

Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD K-8 Structural Review Committee Report

Report to The Board of Education

February 23, 2015

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Superintendent

Principals' Response to Issues Raised at the BOE meeting of August 12, 2013

- **Central Office and MS Principals met over the summer to review the issues raised**
- **Principals created a 9th and 10th period schedule at Mattlin MS**
 - **Plan was developed during the summer and had little input from the PTA or PCT**

Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

Zero and Ninth Period Schedules

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Zero Period 7:52 – 8:34	CLUBS Intramurals	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Band 7/8 Orchestra 6-8	CLUBS Intramurals	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Band 7/8 Orchestra 6-8	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Band 7/8 Orchestra 6-8 Chorus 7/8
Ninth Period 2:57 – 3:38	Music performing Groups: Grade 7/8 Chorus Grade 5/6 Band Grade 5 Orchestra	REMEDIAL ONLY	Music performing Groups: Grade 7/8 Chorus Grade 5/6 Band Grade 5 Orchestra	REMEDIAL ONLY	Intramurals

At 3:45 p.m. all seventh and eighth grade athletic teams begin their practices. Coaches are not allowed to start practice prior to 3:45 p.m.

Mattlin Middle School

Ninth and Tenth Period Schedules

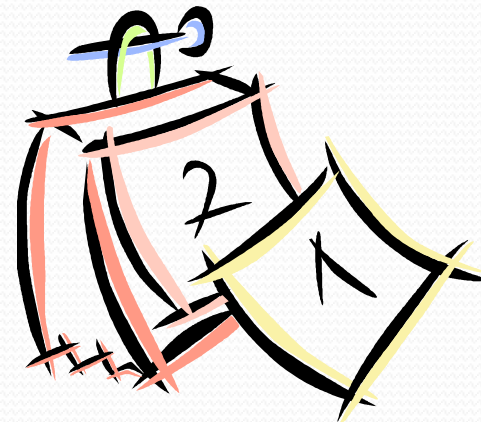
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ninth Period Bell Schedule 2:14 - 2:55 Bus Departure 3:00	5/6 Grade Chorus 6 th Grade Band 7/8 Grade Band 6/7/8 Grade Strings	Remedial 5 th Grade Band 7/8 Grade Chorus 5 th Grade Strings	5/6 Grade Chorus 6 th Grade Band 7/8 Grade Band 6/7/8 Grade Strings	Remedial	5 th Grade Band 7/8 Grade Band 7/8 Grade Chorus 5 th Grade Strings
Tenth Period Bell Schedule 2:59 – 3:41 Bus Departure 3:50	Clubs Interscholastic Athletics	Clubs Interscholastic Athletics	Clubs Interscholastic Athletics	Clubs Interscholastic Athletics	Clubs Interscholastic Athletics

Conflicts:

- Students who participate in Interscholastic Athletics have a conflict with all clubs.
- Students in 5th grade Band, 5th grade Strings, and 7th / 8th Chorus must choose between Music and remedial

Dates of Meetings

- Committee charged at the Board of Education Meeting on October 15, 2013 to convene.
- Committee Meeting Dates:
 - November 5, 2013
 - November 19, 2013
 - December 19, 2013
 - February 11, 2014
 - February 24, 2014
 - May 29, 2014
 - June 10, 2014
- September 15, 2014
- September 30, 2014
- November 13, 2014
- December 2, 2014
- January 29, 2015



SRC Committee

PTA

- Jennifer Novis (Pky/MMS)
- Kathy Rea(SEPTA/HS/ POBMS)
- Kim Luxenberg (SR/POBMS)
- Donna Lupia (MMS/OB)
- Paula Barsky (MMS/HS/SEPTA)
- Diane Collins (MMS/HS)
- *Shari Corn (PAS/POBMS)*

Central Office

- Jill Gierasch
- Lorna Lewis
- Nadine Eiring

* Attended first four meetings

PCT*

- Judi Alexanderson
- Nina Melzer
- Morty Rosenfeld
- Ed Hanlon
- Vicki Ahlsen

ASDA

- Dolores Binstock
 - *Paulette Miller*
- Laurie Lynn
- Fran Leiboff/ *Karen Heitner*
- Alison Clark
- John McNamara
- D. Mittleman /*Chris Donarummo*
- Greg Scesney

Issues and Solutions

Challenge

- MMS has conflicts with music rehearsal and remedial on Tuesdays and fewer music rehearsals
- MMS students have to choose between clubs and athletics during period 10

