

**YELLOW MEDICINE EAST ISD 2190
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2008 @ 6:00 PM
LOCATION: YME HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

AGENDA

Public Hearing Notice

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
CLOSING OF H.A. HAGG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Special Meeting of the School Board
Independent School District No. 2190**

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 - 3.2 Parties may give testimony for and against the proposal.
- 4.0 Adjourn

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- The Minnesota Statute addressing the issue of a schoolhouse closing reads in its entirety as follows:

The board may close a schoolhouse only after a public hearing on the question of the necessity and practicability of the proposed closing. Published notice of the hearing shall be given for two weeks in the official newspaper of the district. The time and place of the meeting, the description and location of the schoolhouse, and a statement of the reasons for the closing must be specified in the notice. Parties requesting to give testimony for and against the proposal shall be heard by the board before it makes a final decision to close or not to close the schoolhouse.

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- Questions to be addressed during this hearing:
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 - § Why is the District proposing to close H. A. Hagg rather than another school?
 - § What will happen to the students currently attending H. A. Hagg?
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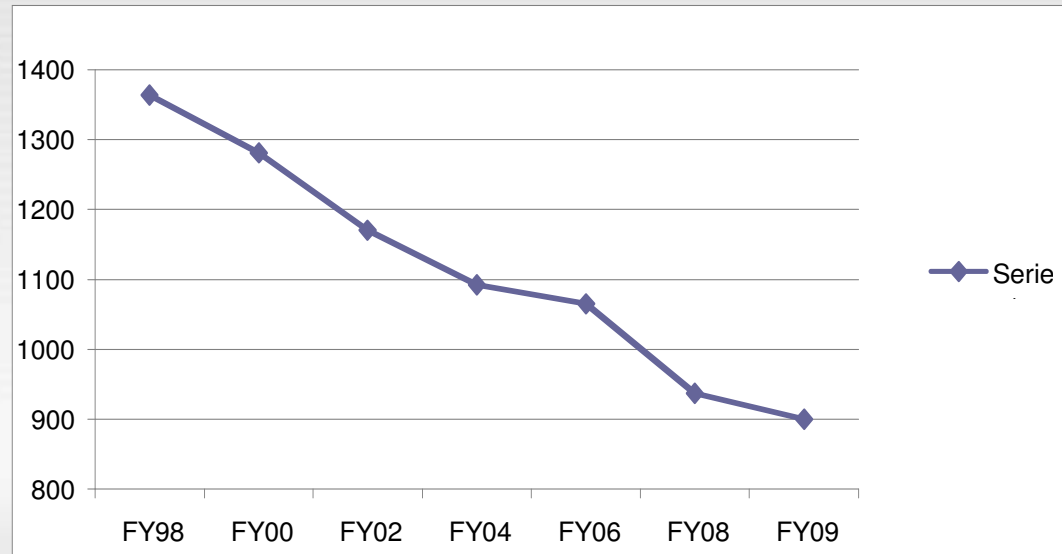
Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- Why does the District need to close a school?
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 - § Declining Enrollment
 - § Loss of Revenue Based on Projected Enrollment
 - § Number of Students Currently Being Served at the H. A. Hagg site

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

YELLOW MEDICINE EAST EARLY CHILDHOOD - GRADE 12 ADM'S

FY98	1364
FY00	1281
FY02	1170
FY04	1092
FY06	1065
FY08	937
FY09	900



Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

		JANUARY			
		BR	HAH	SH	ENR
January 2008 Enrollment		53	7		60
		50	7		57
		73	6		79
		50	6		56
		49	11		60
		65	8		73
		61			61
		401	45		446
				75	
				73	
				77	
				86	
				73	
				92	
				476	
				922	

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

2008-2009 Elementary Enrollment Projections

		BR-HAGG
Kindergarten	60	53-7
First Grade	60	53-7
Second Grade	57	50-7
Third Grade	79	73-6
Fourth Grade	56	50-6
Fifth Grade	60	49-11
Sixth Grade	73	73-0
	445	401-44

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

2008-2009 High School Enrollment Projections

Seventh Grade	61
Eighth Grade	75
Ninth Grade	73
Tenth Grade	77
Eleventh Grade	86
Twelfth Grade	73
Total Enrollment	445

