

**BENNINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 59
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, August 22, 2022 5:30 PM**

Mission Statement

"The mission of Bennington Public Schools is to provide educational opportunities in a safe, caring environment that will prepare all students to meet the challenges of the future."

- I. Call meeting to Order
- II. Discuss and Consider Recommendations for Future Facilities Needs to Accommodate Student Growth and Possible Ballot Language as a Special Issue for Inclusion on the 2022 General Election Ballot.
- III. Consider Public Comment Regarding Recommendations for Future Facilities Needs
- IV. Adjournment

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC FORUM: Getting Started: When it is your turn to speak during the public forum portion of the agenda, please come forward to the table situated immediately in front of the Board, sign your name and address on the sign-in sheet and state your name to the Board of Education. Time Limit: You may speak only one time and must limit comments to 5 minutes or less. Personnel or Student Topic: If you are planning to speak about a personnel or student matter involving an individual, please understand that our policies require that such concerns initially be directed to the administration for consideration. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments you may make about individual staff members or students. You are cautioned that slanderous comments are not protected just because they are made at the Board meeting. General Rules: Please remember that this is a public meeting for the conduct of business of the Board of Education. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated.

BY: BENNINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Proposed
2022
Bond Issue



Journey for Planning for the Future

- **November 2020:** Board of Education Workshop
 - Presentation to current & future board members on future growth
- **November 2021:** Board of Education Workshop
 - Presentation on future growth with a more detailed timeline
- **January 2022:** Construction Management at Risk Policy
- **February 2022:** Hired two consulting groups
 - RSP - Demographics & Growth Study
 - Northwall Consulting/EZPolitix - Public Survey and Strategies
- **June 2022:** Board of Education Meeting
 - Hired Hausmann Construction Inc. for Construction Management @ Risk services
 - DLR Group proceed with Schematic Design & Design Development Phases of the 2nd High School project
 - Piper & Sandler present Projected Bond Cash Flow and Levy Analysis
 - Presentation of possible bond projects
- **July 2022:** Collected Community Feedback
 - Northwall Consulting phone/text survey
 - Public Community Forum meetings

Growth

	Elem #4				Elem #5 MS #2					
	Fall** 2018-19	Fall** 2019-20	Fall** 2020-21	Fall** 2021-22	8/8/2022 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Elementary Enrollment	1,535	1,713	1,865	1,999	2,105	2,174	2,297	2,388	2,453	2,549
Elementary Capacity	104%	89%	97%	99%	84%	87%	92%	95%	98%	102%
Middle School Enrollment	673	736	758	849	928	1,060	1,122	1,218	1,303	1,425
Middle School Capacity	90%	98%	101%	113%	62%	71%	75%	81%	87%	95%
High School Enrollment	666	759	880	957	1,025	1,092	1,178	1,307	1,484	1,597
High School Capacity	89%	101%	77%	83%	89%	95%	102%	114%	129%	139%

% Increase	10.50%	11.62%	9.20%	8.62%	6.65%	6.61%	6.26%	6.87%	6.67%	6.31%
District Total	2,874	3,208	3,503	3,805	4,058	4,326	4,597	4,913	5,241	5,571
**Actual		334	295	302	253	268	271	316	328	331

Capacity:

Elem - AP=483, BE=483, HE=483, PC=575, ST=483

MS = 750 / 1,500

HS = 1,150

Journey for Planning the 2nd High School

DLR 2nd High School Vision Presentation

We see a safe, innovative, forward-thinking learning environment that celebrates our community and provides flexible and adaptable spaces to stimulate collaboration, inspire creativity, and support our diverse group of all educators and learners.



Creative & Inspiring

Our high school will encompass an array of learning environments that inspire students and staff to make real-world connections, explore their curiosities, and think outside of the box.



Community Culture & Innovation

Our high school will be a collaborative innovation hub that celebrates community culture, educational excellence, and supports students' unique learning styles, interests, and dreams.



Variety & Flexibility

Our high school will offer our students a wide variety of educational opportunities with flexible spaces, natural light, and colors.