Solution

- Create a period 10 schedule that mirrors zero period at POBMS
- Utilize period 10 at MMS to hold additional music rehearsals and eliminate the conflicts with remedial
- MMS delay the start of all sports until 3:45 p.m. to allow athletes the opportunity to participate in clubs

Cost/Concern

- Delaying the start of some music rehearsals 45 minutes after school may reduce participation
- All athletics will start 90 minutes after school day at MMS
- Utilize an aide for supervision

Athletic & Music Program

- Beginning with the Winter I season (2013-14) all Athletics began at 3:50 p.m. in both schools to alleviate conflicts and to have more students participating in clubs at MMS
- An additional aide was needed for supervision
- Utilized period 10 at MMS to hold additional Music rehearsals (2014-15)
 - Eliminated the conflicts with remedial and Music



2014-2015 Mattlin Middle School Ninth and Tenth Period Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ninth Period Bell Schedule 2:14 - 2:55 Bus Departure 3:00	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Strings -Grade 6/7/8 Band-Grade 6/7/8	Remedial	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Strings -Grade 6/7/8 Band-Grade 6/7/8	Remedial	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Strings Grade 6/7/8 Band Grade 7/8
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Eleven Proposals Considered

Proposal #1 Summary:

- As previously articulated in this power point as presented by the administration team to the Board of Education on September 30, 2013
- Mattlin MS would implement a 10th period that mirrored the Zero period at POBMS

Discussions:

- Implemented 2014-15 school year with a 3rd remedial day available to students as of November
- No additional cost for transportation; however, MMS athletes had a long day with this schedule as they had to wait around for the program to begin at 3:50 pm after having started their day at 8:00 am. POBMS starts their day at 8:43 am (Zero period starts at 7:52 am)
- The later day presented a conflict for students participating in religious obligations (Hebrew School and Confirmation) . Central Office met with local clergy to problem solve.
- An additional aide for approximately two hours per day came at a cost of \$10,925.
- Transportation: \$0 Staffing: \$10,925 Total: \$10,925

Other Proposals

Proposal #2 Summary

- Both Middle Schools on the same schedule and the Kindergarten Center on Mattlin time.

Considerations and Concerns:

- Committee agreed Kindergarten on Mattlin time was too early thus no cost was configured.

Proposal #3 Summary

- Two of the elementary schools will be on an early schedule and two will be on a late schedule thus allowing for Mattlin's day to become the same as POBMS.

Considerations and Concerns:

- Creates differences between elementary schools
- Elementary articulation and shared staff issues
- To accommodate this change, we would need seven additional vehicles.
- Project Challenge Program affected
- **Total Cost: \$560,000**

Proposal #4 Summary

- Start Mattlin earlier with zero period.
- Keep all Elementary Schools on the same schedule.

Considerations and Concerns:

- All agreed too early for Mattlin students to be at a bus stop thus no cost was configured.

Proposal #5 Summary

- Make Mattlin Middle School a 5/6 school and POBMS a 7/8 school.
- All other schools remain status quo.

Considerations and Concerns:

- All agreed this would be too many transitions with other unforeseen issues thus no cost configured.

Proposal #6 Summary

- Consider closing the K-Center to bring the two middle schools at the same time, with the same programs
- Cost savings anticipated through administrative restructuring
- POBMS and Mattlin on the same schedule and K-4 schools on the same schedule

Considerations & Issues:

- The school times have been modified to achieve this change to minimize the cost to the district. The High School bell schedule is not affected.
- Is there room in Elementary schools and what would be the cost of reconfiguring?
- Early day for Zero Period is a concern

Transportation: \$187,000 **Staffing:** (675,000) **Total:** (\$488,000)

	K-Center Current	K-Center Proposed Home School	Mattlin Current	Mattlin Proposed	POB MS Current	POB MS Proposed	Elementary Schools Current	Elementary Schools Proposed	JFK High School
Start	8:45 am	9:08 am	8:00 am	8:28 am	8:43 am	8:28 am	9:15 am	9:08 am	7:28
End	2:30 pm	3:08 pm	2:10 pm	2:38 pm	2:53 pm	2:38 pm	3:15 pm	3:08 pm	1:37
9th Period			2:55 pm	3:23 pm*	3:38 pm	3:23 pm			1:41 2:23
10th Period									2:27 3:09
Zero Period			n/a	7:35 am	7:52 am	7:35 am			

*Late buses will arrive 7 minutes after the period ends between 3:30- 3:35 pm after the completion of the elementary school routes.

