

NOTICE

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW GLARUS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
6:15 PM**

AGENDA

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - PAUL EICHELKRAUT
- II. SUMMER PROJECTS
- III. FACILITY SURVEY 2
- IV. TIMELINE FOR SHORT-TERM FACILITY PLAN AND LONG-TERM FACILITY PLAN
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PUSUANT TO APPLICABLE LAW, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A QUORUM OR A MAJORITY OF THE NEW GLARUS SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING. INFORMATION PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING MAY HELP FORM THE RATIONALE BEHIND FUTURE ACTIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN BY THE NEW GLARUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD. UPON REQUEST TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SUBMITTED TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS IN ADVANCE, THE DISTRICT SHALL MAKE REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT FOR A DISABLE PERSON TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING. THIS AGENDA IS PRELIMINARY AND MAY BE MODIFIED OR SUPPLEMENTED TO PROVIDE THE FINAL AGENDA AND NOTICE FOR THIS MEETING. THE FINAL AGENDA WILL BE POSTED AND DISTRIBUTED AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 19 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES.



Dear Parents and Community Members,

In the New Glarus School District, we take great pride in our “Small Schools, BIG Opportunities” approach to teaching and learning. We are fortunate to be a thriving, growing district that has hardworking students, committed staff, dedicated parents and a supportive community. As a result, our students are experiencing success and BIG Opportunities both in and out of the classroom. Some of our recent accomplishments include:

- ✓ All of the District’s schools received an “**Exceeds Expectations**” rating on the state report card.
- ✓ Our students are recognized for their character, including **receiving the WIAA Sportsmanship Award**.
- ✓ **Numerous individuals and teams** competed at the state level in athletics, band, choir and other extracurricular activities.

While we are extremely proud of our successes, we know that there are challenges ahead, including ensuring our facilities will meet our current and future needs. **While we have heard many ideas, the District’s Administration and School Board are committed to gathering input from the entire community in order to plan for the future.** Therefore, we are asking you to please take 10 minutes to complete this survey.

TAKE THE SURVEY IN ONE OF TWO EASY WAYS

Online:

- 1) Simply go to the survey website: **www.Feedback2000.com**
- 2) Enter your Survey Access Number:
- 3) Take the survey!

By Paper:

If you do not have internet access, please return the survey in the enclosed envelope to any school office, or mail to: School Perceptions, 317 East Washington Street, Slinger, WI 53086.

The Survey Access Number can be used only once. To obtain additional surveys for other adults in your household, please call the District Office at (608) 527-2410.

Please complete the survey October 14, 2019.

To collect this feedback, we are working with School Perceptions LLC, an independent firm with expertise in conducting community surveys. All survey data is returned to School Perceptions to ensure respondent anonymity.

Final survey results will be reported at the October 28 School Board meeting and will also be available on the District website at www.ngsd.k12.wi.us.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Thayer, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Kari Morrison
Jessica Geib

Paul Eichelkraut
Debra Fairbanks

Travis Zimmerman
Bill Oemichen

Larry Stuessy

New Glarus School Board

Facility Planning Background

We are very thankful for the ongoing support we receive from our community, including approval of two recent referendums. These funds were used to improve safety and security, renovate areas of our schools and update major building systems. In addition, the District purchased a 45-acre lot within the Village of New Glarus to provide space for future expansion.

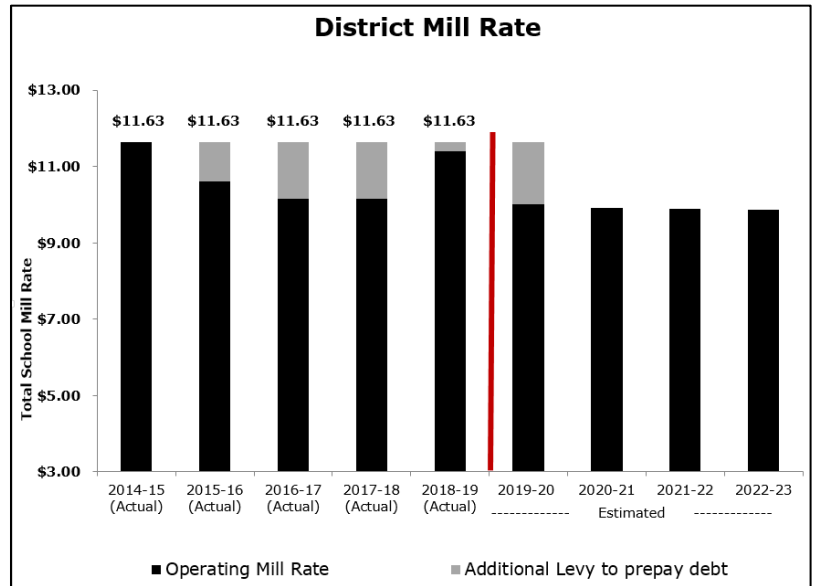
Two years ago, 250 New Glarus community members signed a petition asking the District to explore additional facility updates. In response:

- The School Board conducted two surveys of parents and staff, both showed strong support for exploring various updates to our schools.
- The District hired Bray Architects to conduct a facility study and help develop a Long-Range Master Plan that will guide facility planning for the next 10 to 20 years.
- The District held a community listening session to help refine the projects presented in this survey.

