

MINUTES –AS IS 1/8/08  
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM  
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

December 11, 2007

9:33 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Sally Achord  
Wendy Cashin  
Eleanor Chow  
JoAnne Foutz  
Linda Mayer  
Dave Miller  
Barbara Moody  
Becky Nielson  
Ken Rezendes (arrived at 9:38 am and left at 11:10 am)

Members Absent

Vera Barnes  
Erin Cranor  
Gaya Guymon  
Kitty Kinkade  
Patricia Lopez

Sharon Dattoli, Director II  
Rick Baldwin, Coordinator IV

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda amended to change the order of the agenda items beginning with 5, followed by 6, and then 4, and to have public input after each item.

Motion: Barbara Moody                      Second: JoAnne Foutz                      Vote: Unanimous  
Vera Barnes, Erin Cranor, Gaya Guymon, Kitty Kinkade, Patricia Lopez, and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of November 27, 2007, as is.

Motion: Dave Miller                      Second: Linda Mayer                      Vote: Unanimous  
Vera Barnes, Erin Cranor, Gaya Guymon, Kitty Kinkade, Patricia Lopez, and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.

REPORTS

Carolyn Edwards, School Board Trustee, reported on the construction that will be taking place on the roads near the new Desert Oasis High School.

Becky Nielson recognized Mark Alden.

Mark Alden, Nevada Board of Regents, stated his family has resided in Nevada since 1941 and has seen the growth and zoning take place and knows what we are up against. He said one thing we must never forget is parent involvement is everything; the parents at Frank Lamping Elementary School have been very involved in the school. Mr. Alden also said address verification needs to be monitored more closely.

## SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA M1 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Focus area M1 provides seats for the magnet program at Gibson Middle School by evaluating the existing attendance zones of Becker, Brinley, Garside, Johnson, Molasky, and Rogich Middle/Junior High Schools.

Wendy Cashin stated since there is no growth east of I-95, those school seat capacities can be raised leaving the schools west of I-95 at a lower seat capacity in order to absorb any new growth in the west.

Scenarios 3 and 4 were presented and discussion followed.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Paul Connaghan, parent, Staton Elementary School and Rogich Middle School, questioned which scenarios will go forth. He stated they do not want to be rezoned again as his kids are assimilated and would not want to have to put them through this process again.

Shelley Krohn, parent, Staton Elementary School and Rogich Middle School, said they were affected by the rezoning three years ago and is not excited about the possibility of being bounced around again. She is very pleased with the programs and teachers at Rogich Middle School and moving them back would not be beneficial to the students' education.

Cheryl Mahar, parent, Staton Elementary School, lives in the Mountain Crest development and agrees with the comments made by the other parents; her child was rezoned three years ago and had a difficult time adjusting. Ms. Mahar begged the commission not to do this to these children again.

Mark Grant, parent, Rogich Middle School, asked who was checking zone variances and asked about the timeframe of a new school being built further west to take on the growth.

Linda Mayer informed the public that all the 1998 bond monies have been spent and, therefore, there will not be any new middle schools built until the next bond is passed and it would then be another 4 or 5 years before one could be built.

A motion was made to take focus area M1, scenario 3 amended to include the area south of Charleston Boulevard, north of Sahara Avenue, east of Hualapai, and west of Grand Canyon to attend Johnson Junior High School and scenario 4 forward to the public input meeting.

Motion: Wendy Cashin                      Second: Ken Rezendes                      Vote: Unanimous  
Vera Barnes, Erin Cranor, Gaya Guymon, Kitty Kinkade, and Patricia Lopez were not present to vote.

## SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA H2 FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Focus area H2 evaluates the existing attendance zone boundaries of Coronado, Green Valley, and Liberty High Schools.

JoAnne Foutz said she attended a parent meeting at Coronado High School and has learned that Coronado High School has come down in their enrollment and is not overcrowded and would therefore like to take the area off the table.

