

Minutes
Long Term Facilities Planning Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 3, 2011

All Committee Members in attendance. (Members list attached.)

Advisory Committee Members present: Stephen Chrabaszcz, John Livsey, Jeffrey Taylor
Resource Committee Members present: David Laplante, Paul Jansson, Rosemary Healey, Mark Carruolo

Dr. Horoschak welcomed the Long Term Facilities Planning Committee (LTFPC) members. The Superintendent explained the charge of the Committee is to assist in the development of a secondary school consolidation plan, focusing on providing the best and most cost effective educational programs for students in the Warwick Public Schools. The Superintendent will present the recommended plan to the School Committee and the School Committee will make the final determination.

Dr. Horoschak explained that he formed two subcommittees, an advisory committee of secondary principals with Mr. Sangster as Chair and a committee of resource persons comprised of WPS Directors and Managers, along with Mr. Mark Carruolo, Chief of Staff to Mayor Avedisian.

Timeline: Superintendent would like to present a recommendation to the School Committee in January or February 2012. The recommendation will be the beginning of a long range plan to improve the educational system for the students of Warwick and be cost effective to the school district and taxpayers of the City of Warwick.

Central Staff Presentations:

Mr. William Sangster, Interim Assistant to the Superintendent

- Power Point Presentation on data, facilities and student enrollment (Presentation attached)
 - Student enrollment is a “moving target.” The numbers move consistently throughout the school year.
 - Mr. Sangster used data from October 14, 2011
 - Enrollment numbers are the actual physical bodies at the schools...not weighted*
 - The 6-year projection is based on no loss of student population
 - Toured every secondary school building and the rooms.
 - Based his charts on a 75% capacity. “75% because it’s a reasonable capacity and appropriate for school operations.” 85% is the industry standard. Mark Carruolo has used 80% for city planning purposes

**Special education students are weighted....at the elementary level, if they are supportive they are counted at 1.5, if they are intensive they are counted as 2.0. At the secondary level, junior high special education students are counted as 2.0 and at the high school they are counted as 1.5.*

Mr. Robert Bushell, Director of Elementary Education

- Will use data from the New England School Development Council (NESDEC)
- His data will continue to be based on October 1st, to be consistent, and believes “the NESDEC figures and projections to be the most accurate.”
- Special education students, see attached handout , not counted on enrollment chart because they are placed in special programs at different schools
- Advantages and disadvantages to moving 6th graders (See attached handout)
- Wickes School Profile
 - Large geographical attendance area
 - Major impact if Wickes is closed because of airport expansion
 - Mr. Carruolo said the airport authority has no plans to close or condemn Wickes Elementary School
 - Schools impacted if Wickes closes with “double bumping” of students
 - All schools east of Wickes would have major redistricting....feeder zones would change

Dr. D’Agostino, Director of Special Education

- Drum Rock Early Childhood Center is full. Another pre-school satellite is needed
- To be considered: available space in receiving schools and the need for itinerant rooms
- To be considered: the placement of special education students—integrated K, autism programs, self-contained programs
- To be considered: Handicap accessibility needs
- To be considered: Need to retain the therapeutic programs in Warwick...estimates the district saves between \$450,000 and \$500,000 by servicing the students within the district
- Regarding Wickes Elementary School, 12 kindergarten students from the school attendance area are currently located at other schools due to class size. 16 preschool students and 7 special education students are currently enrolled in self-contained classrooms at Wickes

General discussion

- Appears to be a steady decline in enrollment
- TF Green Airport runway expansion may have impact on Wickes Elementary School
 - Need a representative from TF Green to speak to the Committee
- Will the City extend a building bond to WPS to support consolidation

- Age of the buildings
 - Technology improvement requirements must be accommodated.
 - Building repair cost, to include Fire Code mandates
- Paul Jansson will address capital improvements and the costs associated with secondary school buildings at the next consolidation meeting.
- Talk to the Department of Education---will they ask for state school construction grant funds to be returned if a building is no longer used for educational purposes
- Keeping high school athletic fields needs to be considered in consolidation process
- Paul Jansson has done “locker counts” and cafeteria capacity analysis
- The LTFPC would like to review secondary school configuration in other districts

Next LTFPC meeting date will be scheduled within the next two weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm

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Long Term Facilities Planning Committee

