

Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD
Middle School Report

Report to The Board of Education
February 24, 2014
Dr. Lorna R. Lewis
Superintendent

Principals' Response to Issues Raised at the August 12, 2013 BOE Meeting

- Reviewed the issues raised
- Included Directors of Music and Athletics to provide insight into alternative solutions
- Developed a plan during the summer based on BOE direction (little input from the PTA or PCT)
- Created a 9th and 10th period schedule at Mattlin MS

Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

Zero and Ninth Period Schedules

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Zero Period 7:52 – 8:34	CLUBS Intramurals	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Band 7/8 Orchestra 6-8	CLUBS Intramurals	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Band 7/8 Orchestra 6-8	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Band 7/8 Orchestra 6-8 Chorus 7/8
Ninth Period 2:57 – 3:38	Music performing Groups: Grade 7/8 Chorus Grade 5/6 Band Grade 5 Orchestra	REMEDIAL ONLY	Music performing Groups: Grade 7/8 Chorus Grade 5/6 Band Grade 5 Orchestra	REMEDIAL ONLY	Intramurals

At 3:45 p.m. all seventh and eighth grade athletic teams begin their practices. Coaches are not allowed to start practice prior to 3:45 p.m.

Mattlin Middle School

Ninth and Tenth Period Schedules

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ninth Period Bell Schedule 2:14 - 2:55 Bus Departure 3:00	5/6 Grade Chorus 6 th Grade Band 7/8 Grade Band 6/7/8 Grade Strings	Remedial 5 th Grade Band 7/8 Grade Chorus 5 th Grade Strings	5/6 Grade Chorus 6 th Grade Band 7/8 Grade Band 6/7/8 Grade Strings	Remedial 7/8 Grade Chorus 5 th Grade Strings	5 th Grade Band 7/8 Grade Band 7/8 Grade Chorus 5 th Grade Strings
Tenth Period Bell Schedule 2:59 – 3:41 Bus Departure 3:50	Clubs Interscholastic Athletics	Clubs Interscholastic Athletics	Clubs Interscholastic Athletics	Clubs Interscholastic Athletics	Clubs Interscholastic Athletics

Conflicts:

- Students who participate in Interscholastic Athletics have a conflict with all clubs.
- Students in 5th grade Band, 5th Grade Strings, and 7th / 8th Chorus must choose between music and remedial

Athletic Program



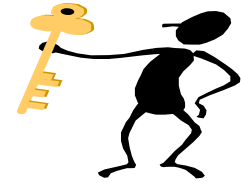
- All athletics will begin at 3:45 p.m. in both schools
- This will begin this year in the Winter I season to alleviate some of the current conflicts and more students can participate in clubs at MMS
- Facilities have pros and cons at both buildings without an overall impact on the P.E. curriculum
- An additional aide will be needed for supervision to accommodate principal plan



Music Program

- Utilize period 10 at MMS to hold additional music rehearsals and eliminate the conflicts with remedial
- Create a period 10 schedule that mirrors zero period at POBMS

Some Possible Solutions for the 2013-14 School Year



Challenge

- MMS students have to choose between clubs and athletics during period 10

Solution

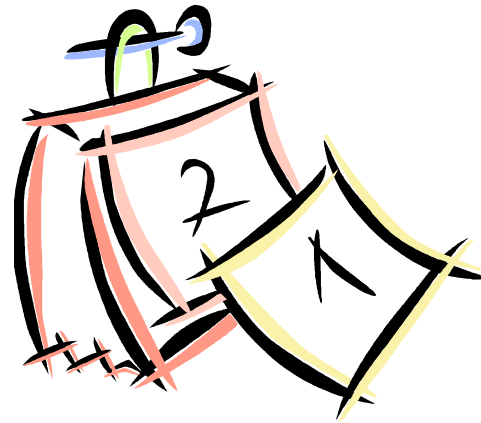
- MMS delay the start of all sports until 3:45 p.m. to allow athletes the opportunity to participate in clubs

Cost

- Additional aide for supervision during period 10
- All athletics will start 90 min. after school day at MMS

Dates of Meetings

- Committee Charged at the Board of Education Meeting on October 15, 2013 to Convene .
- Committee Meeting Dates:
 - November 5, 2013
 - November 19, 2013
 - December 19, 2013
 - February 11, 2014



Middle School Inequities Committee



PTA

- Jennifer Novis (Pkwy/MMS)
- Kathy Rea(SEPTA/HS/POBMS/PTA)
- Kim Luxenberg (SR/K/POBMS)
- Donna Lupia (OB/MMS)
- Paula Barsky (MMS/HS/SEPTA)
- Diane Collins (MMS/HS)

PCT

- Judi Alexanderson
- Nina Melzer
- Morty Rosenfeld
- Ed Hanlon
- Vicki Ahlsen

ASA

- Dolores Binstock
- John McNamara
- Dean Mittleman
- Laurie Lynn
- Fran Leiboff
- Alison Clark

