



ALL STAFF Information Release
School Board Study Session
January 30, 2018

The next regular School Board meeting is February 6, 2018 at 4:00PM

****See the School Board page on the RPS website for the latest information****

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: approved

Efficient and Effective Operations

Long-Range Planning

- The Board's long range planning committee includes board members Anne Becker and Mark Schleusner, along with John Carlson, Executive Director of Finance, and Scott Sherden, Executive Director of Security, Safety, & Facilities. Members have spent the last year studying the uses and capacities of our buildings, including exploring alternate scheduling and other options. The committee wants to update the full board on its research into use of our facilities and the needs we have moving forward. Tonight's presentation focuses on building capacities, adjustments needed to balance enrollments, what we may need to build, and when it may take place.
- Executive Director of Finance, John Carlson, [presented information to the Board on current enrollment and building capacity](#) at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels, along with possible next steps the board will need to consider. The board discussed many aspects of the information shared and the need for a task force of community members and district staff to begin working on future building construction needs.
- Don Lifo, of Springsted, [reminded the board of surveys available to the district](#) that can provide feedback from the community. Springsted has worked with the district on prior projects and uses a stratified random sample approach. Before conducting a survey, Springsted conducts a deep analysis of the demographics of registered voters in the district. They then match the sample demographics as closely as possible to the district's demographics. They typically do 200-400 interviews by phone (about half land lines and half cell phones) of approximately 35 questions - the interviews take 10-12 minutes. The information generated from these surveys helps the board make decisions regarding bond and levy questions. Board members had several clarification questions of Mr. Lifo.
- John Carlson [reviewed the district's current debt responsibilities](#) and how those are scheduled to change over the next two years. He also discussed what financing options could look like for a variety of building decisions. Board members discussed this information.
- Superintendent Munoz summarized the consensus for next steps. A community feedback session regarding boundary adjustments needed in the short-term is planned for **February 13, 6-7pm, at the Edison Building**. A proposal will come to the February 20 board meeting. A community/district task force will be formed to work on the longer-term discussion of building needs.