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

2008-2009 Enrollment Projections

2008-2009 Projected (Elementary)	445 Students
<u>2007-2008 Enrollment (Jan 08)</u>	<u>446 Students</u>
_____	-1 Students

2008-2009 Projected (High School)	445 Students
<u>2007-2008 Enrollment (Jan 08)</u>	<u>476 Students</u>
_____	-31 Students

*Enrollment will continue to decline as larger senior classes graduate and smaller kindergarten classes enter the school system.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

2008-2009 Elementary Class Size Projections - One Site

K/1Grade	20-20-20-20-20-20	6 Instructors
Second Grade	19-19-19	3 Instructors
Third Grade	19-20-20-20	4 Instructors
Fourth Grade	18-19-19	3 Instructors
Fifth Grade	19-20-20	3 Instructors
Sixth Grade	24-24-25	3 Instructors
		22 Instructors

The impact of budget cuts could reduce the number of required instructors and actual class sizes for the 2008-2009 school year and future school years.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

Estimated Reductions 08-09

1-14-08

General Ed/Levy

Wadms (Weighted Average Daily Membership) *	-64	\$5,863	-\$375,232
Compensatory down (based on previous year free & reduced)			-\$82,000
1% Increase in basic aid	1060	\$50	\$53,000
			-\$404,232

30 students @ 1.3 (7-12)	39	
5 students @ 1.0 (1-6)	5	
23/77 split (30-fy08/10-fy09)	20	
	64	*

Salaries/Benefits	\$6,000,000	3.50%	\$210,000
			-\$614,232

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- Projected Savings from the Closing of H. A. Hagg

	<u>07-08 Budget</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Maintenance	\$165,464.00	\$131,708.00

The reduction includes 1 FTE custodial position with related benefits as well as a partial reduction in utility costs and supply costs. This reflects the possibility of keeping heat in the building if needed. There was no reduction in the cost of maintenance supervision attributed to that site nor to the outside maintenance costs.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- Projected Savings from the Closing of H. A. Hagg

	<u>07-08 Budget</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Principal's Office	\$65,464.00	\$32,260.00

The reduction includes the office secretary position and related benefits. There was no reduction to the principal, office supplies, travel , postage and other miscellaneous expenses associated with maintaining an office.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- Projected Savings from the Closing of H. A. Hagg

	<u>07-08 Budget</u>	<u>Savings</u>
General Instructional	\$246,993.00	\$140,768.00

This reduction includes the reduction of 2.25 FTE instructional positions and related benefits. Each FTE is estimated at the cost of the least senior positions. It also reflects a partial reduction in instructional supplies, as well as a reduction in field trip costs and other miscellaneous instructional expenditures. It does not include a reduction in TAG, Title I, Reading Recovery or ESL costs.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- Projected Savings from the Closing of H. A. Hagg

General Education Paraprofessionals

<u>07-08 Budget</u>	<u>Savings</u>
\$16,788.00	\$16,788.00

This reduction includes the cost of the general education paraprofessionals. It does not include a reduction to the Title I or ESL budgets.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- Projected Savings from the Closing of H. A. Hagg

	<u>07-08 Budget</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Extra Curricular	\$377.00	\$377.00

This reduction includes the cost of supervisors for student council and school patrol. It is my recommendation that the gymnasiums would not be used for junior high sports as they presently are and that practice schedules would be adjusted accordingly.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- Projected Savings from the Closing of H. A. Hagg

	<u>07-08 Budget</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Special Needs	\$86,905.00	\$39,633.00

This reduction includes two paraprofessional positions and one certified position. It reflects the estimated cost to the District after the state reimbursement.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- Projected Savings from the Closing of H. A. Hagg

	<u>07-08 Budget</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Media	\$18,841.00	\$7,397.00

This reduction includes the media paraprofessional position and related benefits. It also includes office supplies, as well as periodicals, books and other audio visual aids.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- Projected Savings from the Closing of H. A. Hagg

	<u>07-08 Budget</u>	<u>Savings</u>
School Nurse	\$500.00	\$0.00

While the nurse spends one half day a week at the Hagg site, the only budgeted amount for nursing services at Hagg was for nursing supplies. All other costs associated with District nursing services were budgeted to Bert Raney and the high school.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- Total Projected Savings from the Closing of H. A. Hagg

2007-2008 Budget \$601,117.00

Anticipated Savings \$368,931.00

*Anticipated savings reflect the retention of the current student population attending Hagg. A reduction in student numbers will affect the anticipated savings.

