

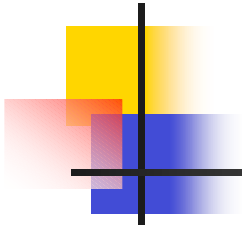


Bedford Area School District

Reflections on the Past – Future – Present

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HOW DID WE GET HERE
ANYWAY?



August 1, 1957, March 24, 1959

Memo from Sam Steinberger Jr., Bedford County
Superintendent of Schools to Secretary of Education, PA

“Because of topography, the small administrative unit #4 with 2 elementary buildings and 1 secondary building may need to be joined so special services can occur at a reasonable per pupil cost.”



Act 561 of 1961

Governor David Lawrence pushed legislation that would permanently eliminate $\frac{2}{3}$ of all school districts. The act mandated that each county school board would prepare a plan for reorganizing its member districts boundaries to guarantee an average daily pupil population of 4,000 or more in each surviving district. In specified certain situations, the population might be less than 4,000 but never less than 2,500.



Act 299 of 1963, August 8

Governor William Scranton pushed compromise legislation through the state legislature which extended the deadlines for reorganization to take place and eliminated any pupil requirement. Reorganization would occur by July 1, 1966 and each school district would have a chief school official entitled Superintendent with 9 school board members.

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Department of Public Instruction
Harrisburg

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BUREAU OF SCHOOL
DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

SUBJECT: Resolutions Adopting the County Plan of
Organization of Administrative Units

TO : Council of Basic Education
Via: Department of Public Instruction

FROM : Bedford County Board of School Directors

DATE : MAR 4 1964

Please be informed that the above-named County Board,
pursuant to the requirements of the School District
Reorganization Law of 1963, adopted the following resolutions:

That the County Plan as required by Act 299 of the 1963
General Assembly be approved for five administrative units as follows:

- 63-1 Bedford Borough, Bedford Township, Colezain Township, Cumberland Valley Township, Harrison Township, Hyndman-Londonderry Merged, Mann's Choice Borough, Rainburg Borough, Snake Spring Township
- 63-2 Chestnut Ridge Merged, Napier Township, West St. Clair Township
- 63-3 East Providence Township, Everett Merged, Monroe Township, Southampton Township
- 63-4 Hopewell Township, Northern Bedford County Merged
- 63-5 (Bedford County) Broad Top Township, Coaldale Borough, Liberty Township, Saxton Borough, (Huntingdon County) Broad Top City Borough, Carbon Township, Coalmont Borough, Dudley Borough, Hopewell Township, Todd Township, Wood Township

That the Special Education program as previously established
will be continued."

Adopted: March 4, 1964

The motion was made by Stein seconded by Gulp.
In roll call, all directors voted aye.

Isaac W. Wareham
Secretary, County Board of School Directors

Paul G. Mountain
President, County Board of School Directors

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COUNTY PLAN OF ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS - Bedford County

The Bedford County Board of School Directors, by resolution dated March 4, 1964, approved a county plan for the organization of administrative units for Bedford County and is requesting approval by the Council of Basic Education under the provisions of Section 293 of Act 299.

The Facts:

1. Approval is being requested under the "automatic exception" as provided by Section 293 (B) of the Act.
2. The Act 299 plan contains five (5) administrative units, against six (6) units as existed on September 12, 1961.
3. Unit 63-7 of this plan results from the combining of Units 1 and 5 of the former plan.
4. The smallest unit of this plan had a 1961-62 A.D.M. of 1867. The smallest unit in the county on September 12, 1961, had a 1961-62 A.D.M. of 613. It has been absorbed as part of Unit 63-2 of the Act 299 plan.
5. The plan, when implemented, will produce four (4) third class and one (1) fourth class school districts.
6. All units are contiguous, operate K or 1-12 programs and provide elementary and secondary centers.
7. No petitions of protest were filed with the plan.
8. The plan was adopted March 4, 1964, and received in the Department of Public Instruction April 6, 1964.