Proposal #7 Summary

- **Create a Mattlin 5 & 6 Middle School and a POBMS 7 & 8 Middle School**
- **K-4 Elementary Buildings**
- **Reduction of late buses for ninth period at the high school.**

Considerations and Concerns:

- In this option, the distance some students would have to travel to the centralized middle school. (Middle school students on average do not travel more than 30 minutes on a school bus. Some students could see an increase in their travel times by 15 minutes or more due largely to traffic rather than distance.)
- Replacing K transition with a MS transition does not solve the problem
- Zero period start time of 7:35 am considered too early
- **Total Cost: \$347,000**

Proposals #8 Summary

- Both middle schools are on the same schedule.
- Elementary schools & Kindergarten Center remain
- Change in bell schedule for primary and secondary schools
- Reduction of 9th period buses at the HS
- Utilize more large school buses by converting 5 vans to larger buses.

Considerations and Concerns:

- High School would start – 7:00 am
- MS Starts at 7:25
- Committee not in favor of early secondary starts
- **Total Cost \$107,000**

Proposal #9 Summary

- Both Middle schools are on the same schedule
- Elementary schools & Kindergarten Center remain
- Change in bell schedule for primary and secondary schools
- Reduction of 9th period buses at the HS
- Utilize more large school buses by converting 5 vans to larger buses

Considerations and Concerns:

- HS Starts at 8:28 am with Tenth Period at 4:15 pm
- Impact on Athletics and Clubs
- Kindergarten Center would start too early – 7:30 am and Middle Schools at 7:00 am – Committee not in favor of times
- **Total Cost \$107,000**

Proposal #10 Summary

- MS on same schedule with start time at 7:20am
- K Center time shifts to later 9:20 am
- HS remains at the same time

Considerations & Concerns

- Mattlin students would be picked up at 6:55am, this is too early
- Additional supervision needed between 7:10 and 7:20 am
- In order to get to this figure, we would be eliminating six busses – 9th period at the high school
- K Center late start needs to be communicated to parents
- Additional supervision needed between 7:10-7:20am daily

School	ZERO PERIOD	PERIODS 1-8	NINTH PERIOD	TENTH PERIOD
HIGH SCHOOL		7:35 – 1:47	Period Ends 2:37 Bus Arrives 3:00	Period Ends 3:24 Bus Arrives 3:30
MIDDLE SCHOOL	*7:20 AM	8:10 – 2:10	Period Ends 3:00	
ELEMENTARY		8:45 – 2:45		
K-CENTER		9:20 – 3:20		

➤ Total Cost \$107,000

Proposal #11 Summary

- MS on same schedule with start time at 8:33 am (7:42 am zero period)
- K Center time shifts to later 9:35 am
- HS remains at the same time 7:28 am start

Considerations & Concerns

- MS time was well received by the entire SRC
- Conflicts with Religious schools , Music and Athletics eliminated
- K Center start was a concern that could be overcome with timely communication to parents

