



Executive Summary

October 6, 2014

Topic and Background:

At the request of the Board, a discussion regarding the current high school configuration has taken place over the course of the last two months. Multiple focus groups were facilitated and an online survey was employed to collect both qualitative and quantitative feedback from the stakeholders of the West Bend School District.

Rationale:

Since the creation of East and West High Schools, some community members have questioned the concept of two schools on one campus. As a result, every 5-8 years members of the School Board have asked to review the configuration and practices of the high school. Many different strategies, committees, and task-forces have occurred since 1970. The most recent community discussion was facilitated through an online survey, four focus groups, and hundreds of letters and emails to the School Board members and the Superintendent.

The results of the survey and the feedback are found in the attachments.

Superintendent Ted Neitzke has collected feedback from the focus groups and compiled the survey's final results. Superintendent Neitzke will present his final recommendations to the Board, along with strategies to support the recommendations.

Mr. Neitzke's recommendations are as follows:

- ▶ **Maintain our two high school configuration**
- ▶ **Develop Board Policy to define the process for reviewing the high schools' configuration and guide future School Boards and Superintendents**
- ▶ **Revise language in Policy 432 that would allow for an element of school choice at the high school with priority given to the children of alumnus**
- ▶ **Create an Athletic Engagement Task Force**
- ▶ **Paint the town Maroon/Gold and Blue/White**

Budget: \$40,000 will be requested from fund balance to cover the costs of painting the field house and the main hallway that connects East & West High Schools.

Recommended Board Motion(s):

Motion 1: I move to sustain the current two high school configuration and direct the Policy Committee of the Board to draft policy to guide the configuration process in the future, as well as revise current policy to allow for an element of choice, and that the administration develop an Athletic Engagement Task Force that will define the metrics of our athletic programs.

Motion 2: I move to approve the transfer of \$40,000 from fund balance to the general fund for painting of the field house and the main hallway at the high school campus.

Attachments:

- 1. Superintendent Powerpoint Report & Recommendation**
- 2. Feedback from Community Sessions**
- 3. Survey Results**
- 4. Board Packet from August 25, 2014**