



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.2

Meeting Date: November 3, 2011

Subject: 7-11 Committee and Superintendent Recommendations on School Closure and Consolidation

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Accountability Office

Recommendation

Receive information regarding the Superintendent's recommendations regarding school closure and consolidation.

Background/Rationale:

On November 4, 2010, The Board adopted criteria for school consolidation and closure. Subsequently, the Board appointed a Facility Consolidation and Closure/7-11 Committee to review data and recommend sites for consolidation and closure. The Committee met during the spring and summer of 2011 and had their final meeting on August 29, 2011. Their recommendations were brought to the Board on October 6, 2011. The Board directed the Superintendent to bring a staff analysis of the 7-11 Committee recommendations and his own recommendations with analysis to the Board for consideration.

Financial Considerations:

A cost benefit analysis of each recommendation will be presented at the Board meeting.

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary

Estimated Time of Presentation: 30 minutes

Submitted by: Mary Shelton, Chief Accountability Officer

Approved by: Jonathan Raymond, Superintendent

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School Closure and Consolidation Recommendations

I. Overview/History of Department or Program

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II. Driving Governance:

Education Code sections 17387-17389 Surplus Property Advisory Committee

The California Education Code Section 17387-17391 provides for community involvement by attendance area at the district level regarding surplus space. This community involvement should facilitate making the best possible judgments about the use of excess school facilities in each individual situation. The process would allow community involvement before decisions are made about school closure or the use of surplus space, thus avoiding community conflict and assuring building use that is compatible with the community's needs and desires.

Prior to the sale, lease, or rental of any excess real property, except rentals not exceeding 30 days, the School Board shall appoint a district advisory committee to advise the governing board in the development of district-wide policies and procedures governing the use or disposition of school buildings or space in school buildings which is not needed for school purposes.

III. Budget:

A cost-benefit analysis of each recommendation will be presented at the Board meeting on November 3, 2011.

IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

The 7-11 Committee:

1. Reviewed the school enrollment and other data provided by the district to determine the amount of surplus space and real property
2. Reviewed non-K-12 sites to determine the amount of surplus space and real property

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3. Developed a priority list of surplus real property
4. Provided an advisory report recommending closure and/or consolidation of surplus real property

The Superintendent and staff analyzed the 7-11 Committee recommendations for programmatic considerations and cost-benefits. In addition, the Superintendent will bring forward other recommendations with staff analysis of each.

V. Major Initiatives:

The Board appointed a Facility Consolidation and Closure/7-11 Committee to advise the Superintendent and Governing Board in the development of the use or disposition of school buildings or space in school buildings which is not needed for school, administrative or other related purposes. The 7-11 Committee used the criteria adopted by the Board of Education. These criteria are:

Phase 1

Capacity

Condition

Operation Cost

Phase 2

Location Accessibility

Enrollment Data

Facility Costs

Facility Usage/Efficiency

Facility Condition & Site Data

Program Data

The Superintendent's additional recommendations were created using these criteria as well as program alignment, proximity of sites, potential budget savings and enrollment trends.

VI. Results:

The 7-11 Committee brought forward seven recommendations for school closure or consolidation. The Superintendent will present staff analysis of these seven recommendations as well as additional recommendations for consideration by the Board.

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VII. Next Steps:

Receive Board direction on recommendations

Conduct community engagement meetings at recommended sites

Bring community input on recommendations to the Board

Bring final recommendations to the Board for conference and action