

Regional School District 13
Board of Education
Utilization Study Committee Meeting

September 3, 2015

Meeting called to order 6:07pm

Members Present: Robert Fulton, Kerrie Flanagan

Staff Members Present: Ron Melnik, Kathryn Veronesi

No official business will be conducted because a quorum was not present.

No item 3 or 4.

Mike Zuba from Milone and MacBroom reviewed the Preliminary Report submitted to the district 3 weeks ago. Key points:

- Population is aging.
- Projecting about 80 births annually for the next several years
- When there is not a lot of influx of “new blood” in town demographic changes of women of childbearing years is unlikely
- Middlefield has been a steady increase in housing sales
- Durham has fluctuated in housing sales
- RSD 13 by 9.4% in the last decade
- DOT predicts a steady rise of 7.3%
- Slight up tic in housing sales will not result in increased enrollment
- No data exists that supports the fact that increase in enrollment in the next 10 years will be different from original projections to any marked degree
- Birth to K ratio has increased in the last 2 years
- Could get 6-7 more kindergarteners per year due to this fact: housing trends of people moving into town with 0-4 year olds which means that the birth data will have additional students going into Kindergarten
- Greatest decline in the next 3 years will be at Brewster/Korn
- Overall bottoming out of enrollment is projected for the next decade Lyman at 200 students, Brewster/Korn 270

Contracted Services

- In this year’s budget we have money for “contracted services”. Will need to go out for an RFP on this.
- We need to draft what we actually want before we go out for an RFP.
- Must have the stamp of the committee
- What are the physical constraints of the buildings
- DRA study was from 1000 foot vantage point

- For plans to be developed there should be approximately an 18 month lead time
- True costs need to be targeted at some point

Review format for informational session

Goal of the evening is to give a comprehensive overview of the work of the Utilization Committee and the reasons behind the recommendation to close Korn School including the immediate and long-term educational and financial impact

- Introduction to indicate that the Korn School closing is the focus of the evening.
- Enrollment
- Academic Visioning
- Why Korn
- What will it look like
- Cost Analysis

There should be the ability for audience to submit questions.

The committee will discuss how to market the information session and will ask Board members what other information they will need in order to vote in October.