

## Two School Outline (by Andy Gonring)

1959. Board purchases Stoffel Parcel south of Hwy. 33 and north of Walnut Street.

March 15, 1962. Board appoints a Long Range Planning Committee to address elementary and HS facility issues in light of increased enrollment and School District Consolidation Law (consolidation to be completed by July 1, 1962.)

June, 1962. Board announces it will address the elementary and HS facilities issues at a special meeting of the electorate in Feb. 1963.

Feb. 25, 1963. Special meeting of the electorate. 700 electors in HS gym. Presentation on new "middle school" concept to be built on Stoffel Parcel purchased in 1959. To be used initially for grades 7, 8 and 9 until HS problem resolved and then for graded 6, 7 and 8. Will relieve pressure on "both ends". Well received. Electors authorize the hiring of an architect, drawing of plans and obtaining bids. Board unanimously rejects Long Range Planning Committee's recommendation to double size of current HS to accommodate 2500 students. Board says HS should limited to 1250 students; larger school will magnify social and discipline issue; students and faculty in an extremely large school can loose their identities; scholastic achievement is only part of the finished product and a larger school will limit opportunities for student participation in co-curricular activities; almost all educators agree that a HS should not exceed 1000 students; WBHS is already a large HS ranking 34<sup>th</sup> in the State with only 16 HS's in the 1600 student range. The relief provided by the new middle school will give the district time to study the HS problem further.

March 10, 1964. Silverbrook referendum approved 1849 to 1236

July 26, 1965. Special Meeting of the Electorate; permission received to retain an architect and develop plans to build a new 1500 student HS and renovate old HS. Plans to be presented in November.

Nov. 29, 1965. Special Meeting of the Electorate; Board committed to one HS but on two campuses. Board gets approval for "2+2 plan" with new "East Campus" HS on Decorah and Hwy G (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades) and rehabilitation of the present school (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades).

July 25, 1966. Special Meeting of the Electorate; Board gives some details of new building with specs and final costs to be available for a Special Meeting on Nov. 28, 1966 and sets referendum on Dec. 1, 1966.

Nov. 28, 1966. Special Meeting of the Electorate; \$4,295,000 cost disclosed; "lively discussion" by 200 people at McLane School gym. Opposing points include square foot cost (Glen Peters); Plymouth's \$3 mill HS (Ralph Ross); \$100 dress/Budget (Mrs. Frank Falter)

Dec. 1, 1966. HS Referendum #1. Defeated 2184 to 912.

Dec. 1966. Board appoints Citizen Advisory Committee.

Dec. 21, 1966. First Meeting of Board appointed Citizens Advisory Committee consisting of 31 members including mix of "yes" and "no" voters

March 16, 1967. Superintendent Paul Loofboro announces resignation for "personal reasons" effective June 1, 1967 citing "tremendous demands" on personal life over the past two years. Says 2+2 plan "sound and right."

April 17, 1967. Special Meeting of the Electorate. Board receives permission to borrow \$275,000 to add eight rooms and related facilities to Fair Park.

April 13, 1967. Citizen Advisory Committee recommends (by majority vote) 2+2 plan at a reduced cost of \$345, 000. Same plan less heat pump, air conditioning, paved parking, elevator, bleachers, carpeting and some equipment. Committee unanimous that the need for new facilities "beyond debate".

April 25, 1967. Board accepts Citizen Advisory Committee recommendation for \$3,950,000 referendum, \$345,000 less than first referendum. Referendum #2 set for May 23, 1967.

May 4, 1967. West Bend News editorial in support. 13 major businesses, various labor unions and by an "overwhelming" yes vote the West Bend Education Assoc. all support referendum

May 23, 1967. Referendum #2. Defeated 2470 to 1405. Doug Ziegler and John Horlamus resign from Board. RDZ- "I have subrogated my family and job responsibilities" for two years.

May 31, 1967. Board appoints Thomas Kenny and Carl Schneiss to fill vacancies.

June 28, 1967. Board announces hiring of Dr. Donald Peckenpaugh of Pittsburg as new Superintendent effective August 10, 1967.

July 24, 1967. School Board elections. Marg. Nielson (inc.), C.A. Nelson, James Rubenzer.

Aug. 10, 1967. Dr. Peckenpaugh arrives. Takes no position on 2+2 plan. Says he will study the issue. Retains head of UWM education dept. to survey needs and enrollment; begins to meet individually with citizens.

August 20, 1967. News article on use of temporary elementary rooms at Trinity Lutheran Church, Gallery of Fine Arts and McLane recreation room.

December 11, 1967. Special Meeting of the Electorate. Peckinpaugh announces his plan. Three Phase- Five year plan with Phase I to cost \$10 million financed through a bond referendum and to provide for:

Twin 1250 student HS's on Decorah and HWY. G.

Old HS repairs

Nine room addition to Decorah

Jackson addition

New 480 elementary school on the Aufdermauer property (Greentree)

Barton school repairs

McLane school repairs

Motion to approve met with "an enthusiastic and nearly unanimous" aye.

February 10, 1968. Board sets Bond Referendum for March 14, 1968. Peckinpaugh sells concept on four points:

Twice the participation opportunities.

Capital cost savings by shared facilities.

Increased academic opportunities.

The ability to add two additional HS' to the south bringing total campus enrollment to 5000.

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March 14, 1968. Referendum #3 passes 2705 to 1443.

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Fall, 1970. Twin HS's open.

1980. Citizens Athletic Committee. In response to parent complaints. Recommends coach evaluations, parent meetings for each team, citizen/parent committee as liaison for each team, seek coaches for open teaching positions.

1988. Climate Study.

1990-91. Citizen Athletic Study Committee. Renders 12 page report. Recommendation for combining of athletic programs.

April 7, 1992. Advisory referendum on combining programs loses 5592 to 3743.

May 26, 1992. Board votes 4 to 3 against combining.

May 2008 to Oct. 2008. High School Research Study Committee.

Dec. 1, 2008. Presentation of Committee's findings to School Board.