Diverse & Inclusive

Our high school will be a welcoming and vibrant learning environment that accommodates growth, encourages individuality, and provides a safe space where all learners can thrive and achieve success.



Journey for Planning the 2nd High School

- **January**
 - Teacher Interviews & Student Shadowing at Bennington High School
 - Tour Buena Vista & Elkhorn North - Omaha Metro Area
 - Tour Missouri Innovation Campus -Lee's Summit, MO
- **February**
 - Tour Thomas Jefferson & Career and Technical Education Academy - Sioux Falls, SD
 - Committee Workshop - space design identified
 - Committee Workshop - programming elements prioritized
- **April**
 - Defined Program Review
- **June**
 - Pre-Design Workshop
 - Pre-Design Share



Community Feedback

- Phone/Text Survey
 - Conducted by Northwall Consulting
 - July 11th through July 14th
 - 10,893 Registered Voters / 465 Surveys Validated and Included
 - <4.5 Margin of Error with a 95% Confidence Level
 - Statistical Analysis Using Cochran's Formula
 - 80% Mobile Phone Texts / 20% Phone Interview
 - Surveys attempted after July 14th were not included
- Three Public Community Forums
 - July 19th, 21st, & 25th
 - Gathered feedback on strengths and weaknesses of the proposal
- Over 120 questions were collected & grouped into categories.
Questions and answers will be posted on the District website



Community Feedback Results

- **91%** Believe BPS provides an Excellent or Good quality of education.
- **94%** Believes the quality of education is much better or somewhat better compared to other districts.
- **88%** Believe BPS has Excellent or Good quality of facilities.
- **Over 2/3** have a lot or some confidence in the Superintendent and the Board of Education.
- **68%** Support the building of a 2nd High School.
- **73%** Want the same academic programming at both high schools.
- Purchase agreement of the land for the 2nd high school located off of 132nd and Rainwood Road was rescinded.



Next Steps

Proposed 2022 Bond Issue

2nd High School (1,000 student capacity)	\$102,978,289
Stadium (1,000 Seats)	\$2,585,453
Track (alt. asphalt)	\$2,025,580
Softball/Baseball Fields	\$5,003,601
Synthetic Turf on Stadium Field	\$896,274
Tennis Courts	\$1,946,708
Additional Facility Costs	\$32,890,736
District Security Upgrades	\$350,000
High School Stadium Expansion Phase II	\$1,270,444
Total Estimated Costs	\$149,947,085



Future Bond Issue

2nd High School Additional Classrooms	\$12,075,000
2nd High School Pool	\$11,610,694
Synthetic Turf for Softball/Baseball Infields Only	\$335,000
Young Adult Program	\$1,824,489
Fine Arts Blackbox	\$1,605,930
Elementary #6	\$27,500,000
Preschool Addition	\$2,983,830
Elementary Classroom Addition	\$3,090,000
Warehouse Phase II	\$4,106,000
Land Acquisition	\$5,225,000
Total Estimated Costs	\$70,355,943



Projects Still Being Considered

2nd High School Career & Technical Classrooms	\$3,605,827
2nd High School Track with Post Tension Concrete	\$150,000
High School HVAC Equipment	\$1,200,000
High School Roofing Replacement	\$629,200
High School Flooring Replacement	\$242,317
Bennington Elementary HVAC Rooftop Replacement	\$750,000
Total Estimated Costs	\$6,577,344

Projects could be part of the proposed 2022 bond issue or could be part of the general fund budget.



Tax Impact

\$150 Million Bond Issue

- A maximum of \$0.10 increase
- \$300 maximum annual increase on a \$300,000 home = \$25.00 per month



Timeline

- **August 29th:** Vote on final Proposal & Ballot Language
 - Special Board of Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- **September 1st:** Ballot Language to Election Commission
- **October 3rd:** Absentee Ballots Begin to be Mailed Out
- **October 11th:** Early Voting at Election Commission Office Begins
- **October 21st:** Deadline to Register to Vote
- **October 28th:** Deadline to Request Absentee Ballots
- **November 8th:** Election Day