

**WOBURN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS**

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Subcommittee Name: Resources and Capital Planning Subcommittee

Chair: Jessie Wetzel

Meeting Date: 05/20/2025

Time: 4:30 pm

Location: Conference Room, Joyce Middle School

In Attendance: James Austin, Lenny Burnham, Colleen Cormier, Dr. Crowley, Dr. Ryan, Courtney Young, and Jessie Wetzel

Information To Know:

- Redistrict link on WPS website: <https://sites.google.com/woburnps.com/redistricting/home>

Topic: *Redistricting Transition Process Update*

- Ms. Young provided the below updates. We will continue to have this discussion at upcoming Resources and Capital Planning meetings.
- Family Notification:
 - All impacted families have been notified and confirmed receipt of redistricting communications.
- Support and Implementation:
 - Building Principals and Student Services are actively supporting affected students and families.
 - Rania is managing support for Multilingual Learners (ML) and staffing adjustments.
- Engagement Activities:
 - Hurd-Wyman to Malcolm White Tour successfully completed.
 - March 23: Half-day—school buildings will be open in the afternoon for family visits.
 - March 28: Additional engagement planned.
- Ongoing Planning:
 - Initial draft plan in progress to address:
 - Grey areas in boundary lines
 - Current and projected enrollment
 - Transportation logistics
 - Building capacity
 - Draft will be shared first with this subcommittee, then forwarded to the full School Committee.
- Review Current Transportation Policy: Woburn currently provides bus service to students living within 1.5 miles of their school, which is more generous than the DESE recommendation of outside 2 miles.
- Policy Review Goal:
 - Clarify and document rationale for current busing decisions.
 - Support accurate, consistent communication to families.

- Address questions raised by Kerri Carpenter regarding routes and eligibility.
- Action Item: The Policy Subcommittee will review the transportation policy language and determine if revisions are necessary to align policy with practice and planning needs.
 - This will be discussed during R&CP as well.
- Policy JCA - Enrollment considerations. Re-evaluate assignment zones for new housing developments, including apartment complexes.
 - Re-establish and verify proxies to ensure they are correctly assigned and able to support redistricting objectives.
 - This will be looked at during the Policy Subcommittee as well as R&CP.

Topic: *Modular Update*

- Status Update from Dr. Crowley: Modular units from Nauset Public Schools are planned to remain in use through October. They remain a viable option for Woburn.
- Cost Considerations:
 - Modular unit specifications and costs remain unchanged from prior estimates.
 - Primary expenses are transportation and installation.
- Potential Locations Considered as discussed in prior notes:
 - The Joyce
 - Kennedy
 - Altavesta
 - Reeves
 - These locations were selected due to existing infrastructure and available parking.
- DiNisco Design:
 - Estimated cost of proposal: \$30,000
 - Discussion: Why invest in a design study if the committee is not in favor of modulares? Counterpoint: a study could provide necessary clarity and consensus.
 - Suggested Action: Consider having Donna with DiNisco conduct a site visit and presentation to the School Committee to demonstrate feasibility and potential support for the study.

Topic: *Future Agenda Items*

- Continue discussions around the redistricting implementation plan to include:
 - Grey areas
 - Timelines
 - Middle School further discussions
 - Future needs from the caregiver representative

Topic: *Next Meeting*

Wednesday, June 11 at 4:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Wetzel
Chair, Resources and Capital Planning Subcommittee