

Monroe County Community School Corporation  
**Secondary School Realignment Task Force**  
**August 29, 2005**

The Secondary School Realignment Task Force met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 29, 2005, in Room 105 at the Administration Center, 315 E. North Drive, Bloomington.

Karin St. John, chair, began discussion by briefly reviewing the Principles of Realignment. In addition to flow charts with updated numbers, Task Force members received the text of e-mail messages that had been received to date on the web site.

**Timeline for Making Decisions** – Karin shared a tentative calendar for making realignment decisions: September 20 – presentation to the School Board at work session, September 27 and 28 – public hearings at BHS South and BHS North, October 6 – presentation to the School Board at a regular meeting. Depending on feedback from the public and Board, additional meetings could be scheduled for October 11 (Realignment Task Force), presentation to the Board at a work session on October 18, another public hearing on October 25 if needed, Realignment Task Force meeting on October 27 if needed, and final recommendation to the School Board on November 1.

**Review Scenarios for Realignment** – Task Force members continued to review details of Scenario C Modified with some reference to Scenario A Modified. At the last meeting, members were asked to look at different ways to approach the realignment process, and discussion ensued based on feedback and suggestions received from Task Force members. The pros and cons of these two scenarios were discussed, with specific attention given to keeping students together as they move from elementary to middle school and then to high school and keeping the focus on what is best for students. It was noted that it is difficult to maintain middle school programs when enrollment is at or below 450. Some geographic description word changes on Scenario C Modified were proposed and approved by consensus.

By consensus, the Task Force agreed to take both Scenarios A Modified and C Modified to the School Board work session on Tuesday, September 20, with the understanding that at this time Scenario C Modified (as amended) is the scenario recommended over Scenario A Modified.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Presentation to School Board in Work Session on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 – 7:00 p.m. – Room 105 at the Administration Center [location will be confirmed]

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**Present:** Susan Alspaugh, Margaret Baechtold, Berit Brewer, John Carter, Peggy Chambers, Joe Childers, Joe Doyle, Naomi Funkhouser, Pam Gunkel, Andrea Mobley, Deb McMillian, Greg Otter, Lisa Peneff, Danny Shields, Mike Shipman, Debbie Shoup, Karin St. John, Michelle Sims, Janis Stockhouse

J.Tupper, Recorder