



**Finding a Solution:
5th and 6th Grade Building**

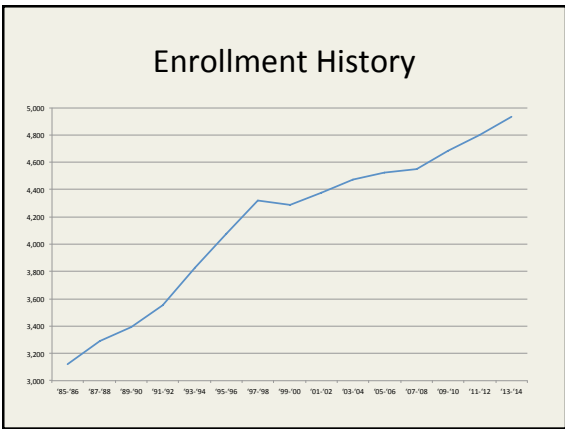
Board of Education Meeting
May 19, 2014

The Purpose of Today's Meeting

- The district is overcrowded at the elementary and junior high level.
- A solution must provide relief to the elementary buildings and the junior high.
- In June, the Board will be asked to vote on the recommendation to address the lack of classroom space.

May 2014 – District Enrollment 4,971

Building	Enrollment
High School	1,453
Jr. High	1,144
Woodland	629
Ft. Meigs	608
Toth	599
Frank	538
Total Students	4,971



Since the 1930's, Perryburg Schools has built a new building or added a major addition to an existing building every decade. Except during the 1940's.

Interestingly enough, the 1950's was the only decade where the district built 2 new buildings and added an addition to another.

- ### Buildings Owned by District with Dates of Construction & Additions
- Ft. Meigs Elementary—1990
 - Frank Elementary—1957 orig, 1989 add
 - Toth Elementary—1953 orig, 2001 add
 - Woodland Elementary—1979
 - Jr. High—1964 orig, 1979 & 1990 add
 - High School—2001
 - Commodore—1931 orig, 1957 & 1991 add
 - Bus Garage—1991
 - Maintenance, Grounds & Technology—1998

It has been 13 years since the district has built a new building or added on to an existing building.

Since then, 2001, the district has added 600 students.

Portables: Not a long term solution

Woodland	6 portable classrooms
Ft. Meigs	4 portable classrooms
Frank	6 portable classrooms
PJH	4 portable classrooms

Total Portable Classrooms in Use Today: 20

Also leasing 5 classrooms from Maumee City Schools for Preschool.

Community Growth Trends

- Since 2004, approximately 1,000 apartments have been constructed.
- Annual new single family construction peaked at 170 homes per year in 2003 and is currently averaging between 40-50 homes per year and is trending upwards.
- Student enrollment retention from year to year has increased from 92% to 93.8% annually.

Growth Community Trends

- With few exceptions, the area north of I-475 and north of Eckel Junction Rd. east of I-75 is built out in terms of residential housing.
- The largest inventory of parcels recently rezoned from R3 to R4 totals almost 1,000 potential new single family residences, almost all of which will be located south of I-475 and west of I-75.

Recommending

Build a new 5/6 building at a location T.B.D.

Grade Level History

- 2000-2001—last school year 6th graders were in the elementary buildings.
- 2001-2002—the 6th grade moved from the elementary buildings to the Commodore for one year.
- 2002-2003—the 6th grade moved from the Commodore to the Jr. High, where it remains today.

Why Now?

- Growth in community will continue.
- Construction will take nearly 2 years to complete.
- District will be forced to purchase and install more portables (5 portables cost \$583,071 from general fund).

Other District Needs to Consider

- Air Conditioning at PJH
- PJH theater seats
- PJH electrical, hallway & classroom renovations
- Safety and security issues
- Space for ADK for all students
- PHS auxiliary gym

Retiring Debt Mills

- On January 1, 2016, Perrysburg Schools will retire 1.85 mills (primarily from the Ft. Meigs building and a small amount from PHS.)
- It will be possible to structure the debt in such a way that the millage for a new 5/6 building may replace the retiring debt mills, resulting in a much smaller increase to taxpayers.

Calculating the Cost

- Until we have a firm plan, we cannot set a specific cost for this project until June.
- We anticipate the increase to the owner of a \$200,000 home to be about \$7 per month.

Questions from May 13 Work Session – Committee Work

- Many grade configurations and other options were studied, including:
 - K-4 schools · 5-6 schools · 6-8 schools
 - K-6 schools · 5-8 schools · 7-8 schools
- Add on to all existing buildings.
- The 5-6 grade configuration is used by more higher achieving districts than any of the others and that is why it was a driving component in each of the three recommended options.

Questions from May 13 Work Session

- PJH – Add 3rd floor to PJH
- Does the community want a 5-8 building with 1,400 students? Voters twice rejected proposals to add to building
- Adding 400 more students to a building that does not have a core to accommodate what it already has i.e.:
PJH – lunch starts at 10:34 a.m. and ends 1:04 p.m.

Questions from May 13 Work Session

- Commodore Building – Convert to school
- Not used as a school for 12 year, not ADA compliant, on 6 acre lot, capacity 300 students
- Cost to rehab the building is high and will not meet the district's needs
- Continue use of portables – not a long term solution

Questions from May 13 Work Session

- **Commodore Building property was sold in 2008 – developers walked away.**

By the numbers

- 600 – number of new students since 2001-02
- 20 – number of portable classrooms in use today
- 1,000 number of approved lots for development in the city
- 13 years ago – last new Perrysburg school opened

Thank You!

Any Questions?