Sharon Dattoli reported that Coronado High School has withdrawn 100 students before the winter break which is unusual for this school. Ms. Dattoli also said that there will be growth within the Liberty High School zone and cautioned the commission not to make any changes between these two schools this year.

Barbara Moody asked if the 300 freshman students currently at Liberty High School that technically would go to the new Desert Oasis High School next year could stay at Liberty High School with transportation.

Sharon Dattoli said the commission could develop a recommendation to forward to the board so that an option is made available to those students who would like to remain at Liberty High School to include transportation.

Due to a fire drill, the meeting was recessed from 10:35 am to 11:02 am.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Rick Swain applauded the commission for taking Coronado and Green Valley High Schools off the table. Mr. Swain said both schools are high achieving and have low truancy rates. He also said there is more growth potential in the Liberty High School zone than there is in the Coronado High School zone.

Janet Kirkland commended the commission for removing Coronado High School students from being rezoned to Liberty and Green Valley High Schools.

Lisa Lopez thanked the commission and reiterated the growth potential in the Liberty High School zone is greater than in the Coronado High School zone; she asked the commission to consider this for future years.

Charles Custer informed the commission, for future consideration, that many of the students in Madeira Canyon go to Del Webb Middle School; for those students to have to then go to Liberty High School would cause them to lose a lot of friends and feels it is important to keep those friends when you go to a new school. Mr. Custer thanked the commission for the job they do.

A motion was made to amend focus area H2, removing Green Valley and Coronado High Schools, leaving Liberty and Sandy Valley High Schools.

Motion: Dave Miller                      Second: JoAnne Foutz                      Vote: Unanimous  
Vera Barnes, Erin Cranor, Gaya Guymon, Kitty Kinkade, and Patricia Lopez were not present to vote.

#### SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E5 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Focus area E5 evaluates the existing attendance zone boundaries of Beatty, Bartlett, David Cox, Kesterson, Lamping, Roberts, Glen Taylor, Twitchell, and Vanderburg Elementary Schools.

Barbara Moody informed the commission that a parent from Lamping Elementary School had to leave and was upset that the order in which this agenda item was to be discussed was moved. The parent said the posted agenda should remain in the order in which it was posted.

Rick Baldwin reported that staff reviewed students in grades 1-5, by their student ID numbers that currently reside in the Lamping Elementary School zone, and cross referenced them with the students residing in the Lamping Elementary School zone last year; the findings were that there are 244 students new to Lamping Elementary School that did not previously have a student ID number, concluding that they are from out of state, new to the district, or had previously attended a private school.

JoAnne Foutz reviewed proposal B and stated they are proposing to have the 68 students in the Pebble Creek community remain at Vanderburg and Twitchell Elementary Schools and take David Cox Elementary School off of proposal B.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Rebecca Risse, parent, Lamping Elementary School, thanked the commission for making the change to not split the Cottonwood Ranch community.

Edward Kantor, parent, Lamping Elementary School, stated Roaring Brook is a private road and if proposal B is selected, the bus stop for the area is going to be 1200 feet to Lamping Elementary School. Mr. Kantor wanted to know how many bus stops are inside of another school's zone; he is also concerned they are leapfrogging students to another school and still bring students in from Anthem Country Club who live much further away.

Dale Quigley, parent, Lamping Elementary School, said taking out scenario 1 tells him that the commission is not interested in band-aide fixes as it would have only moved 280 students and only affected 3 schools; he therefore doesn't understand why scenario 5 would go forth because it only moves 250 students and affects 8 schools.

David Whitehead, parent, Lamping Elementary School, stated he is not against leaving Lamping Elementary School; he is against Lamping Elementary School staying above capacity. The annual capacity is 818 students and all three proposals exceed that capacity; by adding the 12 month capacity of all the schools in proposal C, there are more than enough seats that every school is below capacity; they don't need a new school, it just needs to be zoned so that the school is below capacity.

