame, windows and office door in the hallway front of office	Medium/High - Middle School - Larger auditorium - 400 seats						
Medium - Mark Twain - Office reconfiguration	Medium/High - Norton - New music room/orchestra/band practice room						
	Medium/High - * Grant Wood - Multipurpose room to include kitchen upgrade						
	Medium - * Grant Wood - Additional office, conference and small group work space						
	Medium - Hoover - Build a common area; cafeteria separate from gym						
	Medium - Jefferson - Additional classroom(s) for specials and small group work						
	Medium - Mark Twain - Commons area addition						
	Medium/Low - Jefferson - Multipurpose room, staff work/lunch room, rest room						
	Low - High School - Auxillary Gym						
	Low - Middle School - Enlargement of classrooms in the front (West side) of building						
	Low - Middle School - Practice track						