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 63--1 COUNTY OF Bedford
 1961-62 ADM 3485 1961-62 TEACHING UNITS 134.74
 1960 U. S. CENSUS 15,020 CLASSIFICATION 3rd
 1962 MARKET VALUE PER ADM \$ 12,478 STATE AV. MV. PER PUPIL \$ 18,399
 1962 MARKET VALUE PER T.U. \$ 322,730 STATE AV. MV. PER T.U. \$ 477,420
 INSTR. COST/PUPIL 61-62 \$ 305 STATE AV. INSTR. COST \$ 390.86
 TOTAL EXP./PUPIL 61-62 \$ 431 STATE AV. TOTAL EXP. \$ 471.05
 POPULATION PER SQ. MI. 51.5 STATE AV. PER SQ. MI. 251
 PUPILS PER SQ. MI. 12.0 STATE AV. PUPIL DENSITY 44
 AREA SQUARE MILES 291.4

COMPONENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Bedford Borough | 7. Mann's Choice Borough |
| 2. Bedford Township | 8. Rainesburg Borough |
| 3. Colersin Township | 9. Snake Spring Township |
| 4. Cumberland Valley Township | 10. |
| 5. Harrison Township | 11. |
| 6. Hyndman-Londonderry Merged | 12. |

PROPOSED SECONDARY CENTERS

NO.	LOCAL NAME	GRADES	CAPACITY	61-		LOCATION
				62	ENROLLMENT	
1.	Bedford Joint High School	7-12	1200		1236	Bedford
2.	Hyndman-Londonderry Merged H S	7-12	375		306	Hyndman
3.						
4.						
5.						

PROPOSED ELEMENTARY CENTERS

NO.	LOCAL NAME	GRADES	CAPACITY	61-		LOCATION
				62	ENROLLMENT	
1.	Bedford North	1-6	570		564	Bedford
2.	Bedford South	1-6	450		383	Bedford
3.	Colersin	1-6	180		150	Bedford, R. 4
4.	Cumberland Valley	1-6	180		193	Centerville
5.	Harrison-Mann's Choice	1-6	180		149	Mann's Choice
6.	Hyndman	1-3	180		160	Hyndman
7.	Londonderry	4-6	210		154	Hyndman
8.	Snake Spring	1-6	180		152	Everett
9.	New Building *	1-7 *	550 *			Bedford
10.						

* Proposed

1961-62 PROPOSALS
 State Board of Education, P. O. Box 17720
 Harrisburg, Pa. 17104



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
BOX 911, HARRISBURG PA 17126

May 13, 1964

Mr. Isaac Wareham, Secretary
Bedford County Board of School Directors
Route 1
Everett, Pennsylvania

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
PA STATE ARCHIVES
600 NORTH THIRD STREET, HARRISBURG, PA 17120
PA Historical & Natural Commission

Dear Mr. Wareham:

Acting under the authority vested in it by Section 293 of the Public School Code, as amended by the Act of August 8, 1963, P. L. 564 (Act 297), the Council of Basic Education approved, on April 8, 1964, the county plan of administrative units as submitted by the Bedford County Board of School Directors, as required under Section 292 of the Act. Your County Board was accordingly so notified by this Bureau on that date.

Section 295 of the Act provides for a thirty (30) day period following approval, within which any school district feeling itself aggrieved by the plan approved by the Council of Basic Education, may file a petition of appeal with the State Board of Education, stating the basis for the appeal.

The thirty day period having elapsed and no such petition of appeal having been received, the Secretary to the State Board of Education has authorized this Bureau to notify you and to provide the County Board with a copy of the approved county plan of administrative units.

Attached are copies of the administrative units as recorded in the journal of the State Board of Education. These listings of administrative units are and shall be considered as the official county plan of administrative units for your county. The attendance centers, listed with the approved administrative units, are indicative of intent and reflect such planning as was required in item 3 of the Standards for School District Reorganization adopted by the State Board of Education November 6, 1963.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert E. Bryan, Director
School District Organization

B a
cc: Secretary - State Board of Education
Acting Deputy for Administration
County Superintendent w/attachments
Doctor Klinger

Phone AD 717 787-7372

December 5, 1969

Mr. Robert W. Davis, Superintendent
Bedford Area School District
East John Street
Bedford, Pennsylvania 15522

Dear Mr. Davis:

The on-site evaluation of the Hyndman High School, Bedford Area School District, was completed by a team under the auspices of the Department of Education on October 22, 1969. The team reported findings which were below acceptable standards in areas of guidance, curriculum, and special education.

