

# **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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Zero Period</b> <b>7:52 – 8:34</b>	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
<b>Ninth Period</b> <b>2:57 – 3:38</b>	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

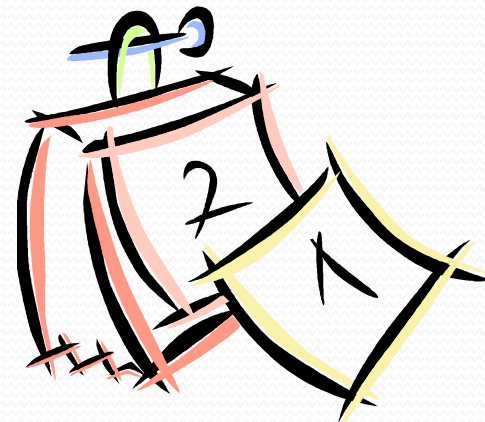
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Ninth Period</b> <b>Bell Schedule</b> <b>2:14 - 2:55</b> <b>Bus Departure</b> <b>3:00</b>	5/6 Grade Chorus  6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band  7/8 Grade Band  6/7/8 Grade Strings	<b>Remedial</b>  5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band  7/8 Grade Chorus  5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Strings	5/6 Grade Chorus  6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band  7/8 Grade Band  6/7/8 Grade Strings	<b>Remedial</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band  7/8 Grade Band  7/8 Grade Chorus  5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Strings
<b>Tenth Period</b> <b>Bell Schedule</b> <b>2:59 – 3:41</b> <b>Bus Departure</b> <b>3:50</b>	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 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Strings, and 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Ninth Period</b> <b>Bell Schedule</b> <b>2:14 - 2:55</b> <b>Bus Departure</b> <b>3:00</b>	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Strings -Grade 6/7/8 Band-Grade 6/7/8	<b>Remedial</b>	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Strings -Grade 6/7/8 Band-Grade 6/7/8	<b>Remedial</b>	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Strings Grade 6/7/8 Band Grade 7/8
<b>Tenth Period</b> <b>Bell Schedule</b> <b>2:59 – 3:41</b> <b>Bus Departure</b> <b>3:50</b>	All Clubs (2:59- 3:41)          Interscholastic Athletics (3:50)	Music Performing Groups: Orchestra 5 Band 5 Chorus 7/8   Interscholastic Athletics (3:50)	All Clubs (2:59-3:41)          Interscholastic Athletics (3:50)	Music Performing Groups: Orchestra 5 Band 5 Chorus 7/8   Interscholastic Athletics(3:50)	Music Performing Group Chorus 7/8       Interscholastic Athletics (3:50)

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> period that mirrored the Zero period at POBMS

## Discussions:

- Implemented 2014-15 school year with a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
<b>Start</b>	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
<b>End</b>	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
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Period</b>			2:55 pm	3:23 pm*	3:38 pm	3:23 pm			1:41 2:23
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Period</b>									2:27 3:09
<b>Zero Period</b>			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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 – 9<sup>th</sup> 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

School	ZERO PERIOD	PERIODS 1-8	NINTH PERIOD	TENTH PERIOD
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
<b>Pasadena</b>	352	366	360	87
<b>Parkway</b>	352	352	352	84
<b>Stratford Road</b>	406	405	416	96
<b>Old Bethpage</b>	338	314	320	80
<b>K Center</b>	371	345	347	347

# 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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