

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Friday, February 11, 2005
District Board Room, 1401 W. Valencia Drive
5:00 p.m.
Agenda

To: Board of Trustees and Press

From: Ellen Ballard, President, Board of Trustees

Subject: The President of the Board of Trustees of the Fullerton School District has called a Special Meeting of said Board of Trustees to be held at the District Board Room at 1401 W. Valencia Drive, Fullerton, on Friday, February 11, 2005, 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Recess to Closed Session

•Potential Litigation [Government Code section 54956.9(b)(1)] – Dr. Cameron M. McCune

Report from Closed Session

Action Item

Action #1

Reconsider approval of Beechwood School to move forward with the planning/implementation of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program for 6th and 7th grades for the 2005-06 school year and 8th grade for the 2006-07 school year. Implementation is a 4-5 year process. This is based on additional available information.

Action #2

Approve Beechwood School to move forward with the planning/implementation of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program for 6th and 7th grades for the 2005-06 school year and 8th grade for the 2006-07 school year.

Adjournment

Dr. Cameron M. McCune, Superintendent
and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Posted: February 10, 2005
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Attachment

FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

ACTION ITEM

DATE: February 11, 2005

TO: Cameron McCune, Ed.D., District Superintendent

FROM: Linda Caillet, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

PREPARED BY: Sue Faassen, Principal, Beechwood School

SUBJECT: ACTION #1
RECONSIDER APPROVAL OF BEECHWOOD SCHOOL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PLANNING/IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM FOR 6th AND 7th GRADES FOR THE 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR AND 8th GRADE FOR THE 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR. IMPLEMENTATION IS A 4-5 YEAR PROCESS. THIS IS BASED ON ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

ACTION #2
APPROVE BEECHWOOD SCHOOL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PLANNING/IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM FOR 6TH AND 7TH GRADES FOR THE 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR AND 8TH GRADE FOR THE 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR.

Background: Beginning in October of 2004, Beechwood has been exploring the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IBMYP). Staff and parents have visited two different IB schools, and 7th Grade Parent Task Force meetings have been held. In addition, Beechwood staff and District personnel have attended an IB orientation meeting. Two community parent information meetings have been held to inform parents about the program. Implementation of the Middle Year Program is a 4-5 year process before final authorization.

Board action taken at the February 8, 2005 Board of Trustees Meeting did not approve the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program at Beechwood School, beginning in 2005-06 for 6th and 7th grades and for 8th grade in 2006-07. This vote was based upon fiscal and implementation questions. The vote was not a result of program concerns.

Since that meeting, staff has developed responses to the questions raised. Additional information indicates potential increases for enrollment at Beechwood in the Fall of 2005. As a result of additional information, approval of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program needs to be revisited.

A recent Parent Interest Survey was sent to all 5th/6th graders in the District. At this point in time, there are 23 students, not from the Beechwood attendance area, interested in 6th grade, with all 23 of those students interested in IBMYP. Currently at Beechwood there are two classes of 5th grade students. Of these two classrooms, 50 students are expected to remain in the IBMYP classes. That makes over two classes of 6th graders identified for IBMYP at Beechwood in the 2005-2006 school year.

There are 23 students, not from the Beechwood attendance area, interested in attending 7th grade at Beechwood School in the Fall of 2005. Of those 23 students, all 23 are interested in IBMYP. Currently at Beechwood there is one 6th grade class of 34 students, of which 17-20 indicate interest in IBMYP. This is approximately 40 potential

7th graders for IBMYP at Beechwood in the 2005-2006 school year. It is anticipated that this number will grow as word spreads that Beechwood is designated a K-8 IBMYP school.

Although Beechwood has been approved to move to a K-8 format, it was in anticipation of additional students electing to attend Beechwood. In order to provide even a minimal typical Middle School Program, there is a need for at least two full classes at grades 6, 7 and 8. Without this there cannot be an appropriate elective program and it does not warrant the anticipated capital improvements to accommodate the addition of grades 7 and 8.

Because IBMYP is a unique program, it is anticipated that it will attract students throughout the area much as Troy High School has.

To date, 13 siblings of potential 6th and 7th graders, not currently attending Beechwood, have indicated an interest in attending Beechwood in the Fall of 2005. This is anticipated to grow as the IBMYP grows.

Funding:

General Fund (01) and Capital Facilities Fund (25).

Staff Development: Application fees and staff development costs of approximately \$14,300.00 for the 2005-2006 school year and approximately \$16,500.00 for the 2006-2007 school year will be paid from the General Fund.

Facilities: Facilities and costs listed are to accommodate a 7-8 program and are not related to International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. The relocation of a modular to accommodate current childcare services at \$50,000 for 2005-06 and the addition of one to two classrooms projected at \$110,000 each for 2005-06, depending on enrollment. Accommodation of Junior High Food Service offering is required.

Staffing: For 2005-2006, depending on whether there are two or three 6th grade classes and/or 7th grade classes, additional staffing costs could range from 0.3 – 2.0 FTE. For 2006-2007, depending on whether there are two or three 6th, 7th and/or 8th grade classes, additional staffing costs could range from 0.5 to 2.5 FTE. The average cost of an FTE is \$60,000.00. The accommodation of a Junior High School band is not included in the above projections. P.E. facilities are also not included just as Fisler does not have P.E. facilities.

Recommendation:

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