

## Operations & Transportation Restructuring Sub Committee

Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2022

Attendees:

Barbara Francisco, Alex Anemone, Chris Kelly, Karen Wilm, Cortney Stephenson, Karen Romer, Amy Kistler, Tracey Lombardi, Tracey Del Colliano, Wayne Gottlieb, Will Cytowicz, Jack Leonard

A District Restructuring Committee has been formed to review and discuss the district's declining enrollment and loss of state funding. Over the last 5 years the district has lost \$7.8 million in state aid. There are two budgets left for S2 to be fully implemented. We are anticipating an additional \$1.5 million reduction when developing the 23-24 budget later this year.

This subcommittee discussed the following:

We are waiting for a current demographic study to be completed. It appears that student enrollment will level out around 200 students per grade level or 10 teachers per grade level.

How to equalize enrollment by identifying where the students are located in our transportation system. Can this be accomplished with our current routing system? Would we need to investigate different software? It would appear that the four "corner schools" would remain to minimize student time on buses.

Whether reducing the number of schools, and staff members will bring enough savings to offset declining state aid? District prefers not to cut programs. Reducing academic and athletic programs – pros and cons. The value of our music and arts programs.

Can you close one school or two schools? Would a closed school be sold for a one-time revenue? What if it is needed in the future?

Cost of Highlander Academy? Could that program be relocated? Can it be expanded?

Should student start times be flip flopped—high school students start later? How would that affect the district if it became a mandate from the state.

Now that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade is located at Macopin, is there room in the elementary schools to add students?