*Other items yet to be considered and are not included in the anticipated savings included: transportation; technology licenses; contracted services such as Johnson Controls, Musser Environmental, Schwickert Roofing; insurance; other District costs; capital expenditures and food service.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- § What will happen to the students currently attending H. A. Hagg?

- § How will student transportation be affected by the closing?

- § How will the closing affect special education students?

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

§ What will happen to the students currently attending H. A. Hagg?

Students currently attending Hagg would be bussed to Bert Raney Elementary.

As noted on an earlier slide, the Bert Raney site could accommodate all of the anticipated Hagg students.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

§ How will student transportation be affected by the proposed closing?

There should be no change in the current transportation of the students projected to transfer from Hagg to Bert Raney.

- The three routes currently in place for the west end of the District would remain intact.
- The pickup/dropoff locations for in town students would remain in tact. An additional pickup/dropoff site would be established at the current school site.
- The charter school students would be picked up and dropped off as is currently being done. This would only change if the charter school were to provide their own transportation next year.
- The number of students being transported from the west end of the District would determine if students could be transported from Clarkfield to Granite Falls on two buses or three buses.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

§ How will the closing affect special education students?

The closing of H. A. Hagg will not have a negative affect on students currently enrolled in special needs programs. It may, in fact, strengthen the program for all special education students.

- The availability of access to specialized programs and services will be enhanced.
- Case loads for all elementary special education instructors could be equalized.
- The time saved by not having staff travel between sites would increase the time specialized staff would have to devote to instructional activities with students.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

§ How will the closing of H. A. Hagg affect the educational opportunities for students?

Again, there should be no change in the educational opportunities offered to students at either site, with the exception of other possible program reductions necessary to obtain a balanced 2008-2009 budget. In fact, the educational opportunities for all students may be increased.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

- The availability of access to specialized programs and services will be enhanced.
- Class sizes would be equalized. Additional combined classrooms or multiage classrooms would continue to be used to help make budget reductions when necessary and practical.
- The time saved by not having staff travel between sites would increase the time specialized staff would have to devote to instructional activities such as Reading Recovery, Title I, ESL, music, physical education and technology.
- Students currently attending H. A. Hagg and Bert Raney would have an opportunity to make new friends - bringing students together as they begin their school careers instead of during their junior high years.
- Parents and students would have increased opportunity for teacher choice.
- An administrator would always be on site.
- After school opportunities would be increased and run more efficiently.
- Students and parents would always have access to nursing and social work services.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

§ What will happen to the employees who work at H. A. Hagg?

- Staff currently employed at H. A. Hagg will be reassigned to other positions in the District or terminated as necessary, again as needed to balance the 08-09 budget. It will be the positions that will be eliminated with the closing. The actual loss of employment could be staff from any of the District's buildings.
- Reductions in certified staff is stipulated in the EMYME Master Agreement. Less tenured staff licensed in the areas to be reduced or eliminated will be the first to be terminated. Tenured staff being laid off will be placed on Unrequested Leave of Absence.
- Non-certified staff have no seniority rights and will be terminated as necessary. The reduction procedure will be determined by the Board.
- Any necessary reductions may be offset by retirements that may occur effective at the close of the 2007-2008 school year.

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§ How will the building be used if the school is closed?

- The building will not be used by the District. It would be the recommendation of the superintendent that no activities, athletic or non-athletic, be scheduled at that site after this school year.
- The Board will need to decide if that building and the adjacent school properties will be leased, be sold, or be demolished.

Proposed Schoolhouse Closing

Future Considerations Necessitating the Closing of a YME Schoolhouse

- It is anticipated that our enrollments will continue to drop over the next three years as larger classes graduate and smaller classes enroll in kindergarten.
 - 07-08 922
 - 08-09 890
 - 09-10 877
 - 10-11 851

- Again, the reduction in the number of students translates into a loss of revenue.

- As the state budgets face deficits, future increases in per pupil entitlements are uncertain.

- The District's \$401 operating levy sunsets during the 2011-2012 school year. A new levy would need to be approved by voters in the fall of 2011 to replace this levy for the 2012-2013 school year.