Superintendent Peter Horoschak, Chair
William Sangster, Assistant to the Superintendent
Robert Bushell, Director of Elementary Education
Richard D'Agostino, Director of Special Services
Anthony Ferrucci, Director of Finance and Business
William McCaffrey, Director, Career Center
Lynn Dambruch, Principal, Robertson Elementary School
Nancy Plumb, Principal, Norwood Elementary School
Frank Ricci, Principal, J. B. Francis Elementary School
David Testa, Parents Communication Advisory Committee
Ed Racca, Parents Communication Advisory Committee
Patty Nazareth, Parents Communication Advisory Committee
Amie Galipeau, Scott Elementary/Warwick Council PTA President
Stephanie Van Patten, Warwick Neck PTA President
Jackie Harris-Connor, John Brown Francis PTA President
Catherine Bonang, Warwick resident
Paul Cannistra, Warwick resident

Advisory to the Committee

Assistant to the Superintendent, William Sangster, Chair
Dennis Mullen, RIDE Secondary Evaluation Administrator
Gerald Habershaw, Principal, Veterans High School
Stephen Chrabaszcz, Principal, Toll Gate High School
Marie Cote, Principal, Pilgrim High School
John Livsey, Principal, Aldrich Junior High School
Joanne Pelletier, Principal, Winman Junior High School
Jeffrey Taylor, Principal, Gorton Junior High School

Resource to the Committee

Rosemary Healey, Director of Compliance and Human Resources
Paul Jansson, Co-Director, Buildings and Grounds
David Laplante, Co-Director, Buildings and Grounds
Steve Lowery, Grants Coordinator
Dianne Silvia, Manager, Management Information Services
Steven O'Haire, Supervisor, Transportation Department
Mark Carruolo, Chief of Staff to Mayor Avedisian



**Warwick Public Schools
Long Term Facilities Planning Committee**

**Secondary Education
Grades 7-12**

November 3, 2011



Current Buildings

- Aldrich Junior High School
- Gorton Junior High School
- Winman Junior High School
- Pilgrim High School
- Warwick Veterans Memorial High School
- Toll Gate High School
- Warwick Area Career Technology Center



Middle Schools Current Enrollment

- Aldrich Junior High School
 - Grade 7 - 249
 - Grade 8 - 262
 - Total – 511
- Gorton Junior High School
 - Grade 7 - 191
 - Grade 8 - 261
 - Total – 452
- Winman Junior High School
 - Grade 7 - 260
 - Grade 8 - 279
 - Total - 539