Central Office

- Lorna Lewis
- Jill Gierasch

Some Possible Solutions for the 2014-15 School Year



Challenge

- MMS has conflicts with music rehearsal and remedial on Tuesdays and fewer music rehearsals

Solution

- Utilize period 10 at MMS to hold additional music rehearsals and eliminate the conflicts with remedial

Cost

- Delaying the start of some music rehearsals 45 min. after school

Mattlin Middle School

Proposed Ninth and Tenth Period Schedules

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ninth Period Bell Schedule 2:14 - 2:55 Bus Departure 3:00	Music Performing Groups: Band 6 Chorus 5/6 Strings Grade 6/7/8 Band Grade 7/8	Remedial	Music Performing Groups: Band 6 Chorus 5/6 Strings Grade 6/7/8 Band Grade 7/8	Remedial	Music Performing Groups: Chorus 5/6 Strings Grade 6/7/8 Band Grade 7/8
Tenth Period Bell Schedule 2:59 – 3:41 Bus Departure 3:50	Clubs (2:59- 3:41) Interscholastic Athletics (3:50)	Music Performing Groups (2:59- 3:41): Orchestra 5 Band 5 Chorus 7/8 Interscholastic Athletics (3:50)	Clubs (2:59- 3:41) Interscholastic Athletics (3:50)	Music Performing Groups (2:59- 3:41): Orchestra 5 Band 5 Chorus 7/8 Interscholastic Athletics(3:50)	Music Performing Group (2:59-3:41): Chorus 7/8 Interscholastic Athletics (3:50)

Ten Proposals Considered

Proposal #1 Summary:

- Principal's Proposal presented to BOE on September 30, 2013
- Zero period at POBMS would equal 10th period at Mattlin MS.
- All Elementary Schools and K Center remain status quo.

Considerations and Concerns:

- We currently provide 8 school buses to transport the students home after 10th period. The ridership fluctuates from day to day. Even with the daily fluctuations, buses are not at capacity. In the event the change suggested in proposal #1 increases ridership it is highly unlikely to exceed capacity. Therefore, it is projected that **no additional transportation costs would be incurred as a result of this proposal.**
- An aide for approximately two hours per day will be needed to supervise students. The additional cost inclusive of benefits would be \$10,925. It may be possible to avoid this expense if we adjusted some existing aides' work schedule.
- **Transportation: \$0** **Staffing: \$10,925** **Total: \$10,925**

Proposal #2 Summary

- Both Middle Schools on the same schedule and the Kindergarten Center on Mattlin time.

Considerations and Concerns:

- Committee agreed Kindergarten on Mattlin time was too early thus no cost was configured.

Proposal #3 Summary

- Two of the elementary schools will be an early schedule and two will be on a late schedule thus allowing for Mattlin's day to become the same as POBMS.

Considerations and Concerns:

- Creates differences between elementary schools.
- To accommodate this change, we would need seven additional vehicles.
- Project Challenge Program affected

Total Cost: \$560,000

Proposal #4 Summary

- Start Mattlin earlier with zero period.
- Keep all Elementary Schools on the same schedule.

Considerations and Concerns:

- All agreed too early for Mattlin students to be at a bus stop thus no cost was configured.

Proposal #5 Summary

- Make Mattlin Middle School a 5/6 school and POBMS a 7/8 school.
- All other schools remain status quo.

Considerations and Concerns:

- All agreed this would be too many transitions with other unforeseen issues thus no cost configured.

Proposal #6 Summary

- Create K-4 Elementary buildings
- POBMS and Mattlin on same time schedule

Considerations and Concerns:

➤ The school times have been modified to achieve this change to minimize the cost to the district. The High School bell schedule is not affected.

	K-Center Current	K-Center Proposed Home School	Mattlin Current	Mattlin Proposed	POB MS Current	POB MS Proposed	Elementary Schools Current	Elementary Schools Proposed	JFK High School
Start	8:45 am	9:08 am	8:00 am	8:28 am	8:43 am	8:28 am	9:15 am	9:08 am	7:28
End	2:30 pm	3:08 pm	2:10 pm	2:38 pm	2:53 pm	2:38 pm	3:15 pm	3:08 pm	1:37
9th Period			2:55 pm	3:23 pm*	3:38 pm	3:23 pm			1:41 2:23
10th Period									2:27 3:09
Zero Period			n/a	7:35 am	7:52 am	7:35 am			

*Late buses will arrive 7 minutes after the period ends between 3:30- 3:35 pm after the completion of the elementary school routes.

Proposal # 6 Continued...

- The district would no longer have a K Center district-wide run, but a new zero period run at Mattlin MS. Also, more students (approximately 80-90) would be attending each “home” elementary buildings, therefore, requiring additional capacity at these schools.
- A shift in the number of late buses for 9th period (2:30 p.m.) at the High School from 19 to 13 to allow us to service both regular dismissals at the Middle Schools (2:38 p.m.). Based on current 9th period ridership at the HS, this reduction will have a minimum impact to our students.
- May require one additional bus system-wide to address the proposed schedule as well as midday service for the work study program and Project Challenge.