Heather Gouldsmith, parent, Glen Taylor Elementary School, prefers that her children remain at Glen Taylor Elementary School. She stated the 427 students should be rezoned as it affects the least amount of schools and allows her children to remain at their school.

Kari Ives, parent, Lamping Elementary School, presented a map and said she lives in Summit Ranch and explained the routes the bus would have to take to transport the children to Glen Taylor Elementary School if rezoned.

Teresa Lebosco, parent, Lamping Elementary School, said she is against scenario 5 (proposal C) as it only drops Lamping Elementary School to 1058, it also leapfrogs students and takes them out of feeder school alignment. As a teacher in the school district, Ms. Lebosco believes we are setting our children up for failure and struggles because each school could be based on a different curriculum (i.e. textbook, hands on, novel, or whole learning); students should not have to attend 3 or 4 different schools in a span of 5 years. She also stated, no one is ever happy to be rezoned, however it is easier to accept if it is done logically, not by which group cries out the loudest.

Sheri Long, parent, Lamping Elementary School, appreciates the magnitude of the task before the commission; Ms. Long's son is an ADHD student and is in a resource class at Lamping Elementary School where he gets extra help; she is against having him move to another school for his 5<sup>th</sup> grade year. Proposals A and B move them to Glen Taylor Elementary School and go against the primary criteria used to determine zoning changes in that the criteria calls for considering how close students live to the school; it is only .6 miles to the front gate of her development and only 1200 feet from the school. She suggested they allow current 4<sup>th</sup> graders remain when they only have one more year at the school.

Tina Sauri, parent, Glen Taylor Elementary School, said if rezoned her child would have attended 3 schools by nine-years old and thinks it is excessive. She asked the commission to leave the children at Glen Taylor Elementary School alone.

Key Reid, parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in the Anthem community and is in support of proposals A and B. He said the proximity issue speaks to proposal A; if the numbers at Lamping Elementary School are down to the 800's to low 900's they will not have to look at zoning every year. Mr. Reid said leapfrogging sets a bad precedence because it opens up the door for students to be bused far away from their homes to attend a school that might not be the most likely school for them to attend; travel time for students is very important, as is feeder school alignment.

Troy Hunt, parent, Lamping Elementary School, voiced his strong opposition to proposal C; while there are many reasons for his opposition, the main three are proximity of the school, including the practice of leapfrogging, distance and travel time of students, and feeder school alignment.

Michael Woo, parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in the community off of Roaring Brook and stated that the second half of the community is being excluded. He also wanted to ensure the commission drove the area to see how close to the school the community actually is.

Kevin Cusack, parent, Lamping Elementary School, is in support of proposal C as he can currently walk to school with his son; if rezoned to Glen Taylor Elementary School, they could walk there, but it would be a safety issue. He prefers proposal C for the proximity issue.

Nancy Archambault, parent, Lamping Elementary School, said it is an emotional issue for all of them and the commission will be making a rational and reasonable decision; the decision will be based on the Clark County School District's recommendations and policies. Ms. Archambault is against proposal C because it does not follow the recommendations and policies of the school district, particularly in proximity.

Phil Ralston, parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in the Anthem Country Club is opposed to proposal C and prefers proposal B as it creates a higher population at Glen Taylor, Vanderburg and Twitchell Elementary Schools, brings them closer to their full capacity, and provides more relief to Lamping Elementary School.

Starr Scano, parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in the Anthem Country Club, strongly opposes proposal C because it creates hardships for them for illogical reasons; they are the furthest away from Glen Taylor Elementary School and proposal C meets the projective goal.

Judy Watson, parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in the Anthem Country Club also opposes proposal C for all the reasons stated prior and asked that a proposal be picked that is actually going to significantly reduce the population at Lamping Elementary School. Ms. Watson also stated the children in the Anthem Country Club have to travel 3 miles just to get to the bus stop, and to ask them to go beyond that to get to Glen Taylor Elementary School is asking a lot of them.