High Schools Current Enrollment

- Pilgrim High School

Grade 9 - 334

Grade 10 - 261

Grade 11 - 284

Grade 12 - 269

Total – 1148

- Veterans High School

Grade 9 - 287

Grade 10 - 246

Grade 11 - 253

Grade 12 - 224

Total - 1010



High Schools Current Enrollment

- Toll Gate High School

Grade 9 - 280

Grade 10 - 251

Grade 11 - 229

Grade 12 - 254

Total – 1014

Current Enrollment Feeder Schools

- Francis, Holden, Holliman, Hoxsie, Norwood, Wyman

- Aldrich Junior High School

Grade 7 - 249

Grade 8 - 262

Total – 511

- Pilgrim High School

Grade 9 - 334

Grade 10 - 261

Grade 11 - 284

Grade 12 - 269

Total – 1148

Total 7-12 Student Population – 1659

Current Enrollment Feeder Schools

- Lippitt, Oakland Beach, Park, Sherman, Warwick Neck

- Gorton Junior High School

 - Grade 7 - 191

 - Grade 8 - 261

 - Total – 452

- Veterans High School

 - Grade 9 - 287

 - Grade 10 - 246

 - Grade 11 - 253

 - Grade 12 - 224

 - Total – 1010

Total 7-12 Student Populations - 1462

Current Enrollment Feeder Schools

- Cedar Hill, Greenwood, Robertson, Scott, Wickes

- Winman Junior High School

 - Grade 7 - 260

 - Grade 8 - 279

 - Total – 539

- Toll Gate High School

 - Grade 9 - 280

 - Grade 10 - 251

 - Grade 11 - 229

 - Grade 12 - 254

 - Total – 1014

Total 7-12 Student Population - **1553**

**7-12
School by School Enrollment
2011-2018**

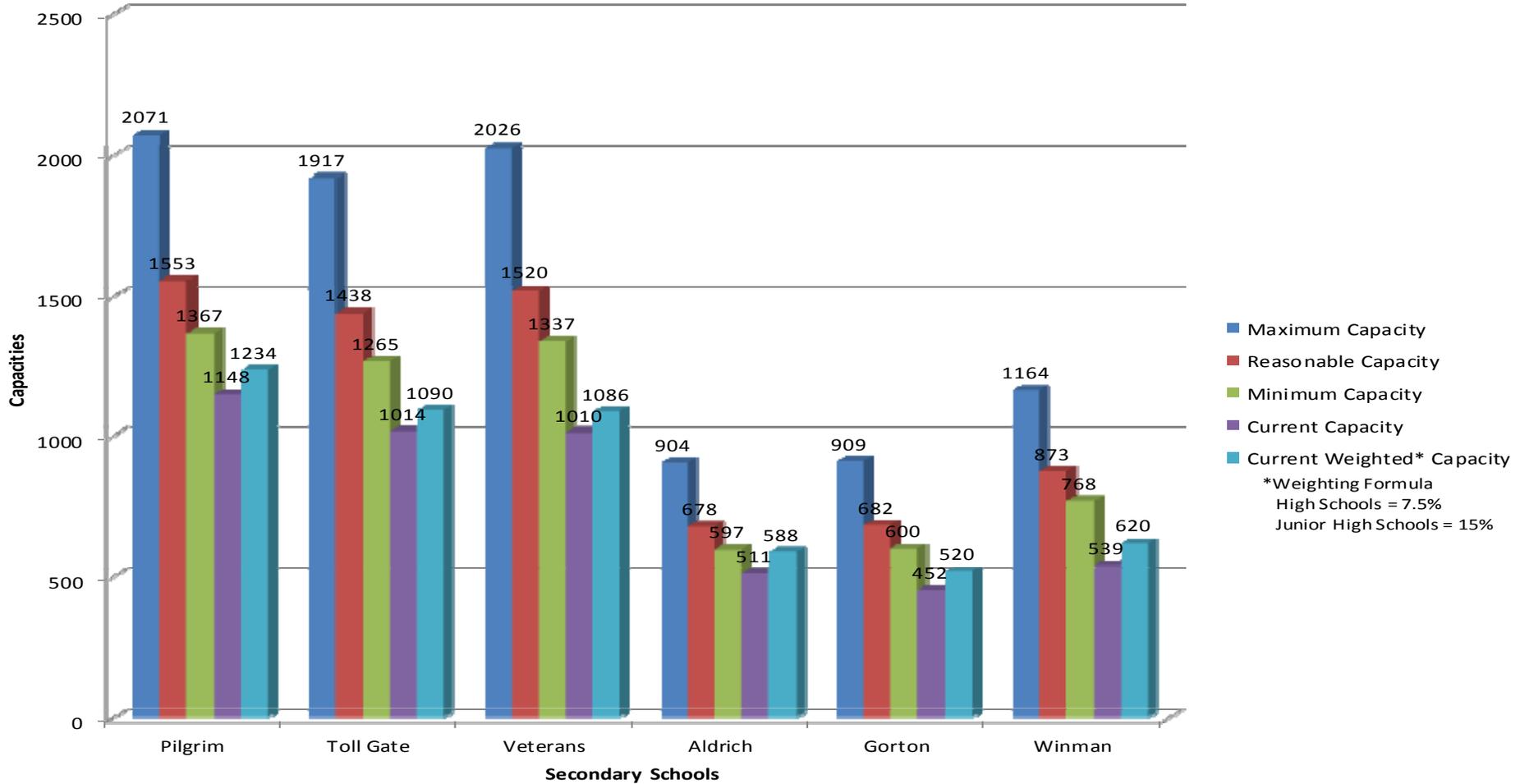
	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Toll Gate -	1014	1039	1070	1052	1005	966	955
Veterans -	1010	1047	985	965	912	874	896
Pilgrim -	1148	1141	1106	1109	1048	1078	1065
Winman -	539	493	466	473	489	526	511
Gorton -	452	417	460	457	436	447	454
Aldrich -	511	513	537	565	528	498	491
Total Population -	4674	4650	4624	4621	4418	4389	4372



**7-12
Feeder Areas Combined Enrollment
2011-2018**

	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18
Toll Gate/Winman -	1553	1532	1536	1525	1494	1492	1466
Veterans/Gorton -	1462	1464	1445	1422	1348	1321	1350
Pilgrim/Aldrich -	1659	1654	1643	1674	1576	1576	1556
Total Population -	4674	4650	4624	4621	4418	4389	4372

