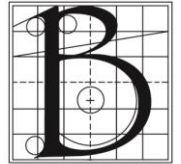


# Elementary Facilities



## TIMELINE

February 22, 2017

2014

**2014**

### **Assessment of Elementary Facilities**

BLDD Architects staff conducted a physical assessment of the district's elementary schools

2015

**January - September 2015**

### **BLDD Preliminary Planning**

BLDD Architects staff worked with elementary principals and district administration to determine elementary school capacity, enrollment projections, physical needs and constraints, educational adequacy, and fiscal capacity.

**October 5, 2015**

### **Special Board Meeting – Elementary Facilities**

BLDD Architects staff provided background regarding the planning issues facing the school district's elementary facilities. The board made a recommendation to implement a Community Engagement phase of the planning process involving building and community meetings.

**November 23, 2015**

### **Initial Elementary Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting**

An Elementary Facilities Advisory Committee was established to make recommendations to the Bettendorf Board of Education regarding a long-term, comprehensive elementary facilities plan.

2016

**January 12 – 21, 2016**

### **Elementary Facilities - Building Meetings**

The planning process and facility options under consideration were presented at each elementary school.

**February 24 & April 13, 2016**

### **Elementary Facilities - Community Meetings**

Parents, staff and community members attended community meetings to develop recommendations regarding a 10-year plan for elementary facility improvements.

**March 5, 2016**

### **Special Board Meeting - Class Size**

Directors agreed on a 5-year plan to help reduce elementary class size and determined additional sections would be added to Grant Wood Elementary allowing it to become a full 3-section school in five years.

2016

## May 16, 2016

### Regular Board Meeting - Elem Facilities Improvement Committee Recommendations

Directors heard recommendations for the 10-year elementary facilities improvements including upgrades to all elementary schools, equitability as a top priority and keeping all six buildings open.

The recommended order of implementation:

1. Grant Wood – Estimate \$9.4
2. Mark Twain - Estimate \$6.2
3. Thomas Jefferson – Estimate \$4.5
4. Paul Norton – Estimate \$6.6
5. Herbert Hoover - Estimate \$6.2
6. Neil Armstrong – Estimate \$1.6

The total cost for elementary facilities improvements was estimated at \$34.5 M

## August 8, 2016

### Regular Board Meeting - Estes Construction Named GW Construction Manager

## September 19, 2016

### Regular Board Meeting - Legat Architects Named GW Architect

## September 30, 2016

### Special Board Meeting - \$12 Approved for GW Project

Bids came in higher than the original \$9.4M budget due to additional renovation costs to make the new addition fit in with the older building. Since bids came in 25% higher for GW, the finance committee estimated that all earlier bids also would come in 20–25% higher which increased our existing elementary facility plan from \$38M to \$43-\$44M. Finance committee also looked at additional inflationary construction costs increase of avg. of 4% per year could increase the budget of all 6 elementary schools to \$48-\$49M. Finance committee also questioned if \$12.5M for renovations made sense at GW or if we were going to spend that much for GW then perhaps the district should research building a new building. Leading to a review of whether a new GW as opposed to a renovated GW made better financial sense.

Directors approve a budget of \$12M for renovations to Grant Wood Elementary School.

## October 18, 2016

### Legat Facilitates Grant Wood Community Meeting

Legat Architects staff facilitated a Grant Wood Collaborative Design Session – a meeting with parents, staff and community to learn about the GW project and provide input in the construction plans.

## December 6, 2016

### Board Work Session - Elementary Facilities

Directors recommended Estes Construction do an in-depth analysis on the other elementary buildings, similar to what was done at Grant Wood. The board will need to decide if they want to only focus on the top three elementary buildings as well as determine what they are comfortable spending over the next 8-10 years.

2016

## December 19, 2016

### Regular Board Meeting - Elementary Facilities Finance Discussion

Directors discussed proposed elementary facilities projects. In looking at Grant Wood, Thomas Jefferson, and Mark Twain, the board decided to determine if it made financial sense to build three new elementary buildings and where a new school should be built.

The Finance Committee recommended keeping the costs of Grant Wood, Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson projects around \$25M to \$30M. Leaving approximately \$15M for Paul Norton, Herbert Hoover, and Neil Armstrong projects.

Directors approved soil analysis at Mark Twain, Thomas Jefferson and Meier Park

2017

## January 9, 2017

### Regular Board Meeting - Elementary Facilities Update

Due to increased projected costs, the initial proposals from the Elementary Facilities Advisory Committee were being reassessed. The board found that the original projected costs did not include expenditures such as asbestos removal and HVAC, and had minimal updating of current structures to blend in with additions and renovated areas.

Since Grant Wood, Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson elementary schools are all more than 50 years old and project costs are estimated to be more than half the cost of new construction, the board wanted to consider the replacement of buildings with new schools, but were concerned about working within the projected funds available.

The board discussed the potential of combining Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson elementary schools into one three-section school at one of the two campuses or Meier Park. The board decided to have a work session when they have results from the site surveys and enrollment projections.

## February 1, 2017

### Board Work Session - Elementary Facilities Discussion

After listening to several different scenarios presented by Legat Architects, the majority of Directors agreed Grant Wood elementary should be the first project, but differed on whether to renovate or build new.

Directors determined a goal for the Grant Wood Elementary project to be completed for the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. Mark Twain and Thomas Jefferson elementary schools were slated to be the next elementary schools for facility improvements.

Directors approved \$16.7M for Grant Wood

## February 21, 2017

### Regular Board Meeting - Elementary Facilities Discussion

Directors reaffirm a budget of \$16.7M for a new elementary school and site improvements at Grant Wood Elementary.

Directors approve September 1, 2017, as the completion date for preliminary designs and budget estimates for the remaining elementary schools and other facility needs.

## PROJECTED FUTURE PLANNING

### February - May

#### **Grant Wood Construction Design Phase**

Once designs are completed and approved, project moves to construction manager to request project bids.

### September 1, 2017

#### **Preliminary Design & Budget Estimates**

Completion of preliminary design & budget estimates for other elementary school projects and other district facility needs.