

HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent

Board of Education Meeting, January 7, 2008

Beginning of a Long Range Plan to Address our
Current and Future Facility Needs

First, for our immediate needs:

Maintain the current elementary configuration.

1. Review special education district class placements with the goal of housing such classes where space is available and provide appropriate staffing and resources to accommodate the needs of the students assigned to each of the classes.
2. Review the possibility and school placement of incoming (September 2008) district kindergarten bilingual classes for students speaking little or no English.
3. Proceed immediately with the development of plans to construct two additional classrooms or small group instructional space at Woodhull Intermediate School with a completion date of January/February 2009. Use former plans to enclose the overhangs at the ends of both classroom wings.
4. Consider the immediate purchase of one double modular classroom unit from the Schem School District. Transport and construct the unit on the grounds of Woodhull Intermediate School. Use for building and district storage, freeing additional space within the building. Have the unit available for temporary classroom space if needed in the district.
5. Include at the May 2008 budget vote a capital reserve proposition to fund the new classroom construction at Woodhull Intermediate School.

Next, for our future needs:

1. Complete a comprehensive facilities study with plans to reconfigure buildings and add instructional space to accommodate the educational program as it currently exists and as it will exist in the foreseeable future for all eight schools.
 - a. Have the architects work with each building principal, our Director of Facilities and the central office team to create plans scaled down from the original plans presented by the architects. We do not believe a 50-60 million dollar bond proposition is practical.
 - b. As each building or group of buildings, such as Flower Hill, Washington and Southdown, are completed present detailed plans and cost estimates to the Board of Education for review and discussion.
 - c. Complete the process by finalizing a comprehensive district plan for all eight buildings by June 2008.

2. Design a funding mechanism for the comprehensive facilities plan which will likely include a bond proposition to be brought to the public in the fall 2008.
3. Consult and/or engage legal counsel by April 2008 to determine the final feasibility of acquiring the former Touro Law School.
4. If the decision is made to acquire Touro, incorporate its use into the comprehensive facilities plan.
5. Assuming the decision is made to put forth a bond proposition to the voters sometime in the fall of 2008 to fund the comprehensive facilities project and it passes, begin to develop plans and timelines for the new construction. If the bond proposition is not supported by the community, develop plans for a possible restructuring of the elementary schools. These plans will need to be completed in the late fall or early winter in order for expenditures to be included in the proposed 2009-2010 school budget.