Current/Future Capacities - Secondary Schools



Secondary School Capacities

	Pilgrim	Toll Gate	Veterans	Aldrich	Gorton	Winman
Maximum Capacity	2071	1917	2026	904	909	1164
Reasonable Capacity	1553	1438	1520	678	682	873
Minimum Capacity	1367	1265	1337	597	600	768
Current Capacity	1148	1014	1010	511	452	539
<i>Percent of Current Capacity</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>62%</i>
Current Weighted* Capacity	1234	1090	1086	588	520	620
<i>Percent of Weighted Capacity</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>71%</i>

Reasonable Capacity = 75% of Maximum Capacity

Minimum Capacity = 66% of Maximum Capacity

Percent of Current Capacity = Current Capacity / Reasonable Capacity

Percent of Weighted Capacity = Current Weighted Capacity / Reasonable Capacity

Consolidation Options

- Close one (1) Junior High School and distribute students between the two (2) remaining Junior High Schools.
- Close one (1) High School and distribute students between the two (2) remaining High Schools.
- Close one (1) Junior High School and distribute students into the other two (2) Junior Highs and close one (1) High School and distribute students between the two (2) remaining High Schools.
- Close one (1) High School and distribute students between the two (2) remaining High Schools and close two (2) Junior High Schools and transfer students into the closed High School.
- Move students from two (2) Junior High Schools into feeder High Schools. Create two (2) new Junior/Senior High School Campuses.
- Move all district sixth graders to Junior High Schools and create 6-8 schools.
- Make no changes to current secondary schools



Let's Talk

2011-2012 Long-Range Planning Proposal
Moving the Sixth Grades to the Junior High Schools

Advantages:

- Have additional space for itinerants and other programs at the elementary level
- Room to receive students if other elementary schools close
- Students may be acclimated to a variety of teachers
- More intensive instruction in math and science by content certified teachers
- May reduce busing costs

Disadvantages:

- Crowding at the junior high buildings
- Taught by content certified teachers:
 - number of additional periods needed
 - certified middle school teachers only
- Taught by elementary certified teachers
 - number of elementary teachers needed for 12-15 periods in art, music, physical education and library
 - not enough to warrant a full-time teacher
 - need 12-15 additional periods in the gymnasium
- Busing
 - number of students on a bus may increase routing time
 - number of stops for a bus may increase routing time

Enrollment as of October 1, 2011

Gorton							
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	Sp Ed*
Lippitt	34	34	24	27	44	36	10
O. Beach	50	30	48	46	47	42	30
Park	40	54	37	36	34	24	0
Sherman	58	58	62	56	59	58	0
W. Neck	50	46	44	35	54	58	9
Totals	232	222	215	200	238	218	49

Aldrich							
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	Sp Ed*
Francis	31	48	31	47	47	39	0
Holden	35	46	30	44	42	30	0
Holliman	49	46	43	56	45	55	0
Hoxsie	37	43	56	59	48	51	0
Norwood	36	40	32	34	49	44	0
Wyman	39	39	47	54	46	43	0
Totals	227	262	239	294	277	262	0

Winman							
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	Sp Ed*
Cedar Hill	60	83	70	54	62	70	0
Drum Rock*	40	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenwood	44	37	49	49	50	38	1
Robertson	33	46	38	48	41	52	4
Scott	41	59	40	41	45	36	5
Wickes	57	52	49	45	71	37	7
Totals	275	277	246	237	269	233	17

* = School placement to be determined.

Wickes School Profile

Neighborhoods:

- Post Road up to Staples
- West side of Airport near Main Avenue
- South of Main Avenue up to the railroad tracks
- Pontiac area
- Area surrounding school south of Main up to West Shore Road

Schools Impacted by Closing:

- Robertson
- Lippitt
- Park
- Oakland Beach
- Sherman
- Norwood
- Holliman
- Greenwood

School Enrollment as of October 1, 2011:

- 46 kindergarten students
 - 10 integrated (3 are Wickes students)
 - 12 kindergarten students at other schools due to class size limits
- 16 preschool students
- 311 grades 1-6 students
- 7 self-contained students

Programs to be Moved:

- 1 preschool
- 1 integrated kindergarten
- 1 therapeutic program