Under provisions of the Department's "Minimum Standards for the Approval of Secondary School Programs," the Hyndman High School is herewith granted Conditional Approval for the school year 1969-70.

Conditional Approval status of a secondary school program cannot extend beyond the school year for which it is granted. The deficiencies must be removed and qualification for approval established during the succeeding year or a citation of disapproval will be issued. Disapproval will jeopardize payment of the state reimbursement to which the school district would normally be entitled. A decision in this respect will be made following a reevaluation of your program during the 1970-71 school year.

The evaluation team suggests that the following recommendations to the Bedford Area School District may be helpful in remedying the weaknesses identified.

1. Initiate a special education program for mentally retarded students regularly enrolled in grades 7 thru 12.
2. Promote a four-year foreign language program for able students.
3. Improve guidance service by relieving the principal of this responsibility and transferring it to a certified guidance counsellor.

- January 22, 1970 Bedford Inquirer – BEDFORD TAKES STEPS TOWARD A NEW SCHOOL
BHS Administration points out there is no rooms for Hyndman HS.
- March 20, 1970 Bedford Gazette – For nearly an hour the board heard protests regarding the shifting of elementary grades.
- April 25, 27, 28, 29, 1970 Bedford Gazette – A series of four articles by Ned Frear
LONG RANGE SCHOOL PLAN WHAT IS IT – 28 pages to SB in April
 1. Plan to provide Kindergarten which is being mandated in 2 years.
 2. Plan to move 6th grade students to current BHS when space permits
 3. South Elementary to house grades 1, 2, 3 and North Elementary to house 4, 5
 4. Plan to transfer grades 10, 11, & 12 Hyndman HS students to new school.
 5. New Central High School to cost 9.2 million with 6.7 million coming from the state.
- The Case Against Hyndman High School
 - ½ of the teachers are teaching out of their field or on an emergency certificate
 - Only 1 business teacher with no opportunity for hands on business machine experience
 - Only 1 foreign language (Spanish) Teacher is not certified in Spanish
 - Inadequate Math, Science, Library
 - No Social Studies Electives
 - No Counselor
 - No Secondary Special Education



A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

- Act 1 of 2006
- Reassessment
- Effect of the Current Economics
- Retirement Cost Increases
- Increased Operational Costs



ACT 1 of 2006

- To raise taxes past an economic index related to the economics of the times, must go to referendum.
- Distribute Gambling funds to homesteads and farmsteads
- 09-10 BASD index at 5.5% of current millage or 3.3 mills increase.
- 3.3 mills generates \$528,000



REASSESSMENT

- Revenue Neutral
- Post Act 1 –Previous Year Index 3.3 mills
\$528,000
- Clean and Green Issue
 - New Taxes Certified
 - District sets millage to be revenue neutral or + 3.3mills
 - Anyone who then goes into clean and green is lost revenue.

CURRENT ECONOMIC EFFECT



- Stimulus Funds used for Increase to Schools
- In 2011 – 2012 those revenues must be made up by some form of Tax either at the state or local level.
- Normally we'll see around \$350,000 increase from the state per year.
- $\$350,000 \times 2 = \$700,000 = 4.3 \text{ mills}$

RETIREMENT COST INCREASES



- 2012-2013 Increases from 2.35% of payroll to 12.5%
- 2008-09 Payroll \$12,286,000 = \$288,721
- 2012-13 Payroll \$13,505,946 = \$1,688,243
- $\$1,688,243 - \$288,721 = \$1,399,522$
- @ \$160,000/ mill = 8.74 mills



INCREASED COSTS

- FUEL – Heat and Transportation
- ELECTRICITY – Deregulated
- INSURANCE
- MAINTENANCE
- SALARIES
- BENEFITS



PRESENT

■ **Capacity**



WHERE HAVE ALL THE STUDENTS GONE?