School Taxes

The School Board has worked hard to be fiscally responsible in recent years by managing school taxes. The tax mill rate has remained flat (see chart) over the past 5 years. By the end of this year, the District will have saved taxpayers nearly \$1 million in interest costs from debt prepayment, while planning for a potential future building project. The community now has an opportunity to invest up to \$17.5 million in facility projects with no mill rate increase over the current level.

Given this situation and historically low interest rates, the District wants the community's input about whether a referendum should be considered in the near future.



<p>Would you support the District exploring a referendum for additional facility updates?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information
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Home Value Impact The value of a person's home can be affected by the quality of the school district.

<p>Overall, what impact do you feel the quality of the New Glarus School District has on your home value?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive impact <input type="checkbox"/> Little to no impact <input type="checkbox"/> Negative impact <input type="checkbox"/> Do not own a home in the District
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Comments/suggestions:

The District would like the community’s feedback on each of the following projects:

Traffic Flow/Site Safety/Circulation

With only one road to access both schools, traffic congestion has increased with enrollment growth. In addition, the current traffic patterns cause safety concerns for pedestrians. The District could improve traffic flow, safety and site circulation by:

- ✓ Adding vehicular access points
- ✓ Adding or extending traffic lanes
- ✓ Improving pedestrian walkways
- ✓ Moving and expanding parking lots

Estimated cost: \$4.8 million

What priority would you place on improving pedestrian safety, traffic flow and site circulation?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I’m not sure/need more information
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Elementary School

The current school was built nearly 70 years ago as a high school and was converted into the elementary school in 1995. The school now serves students in early childhood through 5th grade, is operating near capacity and additional space will soon be needed. A decision is needed on whether further investments should be made in this school or if a new school should be built in the near future.

Estimated cost to build a new elementary school: \$34 million

Estimated cost to add/renovate classrooms at the existing site: \$6 million

What advice would you give the District regarding the elementary school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Explore building a new school <input type="checkbox"/> Explore expanding/renovating the existing school <input type="checkbox"/> I’d support either option <input type="checkbox"/> I don’t support either option <input type="checkbox"/> I’m not sure/need more information
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What priority would you place on addressing the capacity needs at the elementary school in the near future?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I’m not sure/need more information
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Middle/High School Classrooms and Support Areas

As middle school and high school enrollments increased, 5th grade had to move from the middle school to the elementary. The current middle school configuration does not work well for grades 6-8, and many areas of the high school are used for middle school instruction, resulting in significant interaction of middle and high school students. As a result, there have been requests for more dedicated space and restrooms for middle school students. In addition, some areas of the high school have not been updated since originally built.

Estimated cost: \$4.6 million

What priority would you place on renovating the Middle/High School classrooms and support areas in the near future?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I’m not sure/need more information
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Comments/suggestions regarding the projects outlined on this page:

Middle/High School STEAM/Tech. Ed. (Shop) Areas

There is a growing demand for skilled professionals in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Agriculture and Math (STEAM). Many of our current STEAM, Agriculture and Tech. Ed. classrooms and labs are outdated, limiting our ability to provide real-world, hands-on learning opportunities. These rooms are also poorly located for middle school students, requiring travel through the high school to attend classes.

Estimated cost: \$7.2 million

What priority would you place on updating/expanding the STEAM/Tech. Ed. (Shop) areas in the near future?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information
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Middle/High School Kitchen and Cafeteria:

The cafeteria is undersized for the current enrollment, resulting in students waiting extended times in serving lines. Currently, four lunch periods are needed to serve all of the middle school and high school students, creating scheduling challenges. In addition, the District's kitchen layout is inefficient for food preparation and serving and the equipment is outdated.

Estimated cost: \$3.1 million

What priority would you place on expanding the kitchen and cafeteria in the near future?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information
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Middle/High School Music Areas /Auditorium

The choir and performing arts classes are currently held on the stage area of the cafeteria/auditorium. This space is also used for large group instruction, presentations and community events, which regularly disrupts class scheduling. Larger performances are held in the gym, which lacks proper acoustics and adequate seating.

The District could explore building an auditorium with a multi-purpose stage that would support music and performing arts instruction. The project would provide:

- ✓ Seating for up to 600 people
- ✓ Quality sound and lighting systems
- ✓ Space for large assemblies, concerts, musicals and other school and community events

Estimated cost: \$12 million

What priority would you place on building a multi-purpose music classroom/auditorium in the near future?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information
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Gym and Fitness Area

The District could explore expanding the gym and fitness area, which would provide additional:

- ✓ Space for physical education
- ✓ Practice space for school teams and youth programs
- ✓ Space to host youth sporting events
- ✓ Space for school and community use, especially in the winter months
- ✓ Seating with accessible bleachers to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance issues

The project would also remodel the locker rooms and restrooms, which are original to the building.

