



MEETING OF: November 10, 2015

TITLE: Grade Configuration Changes at Tucson Unified School District Schools, to Include Possible Changes at Borman, Collier, Drachman, and Fruchthendler Elementary Schools and Sabino High School

ITEM #: 5

Information:

Study: X

Action: X

PURPOSE:

To present recommendations for grade configuration changes to the Governing Board based on the original proposals submitted by schools, the work of the committee assigned to this task, and the responses to the proposals from the Special Master and Plaintiffs.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

In the last school year five proposals were received from schools to change their grade configurations: Borman K-5 to K-8, Collier K-5 to K-6, Drachman K-6 to K-8, Fruchthendler K-5 to K-6 and Sabino 9-12 to 7-12. A committee of staff and parents from the schools was formed to review and evaluate the proposals collectively. The DLR Group was hired in June to facilitate the committee's work, to evaluate facilities and costs relative to the changes, and to present the results.

The project started with the development of a process and timeline, which were reviewed by the Special Master in June and by the Plaintiffs in July. In August, the committee completed much of their work and the proposals were presented to the Special Master and Plaintiffs (SMP). Staff, DLR and the SMP discussed the proposals in a teleconference on August 26. The proposals were revised accordingly and submitted formally to the SMP on September 25. On October 6, this item was one of the topics of discussion at the desegregation conference. On October 20, it was presented to the Board as an information item. Comments from the SMP and Board were provided to the committee on October 28 and they revised the proposals accordingly. The committee indicated that they supported all five proposals as modified.

The final proposals and the work of staff and the committee are presented as Exhibit B. Exhibit A is a summary of the proposals and recommendations regarding their approval. As these will be presented to the SMP and court separately the Board should vote on each proposal individually.

Charlotte Patterson and Bryant Nodine will be present at the meeting to report.

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

_____ District Budget
 _____ State/Federal Funds
 _____ Other

Budget Cost Budget Code

Budget Certification (for use by Office of Financial Services only):

Date

I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$ are available and may be:

Authorized from current year budget

Authorized with School Board approval

Code: Fund:

INITIATOR(S):

Bryant Nodine, Director of Planning Services

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Name

Title

Date

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

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 [Exhibit A - Summaries and Recommendations](#)
 [Exhibit B - Proposals Report](#)

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