

RESOLUTION NO. 7753 – September 18th, 2017

Proposed Reuse or Disposition of Facilities

WHEREAS, the Board of School Commissioners is committed to promoting the efficient use of existing assets to support student achievement and to being good stewards of taxpayer resources; and

WHEREAS, Indianapolis Public Schools (“IPS”) developed and adopted a Strategic Plan in 2015 that provided a bold vision for the future of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan included, among other things, a focus on efficient operations and ensuring that IPS is a lean and high-functioning organization that pursues organizational efficiency to drive more resources in support of student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Strategic Plan Benchmark 2.4 provides that “IPS will establish a facilities utilization committee to recommend strategic opportunities for supporting programmatic needs and student achievement”; and

WHEREAS, the Facilities Utilization Taskforce (“Taskforce”) was tasked with studying the district’s utilization of facilities and making recommendations to the administration on opportunities to support student achievement and improve efficient use of secondary and administrative buildings; and

WHEREAS, over the course of ten months, the Facilities Utilization Taskforce reviewed relevant data, analyzed current facilities utilization, and discussed opportunities to improve organizational efficiency and direct more resources to support student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Administration adopted the Taskforce’s recommendations in April 2017 to operate only four high schools beginning in the 2018-19 school year and pursue consolidation of certain administrative and operational functions; and

WHEREAS, the Board and Administration hosted over twenty-five (25) community, student, and staff meetings throughout May, June, July, and August to engage stakeholders, receive public feedback, and discuss the recommendations for high school consolidation and facilities reuse; and

WHEREAS, once fully implemented, the proposed consolidation and disposition of underutilized facilities is projected to transition the district from twelve (12) school and administrative facilities with a 37% utilization rate, to six school and administrative facilities with a combined 69% utilization rate, while generating up to \$13 million in one-time revenue and an estimated operational savings of up to \$7 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the savings and additional revenue generated from consolidation of secondary enrollment to four high school facilities and sale or disposition of underutilized operations and administrative buildings will be redirected towards enhancing academic programming, expanding extracurricular and athletic opportunities, and building robust high school communities to support student achievement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, that the administration proceed with the planning and implementation of the following reuse or disposition of facilities:

- Arlington High School:
 - Creation of a 500-seat middle school for 7th and 8th grade students pending Indiana State Board of Education approval;
 - Relocation of administrative staff from Forest Manor;
 - Relocation of transportation services from John Marshall;
 - Establishment of an evening high school program option for working students.
- Broad Ripple High School:
 - Initiation of a process for disposition of the property through sale or lease.
- Northwest High School:
 - Creation of a 600-seat middle school for 7th and 8th grade students pending Indiana State Board of Education approval;
 - Relocation of the Newcomer Program from Gambold to allow for expansion of the Newcomer Program and growth of Enlace Academy at Gambold;
 - Relocation of certain operations function from Facilities Management (“FMD”) currently located at 16th and Monon;
 - Consideration of an early learning center to meet the needs of the growing westside community.
- John Marshall Middle School:
 - No longer operating the facility for student instruction beginning in the 2018-19 school year;
 - Working with the Glick Family Foundation, the City of Indianapolis, and community partners to identify viable reuse.
- Facilities Maintenance Department:
 - Relocation of staff and operations functions to available space at Northwest and Francis Bellamy;
 - Initiation of a process for sale or lease of the property with consideration for the establishment of dedicated housing for IPS teachers.

- Forest Manor:
 - Relocation of staff and operations to available space at Arlington High School;
 - Initiation of a process for sale of lease of the property.

The foregoing Resolution No. 7753 was passed by the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis this 18th day of September, 2017.

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