		B	H
Cyber Charter Schools	66	42	13
Alternative Education	28	25	3
Home School	63	54	12
	157		

Hello Glenn, Allen, and XXXX!

It's been awhile since I have been in touch and since all of your names came up in a recent conversation that XXXXX and I had with XXX and XXX XXX of XXX XXX, I wanted to send you an update of what I have been working on lately.

I, along with XXX, XXX, and XXX, have been working on designing an entrepreneurial charter school targeting students whose needs are not being met in the traditional school system while meeting the needs of the community with a student operated business.

My plan is to have the charter application ready to submit to the York City school district by October 1 offering a student operated café for downtown York with the possibilities of an early learning center and fitness center that are also student operated. Future plans include designing a site to serve the Blair and/or Bedford county areas in the years following as well as other areas as needs are exhibited. Upon meeting XXX, we have decided to meet in the near future to explore possibilities for the Bedford area.

I would be more than happy to meet with each of you to discuss what has been designed and the possibilities that exist for all of us to work together to create opportunities for success for students in your area.

Looking forward to hearing from you,



BMS RENOVATION

- Bullying video
- Student Drop Off video
- Exhausted Mechanical Life Expectancy
- Construction Costs 20% Less
- Green Grants for Geothermal
- Interest Rates Down



BMS RENOVATION

- Recommendation for the creation of a three-member Board Committee to help determine the extent and details of renovations to the Bedford Middle School.
- Recommendation to authorize EI Associates to move forward and work with the Administration and Board Committee to determine the extent and details of renovations to the Bedford Middle School.



BMS RENOVATION

- **REMOVED** Recommendation to include the Hyndman Middle-Senior High School enrollment numbers in the student enrollment at Bedford Middle School for purposes of project reimbursement. (See PlanCon A line item 9).



REIMBURSEMENT

Glen,

I am following up on your question regarding the reimbursement for the middle school renovation project.

The Maximum Eligible Reimbursement for Bedford 6-8 M.S. = \$5,860,560

Bedford M.S. Grades 6-8 Maximum Eligible Reimbursement = \$5,293,200

Hyndman M.S. Grades 6-8 Maximum Eligible Reimbursement= \$264,000

(Maximum Eligible Reimbursement includes additional 10% for reuse of existing building and additional 10% for LEED)

We are working on the solution for the lockers alcoves and replacing them with corridor lockers and I will send that to you later this week and we will be prepared to present PLANCON A&B at the October School Board Meeting. This will keep the project on track for a spring 2010 bid.

Regards,
Mark



WE CAN

Recommendation that the Board authorize the administration to create a transition group of nine-members to study and work toward resolution of issues involved in consolidation of Hyndman Middle-Senior High School.

IF NOT WE, THEN WHAT

Option 1- Charter School





CHARTER SCHOOL

- Property values of the community not affected.
- Take students from any District.
- Not hard to get teachers.
- Don't need a Principal or Superintendent
- 7 Member Board with a CEO
- CEO does not need a certificate

IF NOT CHARTER, THEN WHAT

Option 2- Secede – East Brady, Elderton





WHAT ELSE

Option 3- CYBER SCHOOL IN BASD

We currently have 18 students in cyber environments that we individually create.



WHY NOT LEAVE IT ALONE

VIDEO 1

2 million minutes

POWER POINT

DID YOU KNOW



WE MUST LEAD

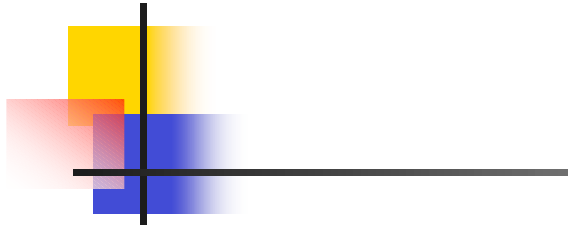
No Schools Get Closed Tonight

No Taxes Get Raised Tonight

We Create a Better Environment in BMS

We Plan for the Future

**IF WE FAIL TO PLAN,
WE'LL BE FORCED TO REACT**



**"That's
all
folks!"**

