

State Technical High School

Ad Hoc Committee

Summary of Decisions Made

April 5th Meeting

At the March 22nd meeting there was some discussion about the action to be taken by the Ad Hoc Committee once the “plan” report is to be submitted to the state Board of Education per their directive of December, 2009. To summarize what discussions and decisions have been made to date the below list was developed to refresh and assist the Ad Hoc Committee.

- 1.) The building would be totally rehabbed prior to the school’s reopening. Based on discussions with the State Technical High School Construction people, this would be the fall of 2014.
 - A.) This would give ample time to complete all aspects of the rehabilitation of the building. This would allow the school to reopen as a virtual new school.
 - B.) This would eliminate all safety concerns and environmental concerns for the building occupants, students, teachers and administration.
 - C.) The cost of the rehab would be significantly less and there would be fewer changes needed once construction is underway.
 - D.) The longer the school remains closed the greater the impact of any negative history.
 - E.) The students that are presently in the 4th grade are the potential new candidates for the school.
- 2.) The legislators have already approved \$90 million for rehabilitation of the school. There is no need to go to the legislators for funding for the rehabilitation of the building. The only action required would be to have the governor put this appropriation on the bond agenda once construction is ready to start.
- 3.) The State Dept. of Education will need to budget for the schools reopening in the 2013 budget. Preliminary numbers have been developed based on a phase in of the students over four years.
- 4.) The school opens with the freshman class only. Projected student population for the first year is 125 to 150 students.
 - A.) The Student population would grow each year by a net of approximately 100 to 125 students. This projection takes into account a percentage of students leaving. The school will reach full operation in the year 2017.

- B.) A survey is being conducted by the UConn Data Center for the State BOE for the recruitment of potential students. The students that are presently in the fourth grade are the candidates for the freshman class entering in 2014.
 - C.) The cost of operating the school will start at a lesser number than a fully operational school. The school will ramp up to its full operation in the fall of 2017.
 - D.) Funding will need to be included in the State Dept. of Education's budget for the opening of the school in the 2013 fiscal year budget.
- 5.) The school will open with seven core trades. These seven trades were based on reports from the State Dept of Labor, a survey done by the Citizens' Advisory Committee, the comparisons with the other state trade school, and several discussions at the Ad Hoc Committee Meetings.
- A.) Culinary Arts
 - B.) Carpentry
 - C.) Electrical
 - D.) Automotive
 - E.) Facilities Management
 - F.) Tourism, Hospitality
 - G.) Plumbing and Heating
- 6.) The Ad Hoc Committee is recommending a second tier of Trades. Because the school has the capacity for an additional three trades, they decided to list potential second tiers at this time and let the demand and market direct which trades would be included in the future plans. The potential trades are; Early Child Care, Health Technology; Fire, Safety and Police Emergency, Masonry and HVAC.