Michelle Welch, parent, Lamping Elementary School, asked that something be done for a long-term solution as opposed to a band-aide; proposal A and B offer the best long term solution to get Lamping Elementary School down to a natural size and proposal C still will leave the school crowded. Ms. Welch also asked that the safety of the students waiting at a bus stop in a 45 mile speed zone be considered.

Kent Sario, parent, Lamping Elementary School, stated proposal C is the only one that will work for them. He said proximity keeps coming up and said they are within walking distance to the school; if proximity is the main goal, he cannot understand why a child that lives closer than a mile, walking distance, would be zoned out to take a bus.

Michele Lechner, parent, Lamping Elementary School, said proposal C is pitting two communities against each other.

Chris Brohnan, parent, Lamping Elementary School, opposes proposal C for all the reasons previously mentioned and added there are a handful of students who live in Anthem who ride their bicycles or walk to school. She also said of the 300 students living north of Sunridge Heights only a handful actually walk to school and so their proximity for walking should not be considered as a valid reason.

Wendy Fortunado, parent, Lamping Elementary School, strongly opposes proposal C and understands realistically something needs to be done to alleviate the population at Lamping Elementary School as the children are not benefiting from the bursting classrooms and overwhelmed staff. Ms. Fortunado appeals to the commission's logic and truly hopes they focus on a reasonable, sensible, and long term solution. Since Anthem is the furthest away from Glen Taylor Elementary School, it does not make sense to her to take the community furthest away from the zone and send it over to another school.

Jill Perez, parent, Lamping Elementary School, stated if logic and proximity are being used and keep coming up as reasons to stay, her community is only 1200 feet from the school and should have a good reason to stay. She also stated the community of Sunridge at MacDonald Ranch pays homeowner association fees which beautify the areas surrounding Lamping Elementary School and she would like her children to continue to go there and the community should stay intact.

Nicole Gray, parent, Lamping Elementary School, opposes proposal C and said she believes everyone is viewing the proximity of the school to be different; logically moving from one school to another would be the proximity of the new school, not the old school. She begged the commission to make the change as permanent as possible so as not to have to do this again.

Karen Cowley, parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives under a mile from the school and her children do walk to school everyday. It would create more of a safety issue for additional students to have to ride the bus.

Anna Antolick, parent, Lamping Elementary School, based on her eight years of experience, she has been rezoned twice, she indicated it was a proximity issue and was initially rezoned from a school she was close to and now eight years later, the neighborhood is being rezoned back to the school they were zoned out of. Ms. Antolick asked that the commission please look at situations where eight years down the road you are not rezoning children several times only to move them back to the original school they started at.

Michele Leckie, parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in the MacDonald Ranch community and stated the Lamping Elementary School community is being broken up; she does not want the communities pitted against each other and said each community has the same valid arguments for staying; the only difference is that the Anthem community already receives a bus.

Ruth Ann Edwards, parent, Lamping Elementary School, has strong opposition to proposal C and prefers proposal A strictly for the numbers.

Patty Zimmer, parent, Lamping Elementary School, said the point for everyone being there is so their voice can be heard and prefers proposal A.

Eric Easton, parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in the Anthem Country Club, opposes proposal C because they would be revisiting the same issue in a year or two. Mr. Easton said it is all about the children; they have to be provided safety and well-being and proposal C does not provide that. Everyone is a tax payer whether they live close to the school or outside; it's what is best for the children.

Tony Perez, parent, Lamping Elementary School, said both sides have the same issues. He said the Anthem community is separated from the lower part of the hill and there are no streets that one can drive through the neighborhood to get to Lamping Elementary School; the route a bus would take to get from Anthem to Lamping Elementary School is the same route it would take to get to Glen Taylor Elementary School. Proposal C makes the most logical sense.

Arby Davis, parent, Lamping Elementary School, is in favor of proposal C, because it puts the surrounding schools at just under capacity still with planned construction in the coming year. Proposal C will also greatly reduce the traffic congestion at Lamping Elementary School.