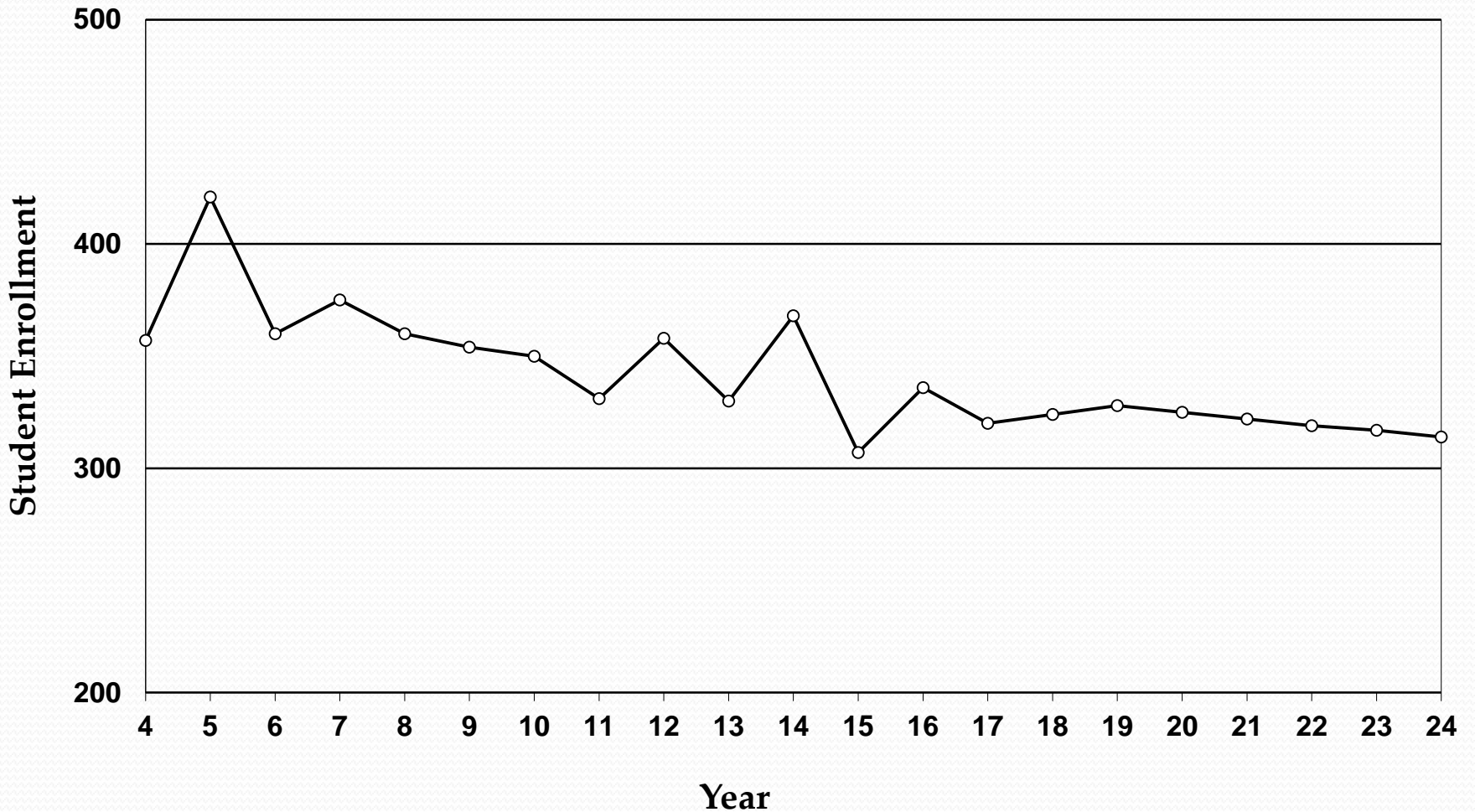
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HIGH SCHOOL	N/A	7:28- 1:37	Period Ends 2:24 Bus Arrives 2:30	Period Ends 3:11 Bus Arrives 3:30
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Bus arrives 7:35 AM Zero Period begins 7:42 AM	8:33-2:43 Bus Arrives at 8:23 AM	Period Ends 3:28 Bus Arrives 3:35	N/A
ELEMENTARY		9:10-3:10		
K-CENTER		9:35- 3:35		

➤ Total Cost \$107,000

Enrollment Projections

School	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17 K Center
Pasadena	352	366	360	87
Parkway	352	352	352	84
Stratford Road	406	405	416	96
Old Bethpage	338	314	320	80
K Center	371	345	347	347

Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District Kindergarten Enrollment



Elementary Capacity to take in K Center

School	Available Rooms	Cost Associated	Projected K Sections 2015-16	Projected K Sections 2016-17
Pasadena	Room 2 (ESL) Room 19 (Chinese) Room 14 (Reading) Room 23 (A/B)	\$5000	4	4
Parkway	Room 21 (Chinese) Room 11 (PPS Conf.) Room 14 (Math) Room 12 (RR)	\$35,000	4	3
Stratford Road	Use of Current K classes on the 2 nd Floor	\$0	4	4
Old Bethpage	Room 2 Room 7 (AIS) Room 1 Room 5	\$10,000	3	3

Superintendent's Recommendation

- Consider implementing Proposal #11 for the 2015-16 School Year
 - 2015-16 budget should reflect the additional cost of \$107,000 to address transportation for this proposal
 - Provide timely notification of schedule to all schools
- Develop a plan for moving K into the elementary schools for the 2016-17 school year
 - Ready classrooms over the summer of 2016
 - Bond referendum has two classrooms to address increased enrollment, if needed (\$300,000 per classroom)
 - Monitor enrollment pattern for Pasadena and Parkway to make recommendations for additional classroom space

Superintendent's Recommendation Contd.

- SRC committee should continue with a secondary focus to explore the implementation of a 9 period day grades 5-12
- Timeline for report to the Board of Education should be February 2016 for consideration in the 2016-17 school year