Estimated cost: \$11.8 million

What priority would you place on expanding the gym and fitness area in the near future?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information
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Track and Soccer/Football Field

The District does not have a track or regulation-sized soccer field. As a result, the middle school track program is without a space for both practices and competitions. The boys and girls high school soccer and track teams co-op with Belleville and therefore hold most of their home competitions in Belleville. At some point in the future, the teams will become too large, and the co-op will likely not be approved by the conference or the WIAA. At that point, the District will need to compete independently, requiring a track and regulation-size soccer field to be built. In addition, the current football field has significant drainage issues and is in need of repair.

Estimated cost: \$6 million

What priority would you place on building a track around a soccer/football field in the near future?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information
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If a new soccer/football field was built, the project could be expanded to include artificial turf, which would significantly increase the ability to use the field for soccer/football games and practices, as well as year-round for physical education classes and youth sports. In addition, the annual field maintenance expenses (watering, fertilizing, grass cutting, etc.) would decrease.

Estimated cost: \$1.2 million

If a new field was built, what priority would you place on adding artificial turf?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information
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Comments/suggestions regarding the projects outlined on this page:

Swimming Pool

The District does not have an indoor pool. Therefore, the District cannot offer water safety and swim instruction onsite. In addition, the girls swim team must co-op with Monroe. The District could explore building a swimming pool for school and community use as well as consider adding a boys swim team. The project could include:

- ✓ An 8-lane, 25-meter pool with diving well
- ✓ Spectator seating
- ✓ A dedicated community entrance

Estimated cost: \$12 million

What priority would you place on building a swimming pool in the near future?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information
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In addition to the cost to build the pool, the District would need to spend approximately \$150,000 each year to heat, clean, operate and supervise the pool.

If you would support a capital referendum to build the pool, would you also support an operational referendum to heat, clean and staff the pool?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided
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Tennis Courts

The District's tennis courts, located in the middle of Veteran's Memorial Park, are in poor condition and experience drainage issues.

Estimated cost: \$400,000

What priority would you place on replacing the tennis courts in the near future?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information
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Baseball and Softball Field

The Village currently owns and operates two fields, one for baseball and one for softball. The community conversation identified the need for an additional field for school and community use.

Estimated cost: \$200,000

What priority would you place on adding a youth baseball/softball field in the near future?	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information
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Tax Funding Support

The cost to address all of the needs identified in this survey exceeds the District’s current borrowing capacity of nearly \$45 million. Therefore, projects would need to be completed in phases, based on the priorities of the community and its willingness to financially support the projects.

The following table shows the tax impact for various referendum amounts. The District would like to know your level of support should it consider a referendum in the future. The following table shows the estimated tax increase over the current level for various amounts.

Referendum Amount	\$17.5 million	\$22.5 million	\$27.5 million	\$32.5 million	\$37.5 million	\$44.5 million
Tax increase per \$100,000 of property	No increase over the current level	\$57 per year \$4.75/month	\$114 per year \$9.50/month	\$171 per year \$14.25 /month	\$227 per year \$18.92 /month	\$307 per year \$25.58/month
<p>How much of a tax impact would you support through a referendum in the near future, assuming the projects included were acceptable to you?</p> <p><i>Note: Tax impacts assume interest rate range of 4.0% - 4.25%.</i></p>				<input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$44.5 million referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$37.5 million referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$32.5 million referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$27.5 million referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$22.5 million referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would support a \$17.5 million referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would only support a smaller referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I would not support any referendum <input type="checkbox"/> I’m not sure/need more information		

Comments/suggestions:

Respondent Information

What is your age? Under 18 18-25 26-34 35-54 55-64 65 and over

Do you live in the New Glarus School District? Yes No

In which municipality do you reside?

- Village of New Glarus Town of New Glarus Town of Adams Town of Exeter
 Town of Montrose Town of Perry Town of Primrose Town of Washington
 Town of York Do not live in the School District

Are you an employee of the New Glarus School District? Yes No

Do you have child(ren) attending school in the New Glarus School District? Yes No

Communication Good communication is critical to our mission.

How would you like to receive District information? (Mark all that apply)

- District newsletter District/school website Automated phone notification
 Parent/teacher organizations Attend meetings at school Attend School Board meetings
 Monroe Times Text message Email
 Post Messenger Facebook Twitter
 WEKZ Radio Skyward Family Access Other:

Thank you for your participation. We sincerely value your time and feedback!

New Glarus School District
1701 2nd Street
New Glarus, WI 53574

If you have questions, please consider attending an **Informational Meeting:**
Date, Time, Location

Or call (608) 527-2410.

Please complete the survey by October 14, 2019.

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