Transportation:

- Shift 5 vans to 5 buses: \$107,000
- Potential Additional Buses: \$ 80,000
\$187,000

Staffing: (\$675,000)

Total: (\$488,000)

Proposal #7 Summary

- Create a Mattlin 5 & 6 Middle School and a POBMS 7 & 8 Middle School
- K-4 Elementary Buildings
- Reduction of late buses for ninth period at the high school.

Considerations and Concerns:

- In this option the distance some students would have to travel to the centralized middle school. (Middle school students on average do not travel more than 30 minutes on a school bus. Some students could see an increase in their travel times by 15 more minutes or more due largely to traffic rather than distance.)
- Add two additional buses to reduce travel time.

Total Cost: \$347,000

Proposal #7 Continued...

	K-Center	K-Center Proposed Home School	Mattlin Current	Mattlin Proposed	POB MS Current	POB MS Proposed	Elementary Schools Current	Elementary Schools Proposed
Start	8:45 am	9:08 am	8:00 am	8:28 am	8:43 am	8:28 am	9:15 am	9:08 am
End	2:30 pm	3:08 pm	2:10 pm	2:38 pm	2:53 pm	2:38 pm	3:15 pm	3:08 pm
9 th Period			2:55 pm	3:23 pm*	3:38 pm*	3:23 pm		
Zero Period			n/a	n/a	7:52 am Zero Period	735 am Zero Period		

Proposals #8 Summary

- Both Middle schools are on the same schedule.
- Elementary Schools & Kindergarten Center remain
- Change in bell schedule for primary and secondary schools.
- Reduction of 9th period buses at the HS
- Utilize more large school buses by converting 5 vans to larger buses.

Considerations and Concerns:

- High School would start – 7:00 am
- MS Starts at 7:25
- Committee not in favor of early secondary start time

Total Cost \$107,000

Proposal #9 Summary

- Both Middle schools are on the same schedule.
- Elementary Schools & Kindergarten Center remain
- Change in bell schedule for primary and secondary schools.
- Reduction of 9th period buses at the HS
- Utilize more large school buses by converting 5 vans to larger buses.

Considerations and Concerns:

- HS Starts at 8:28 am with Tenth Period at 4:15 pm
- Kindergarten Center would start too early – 7:30 am and Middle Schools at 7:00 am – Committee objected

Total Cost \$107,000

Proposals #8 & 9 Continued...

School	Zero Period	Periods 1-8	Ninth Period	Tenth Period
High School		7:00 – 1:09	Period Ends 1:55	Period Ends 2:42
Middle School	7:25 AM	8:15 – 2:25	Period Ends 3:10	n/a
Elementary		8:50 – 2:50		
K-Center		8:00 – 2:00		

School	Zero Period	Periods 1-8	Ninth Period	Tenth Period
High School		8:28 – 2:37	3:30	4:15*
Middle School	7:00 am	8:00 – 2:10	2:55	n/a
Elementary		9:15 – 3:15		
K-Center		7:30 – 1:30		

Proposal #10 Summary

- Both middle schools on the same schedule
- Zero period starts at two middle schools at 7:20am
- Additional supervision needed between 7:10-7:20am daily

* In order to get to this figure, we would be eliminating six buses – 9th period at the high school

School	ZERO PERIOD	PERIODS 1-8	NINTH PERIOD	TENTH PERIOD
HIGH SCHOOL		7:35 – 1:47	Period Ends 2:37 Bus Arrives 3:00	Period Ends 3:24 Bus Arrives 3:30
MIDDLE SCHOOL	*7:20 AM	8:00 – 2:10	Period Ends 3:00	
ELEMENTARY		8:45 – 2:45		
K-CENTER		9:20 – 3:20		

Considerations and Concerns:

- Students would be picked up at 6:55am for zero period
- Additional supervision needed between 7:10 and 7:20 am
- Potential impact to Music program / Early start time may reduce Music participation
- Kindergarten students starting too late

Total Cost: \$107,000

Three Proposals Emerged

- **Proposal #1**- Amended Principal plan
 - Supported by PCT and ASA
 - Seen as a short term fix for PTA
 - Needs to be monitored to see if it impacts Music Selection
- **Proposal #6** – Both MS on Same Schedule and K-4 Bldgs.
 - First Choice for Long Term Solution by PTA
 - Needs to be further researched for viability
- **Proposal #10**- Both MS on Same Schedules and Time Changes for Schools :K, 1-4.

Superintendent's Recommendation

- ❖ 2014-15 School Year : Utilize the Principal's Plan as amended – Proposal #1-
 - ❖ Review implementation by October 2014

Convene a Committee to:

- ❖ Research possibility of moving Kindergarten students into the elementary schools for the 2015-16 school year – Proposal #6
 - ✓ Review capacity for all elementary buildings to house K-4 program
 - ✓ Determine the budgetary cost to updating facilities in a K-4 program
 - ✓ Report findings to the BOE October 2014
- ❖ Consider Proposal #10 as a Third option
 - ✓ Work to fine tune acceptable start times

