Northport-East Northport UFSD

Special Board Meeting

July 24, 2019
Board of Education Meeting
Mission:
Educate, inspire and empower all students to pursue their aspirations and contribute as responsible members of society.

Vision:
Excellence in all areas without exception.

Core values & beliefs:
- Students are our first priority.
- Everyone can learn and grow.
- Students, families, staff and community are essential partners.
- We collaborate in a spirit of trust to make thoughtful and informed decisions.
- We value creativity and innovation.
- We challenge and support the whole child.
- We embrace the uniqueness of every student.
- We treat everyone with dignity, empathy and respect.
- We provide a safe, secure and supportive environment.
- We use district resources effectively and responsibly.
Overview

Current Reality:-
The B-wing roof at Ocean needs to be redesigned and replaced. Students and staff will not be able to occupy B-wing when the 2019-20 school year starts.

How we got here:
May/ June
Issue in B-wing classroom led to further investigation of the entire wing. Engineer’s inspection led to recommendation to close wing and relocate students within the building for the last few days of school.
Current Situation

- Architect’s Report
  - Engineer's Assessment- “Snow load”
  - Design Plan
  - Scope of work & expected time frame

*This issue is only found in the B-Wing addition which was not a part of the original building. The rest of the building has different roofing design and construction.

- Role of Construction Manager
Essential Question:

Given the current state of the Ocean Avenue B-wing roof, what is best alternative for meeting the social, emotional and academic needs of our students, faculty & staff?
Considerations

• Limitations on space.
• Proximity/location.
• Provide alternative for impacted students & staff that is similar, comfortable and inviting.
  • Curriculum/Instruction
  • Age appropriate classrooms
  • Caring teachers, staff & administration
• Make it as convenient for families as possible.
• Financial Considerations.
• Maintain continuity & minimize impact to the extent possible.
Possible Alternatives

Lease portable classrooms and place them on the Ocean Avenue Campus.
Pros- All grade levels on campus.
Cons- Extremely expensive and difficult to mobilize (4-6 months).

Move Fifth Grade to Middle School
Pros - Some middle school configurations include 5th Grade.
Cons- Fifth Grade is the capstone year in the district’s current structure. Would still need more space in Ocean.

Consider using Brosnan Building for two grade levels
Pros - Classroom space conducive to elementary age students.
Cons- Displace Island Kids Day Care. Need 12 months notice per contract.
    Infrastructure not in place- kitchen, library etc.
    Staffing not in place- clerical, aides, teaching staff, administrators.
    High start up costs and loss of revenue.
Possible Alternatives

Norwood Avenue Elementary

Pros-
✓ Age appropriate classroom space is available.
✓ Closest in proximity to Ocean families.
✓ Physical infrastructure is in place.
✓ Staffing is in place and when/ if necessary, traveling for staff is minimized.
✓ Grade level curriculum is readily accessible.
✓ Staggered start time allows for pick-ups and drop offs for families if needed.
✓ Minimal impact on Norwood day to day instructional program.
✓ Warm welcoming teachers, staff and administration.

Cons-
✓ It would require Investigate students to relocate to Bellerose. Students in Investigate Program come from all six elementary & 2 middle schools (Gr. 6)
Recommendation:

Incoming Ocean Avenue Elementary Kindergarteners and First Graders to relocate to Norwood until construction is complete.

**Rationale:** The impacted area- B Wing- is the Kindergarten and First Grade Wing which totals 6 sections. Norwood is able to accommodate both grade levels. The estimated timeline for completion of construction is late November. The transition back to Ocean could take place over December break assuming work is on schedule.
Considerations

Provide alternative for impacted students & staff that is similar, comfortable and inviting.

- Norwood Open House for Ocean families: August 5 @ 9 am.
- Additional opportunities to ease the transition will be forthcoming.
- Will follow up with written communication to each individual family ASAP.
- Principals will collaborate with PTAs to assist with transition.
- Educational service (IEP, 504, AIS etc.) will follow students.
- This is a temporary situation. It is expected that students and staff will be able to return to their classrooms. Actual return date is dependent on progress of construction work. (likely after December break).
Considerations

Maintain continuity and minimize impact district-wide to the extent possible-

Eliminate “double moves” within Ocean. The space may change but the people, especially your child’s teacher and classmates will not. Classes will return to “their” classrooms.

Make it as convenient for families as possible.

The start time for Norwood is 25 minutes later than Ocean and is closest in proximity.

Ocean Avenue siblings in Grades 2-5 would remain at Ocean.

Financial Considerations

Most cost-effective option due to proximity of buildings, infrastructure & staffing. It is anticipated that the district will not need to add buses in the morning and add two buses in the afternoon. Adjustments will be made, if necessary.
Additional Considerations

• Kitchen at Ocean is under construction. Food Service will provide a satellite lunch program.
• Construction at Ocean will take place during school year/instructional day. Will closely monitor health, safety, security & weather conditions.
• Buildings & Grounds will work with administration, teachers and staff to coordinate transition for the beginning of the school year and the return.
• This is a temporary situation that is expected to be completed during the school year. The administration will work closely will those impacted to maximize the learning and work environment.
Thank you

Questions?