Elizabeth Grannger, parent, Lamping Elementary School, prefers proposal C but if proposals A or B go forth, she asked that they consider leaving the D.R. Horton community at Lamping Elementary School because they would be leapfrogged to Glen Taylor Elementary School due to the proximity of their community being so close to Lamping Elementary School.

Lisa Herbert, parent, Lamping Elementary School, is in favor of proposal C; please leave them at Lamping Elementary School.

Debbie Englund, parent, Lamping Elementary School, said fiscally it doesn't make sense if one group is already receiving a bus to turn around and bus another group.

Sonia Nicholson, parent, Vanderburg Elementary School, lives in Pebble Creek and is for proposal B. She opposes proposals A and C because of feeder school alignment for middle schools.

Nancy Ecanger, parent, Lamping Elementary School, favors proposal A or B; proposal C would not alleviate any of the drop off or pick up traffic problems at Lamping Elementary School.

Dorine Gruen, parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in Sunridge Estates and is for proposal C; people purchased their homes in that area because of close proximity to the school in order to walk them to the school. Leapfrogging the children to another school does not seem reasonable.

Portlund Delaney, parent, Lamping Elementary School, opposes proposal C and prefers A or B because it alleviates more of the numbers at Lamping Elementary School.

Turkessa Babich, parent, Lamping Elementary School, strongly opposes proposal C; if the commission's job is to lower the numbers at Lamping Elementary School, proposal C does not do that.

Shanon Moore, parent, Lamping Elementary School, supports proposal C, she lives .7 miles from Lamping Elementary School; why should they have to go to another school? It is all about C.

Susan Easton, parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in Anthem and opposes proposal C and stated if they are rezoned further, the children would have to be out of the house at least an hour before school starts to catch the bus. She stated the bottom line for zoning is to reduce the number of students in the school, with proposal C there are still over one thousand students at Lamping Elementary School and it does not do enough to reduce the stress on the teachers or specials; in two years when the market jumps back, we will be right back here where we started.

Sean Borrer, parent, Lamping Elementary School, said that in regulation 7111 it does state proximity is taken into consideration with preference to how close a student is to the school; he said the commission has talked about this in past meetings, with respect to other parts of town, how it is important to keep a community together and he has not heard this mentioned in this discussion. Mr. Borrer said when you take kids who are not currently eligible to be bused and force them to be bused to another school it incurs additional costs to the school district. He mentioned that moving them to Glen Taylor Elementary School would put them out of feeder school alignment as well.

Tamara Brandonisio, parent, Lamping Elementary School, pointed out on proposal C that the Anthem Country Club is isolated and being segregated; every community around them is contiguous. She opposes proposal C.

Randy Howell, parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in Anthem and opposes proposal C.

Eddie Littlefield, parent, Vanderburg Elementary School, lives in the Pebble Creek community and would like to see feeder school alignment to stay at Bob Miller Middle School. He thinks it should be done in a fair manner.

Jim Nicholson, parent, Vanderburg Elementary School, lives in the Pebble Creek community and supports proposal B because of the proximity issue; they are closer to Vanderburg and Twitchell Elementary Schools. They should take into consideration the added cost of fuel in transporting these students to schools further away.

Suzanne Sims, parent, Glen Taylor Elementary School, prefers proposal C because it keeps Glen Taylor Elementary School's students whole. Rezoning the fewest amounts of students possible in order to keep Glen Taylor Elementary School whole is appreciated.

Kevin Donovan, parent, Lamping Elementary School, prefers proposal C and stated Glen Taylor, Vanderburg and Twitchell Elementary Schools are all 9-months with portables on their site which should not even be occurring and feels that is one of the reasons we are in this problem. Mr. Donovan presented a map of another possible scenario and stated Elise Wolff Elementary School should be included in the process.

