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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAKE KEY DECISIONS RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT GROWTH Trustees Approve New Enrollment Guidelines for Middle Schools; New Engineering and Science Building at DHS

At the Tuesday, February 28 Board of Trustees regular meeting, Trustees made two key decisions related to the rapid influx of students coming into the Dublin Unified School District.

The Board approved a new plan to manage growth at Fallon Middle School, as well as the construction of a new two-story Engineering and Science Building at Dublin High School that will add needed classroom space to the growing campus.

The middle school decision by the Board means that all 5th-grade students living in the attendance boundaries of Fallon Middle School prior to March 1 will attend Fallon in 2017-18.

Attendance at Fallon and Wells Middle schools will be closely monitored, as both schools are near capacity. Any decision about possible student diversions of new residents at the middle school level will be based on an equitable distribution of students at each site, based on a percentage of the capacity of that school site.

The Board also voted to approve the Engineering and Science Building at Dublin High School at an approximate cost of \$25 million, with funding that will come primarily from the Measure C and Measure E general obligation bonds. The approved building is a scaled-down version of the three-story, 18-classroom facility recommended by staff that would have cost approximately \$32 million and would have required an estimated \$10 million in funding from the Measure H bond passed by voters in June.

The new building will include 13 new classroom spaces, including a new weight room facility for athletics and physical education needs as well as a maintenance/grounds building. This facility will expand capacity at Dublin High and provide needed classroom space for two popular and highly regarded programs, the Bio-Medical Academy and the Engineering Academy. The Board made the decision because of the cost savings it would provide, leaving funding available for other K-12 projects around the district. A re-design process will now take place for the approved building and there is not yet an estimated date for completion.

"I'm proud that our Board is taking a thoughtful approach to making decisions and allocating resources for the many facilities needs we have across all grade levels in our District," said Board President Megan Rouse. "We are excited to move the 13-classroom Engineering and Science building forward at Dublin High. It's a significant step of continued support for our Engineering and BioMed Academy programs, it provides expanded opportunities for all high school students to explore their interest in science and it provides flexible classroom spaces that will be needed to serve all students going forward."

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