

MOTION:: Scappaticci/Crocket s.v. the Manchester Board of Education approves recommends to the Manchester Board of Directors to consider and vote to accept the following resolution proposing a comprehensive elementary school facility plan:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has, since November 2013, been considering and deliberating over a number of options to address the many issues confronting our elementary school infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, informed by the two years of work of the SMARTR Committee, our own assessment of educational needs and requirements going forward, knowledge of the condition of our elementary school facilities, and, the advice of both the interim and the incoming Superintendent, has selected one of seven options deliberated upon; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education seeks to simultaneously address enrollment issues, racial balancing, educational excellence, stable class sizes at 17-22, modern classroom space and amenities, contiguous districts, and, fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes it has determined the path that best addresses all of these responsibilities in an achievable plan which can and must proceed quickly; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby recommends to the Board of Directors that it consider and vote to accept the following proposal:

PHASE I

- Like new grade 5/6 Cheney/Bennet Academy
- Like new Waddell Elementary School - 530 students
- Preferably a brand new Verplanck Elementary School at the Verplanck site for 530 students, or as an alternative a like-new Verplanck Elementary School for 530
- Discontinue Washington Elementary School as a school
- Close Robertson Elementary School; use as swing space as necessary

PHASE II

(not necessarily in order)

- Like new Buckley Elementary School
- Like new Bowers Elementary School
- Like new Keeney Elementary School
- Like new Martin Elementary School.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Education proposes that the Board of Directors considers a November 2014 Referendum to encompass all of Phase I with Phase II to be initiated when Phase I is approaching completion.

Vote: Unanimous (9-0) April 21, 2-14