Jim Murphy, parent, Lamping Elementary School, prefers proposal C and said he lives in the Sunridge area and stated there is only one road in and out at the end of Summit Grove and Sandy Ridge where it becomes Roaring Brook and it makes no sense to have that entire community to be zoned for anything other than Lamping Elementary School.

Mardianne Howell, parent, Lamping Elementary School, opposes proposal C; her daughter is in Kindergarten now and feels that if they are rezoned and another school is built within a couple of years, she will have to be rezoned again which will have caused her to have attended three different elementary schools which is not fair.

Chris Samson, parent, Lamping Elementary School, is not affected by any of the proposals, but is against proposal C; he stated the reason Lamping Elementary is an exemplary school is because of the numbers, so it has to be looked at from a number stand point to make sense for teacher-student ratios.

Isabel Walters, parent, Lamping Elementary School, favors proposal C because it keeps her community together.

Lori Scott, parent, Lamping Elementary School, said because there is a safety concern with the bus stop in Anthem a lot of students do not ride the bus which creates traffic issues at Lamping Elementary School; all the students in the Laurel Hills and Sunridge Summit communities walk to school, so they would be zoning out students who can walk and bike to school; it has been said that walking and biking is the safest way to get to school. She said they would also be incurring added costs to add on more buses. Proposal C is the only one that will alleviate a lot of the traffic problems they have.

Lori Vance, parent, Lamping Elementary School, is against proposal C; it is purely about the numbers and by alleviating only 251 students it is not getting rid of the problem of the overcrowding at Lamping Elementary School. She also said walking a child to school is not a criteria used for rezoning.

Roxanne Caviola, parent, Lamping Elementary School, opposes proposal C for the same reasons as stated before, but primarily as a safety issue; she stated Eastern Avenue is extremely congested at rush hour time and believes more parents would be on the road to go to a further school.

Annie Perez, parent, Lamping Elementary School, stated no one wants a temporary solution, there will eventually be a new school built down south and does not want the community around Anthem to be a temporary fix so that other people can come in that may not be staying at Lamping Elementary School. It does not make any logical sense to create an entire new bus route to take the community around the school out to bus another community in.

Sharon Dattoli responded to public questions: 1) the criteria considered is in 7111, but is not limited to that criteria, and none are more important than the others. 2) When buses are added where they have not been before it can sometimes create added costs in transportation, but costs are saved in other areas such as eliminating portable classroom costs, refurbishing, etc. 3) The numbers being used on the maps are the number of students that reside in the area and are eligible to attend the school. 4) Elise Wolff Elementary School does not have any more than 25 seats available on the year-round calendar with the Madeira Canyon community still growing. Based on the current data, it is not anticipated the area that is being considered for a new school will provide a significant amount of relief to the Lamping Elementary School zone because of the growth in Madeira Canyon and Inspirada.

A motion was made to take focus area E5, proposals A and C as is, and proposal B amended to include both sides of the street of Cottonwood and to leave the Pebble Creek community at Vanderburg and Twitchell Elementary School forward to the public input meeting.

Motion: Dave Miller                      Second: JoAnne Foutz                      Vote: Unanimous  
Vera Barnes, Erin Cranor, Gaya Guymon, Kitty Kinkade, Patricia Lopez, and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.

#### REVIEW OF PROPOSALS AND FLYERS FOR PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS

The final review of the proposals and flyers will take place at the December 13th meeting.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

Nobody from the public chose to speak.

#### MEETING CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13th for final review of the proposals and flyers.

Eleanor Chow stated this was her last meeting and thanked staff for all their support and informed her colleagues on the commission that it has been a privilege and pleasure for her to have served on the commission for seven years and has thoroughly enjoyed the work this commission has done. Dr. Chow introduced Zan Hyer who will be taking her seat on the commission.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Eleanor Chow                      Second: Dave Miller              Vote: Unanimous

Vera Barnes, Erin Cranor, Gaya Guymon, Kitty Kinkade, Patricia Lopez, and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.

Adjourn: 12:54 pm