

MINUTES - AS IS 12/13/07
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 4, 2007

9:32 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Sally Achord
Wendy Cashin
Erin Cranor
JoAnne Foutz
Kitty Kinkade (via phone conference)
Patricia Lopez
Linda Mayer
Dave Miller
Barbara Moody (arrived at 9:34 am)
Becky Nielson

Members Absent

Vera Barnes
Eleanor Chow
Gaya Guymon
Ken Rezendes

Sharon Dattoli, Director II
Rick Baldwin, Coordinator IV

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda amended to have public input after each scenario.

Motion: JoAnne Foutz Second: Sally Achord Vote: Unanimous
Vera Barnes, Eleanor Chow, Gaya Guymon, and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of November 20, 2007, as amended.

Motion: Erin Cranor Second: Sally Achord Vote: 9 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Abstain
Vera Barnes, Eleanor Chow, Gaya Guymon, and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.

REPORTS

Rick Baldwin explained the contents of the packets given to AZAC.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E3 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Focus area E3 establishes an attendance zone boundary for the new Diaz Elementary School and evaluates the existing attendance zones of Cortez, Ira Earl, Ronnow, and Tom Williams Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin presented the scenarios and said Diaz Elementary School will be a sister school to Cortez Elementary School.

Kitty Kinkade stated she prefers scenario 1.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Maribel McAdory, Principal, Cortez Elementary School, said she does not yet know how they will be doing the shared zoning with Diaz Elementary School. Ms. McAdory stated her school is on a year-round calendar and her students need to remain on a year-round calendar as they currently do a lot of after school tutoring sessions; she indicated that it would be detrimental to her students if they converted to a nine-month calendar. Ms. McAdory has concerns about the plan for open-enrollment.

Rick Baldwin explained the initial set-up of the shared zones of sister schools is determined by the principals and the region; they however cannot create separate zones within their zone. Mr. Baldwin said the details of the open enrollment plan are still being developed.

Rick Baldwin stated Tom Williams Elementary School is being re-built and will have larger classrooms; however they have several specialized programs for which they need the space.

Kitty Kinkade said if it can be avoided, she would prefer not to include Tom Williams Elementary School in the scenarios in order to give them time to settle.

A motion was made to take Focus Area E3, scenarios 1 and 2 forward to the public input meeting.
Motion: Kitty Kinkade Second: Sally Achord Vote: Unanimous

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E4 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Focus area E4 establishes an attendance zone boundary for the new Reedom Elementary School and evaluates the existing attendance zone of Wright Elementary School.

Linda Mayer stated a parents' meeting was held at Wright Elementary School and a fifth scenario was developed.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Marian Anderson, parent, Wright Elementary School, supports scenario 5 because it gives Reedom Elementary School a lot of room to grow. Ms. Anderson also informed the commission that the neighborhood divided by the drainage channel includes not just one development, but has four different developments within the community.

A motion was made to take Focus Area E4, scenarios 3, 4, and 5 forward to the public input meeting.
Motion: Linda Mayer Second: Barbara Moody Vote: Unanimous

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA M2 FOR MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Focus area M2 evaluates the feeder school alignment for the existing attendance boundaries of Burkholder and Bob Miller Middle/Junior High Schools.

Rick Baldwin explained there is only 1 scenario for focus area M2 and refers to it as an if/then scenario as it will take place if a proposal in focus area E5 occurs.

Dave Miller explained the scenario was put together so that students in kindergarten through 12th grade will have complete feeder school alignment.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Ben Mutalah, Bob Miller Middle School, stated that not one of the families living in the Champion Village community want to be rezoned to Burkholder Junior High School because of the distance and unsafe walking path the students would have to take as they would have to cross two freeways; he indicated students would basically be stranded if parents could not pick them up and they missed the late bus. Mr. Mutalah also said Bob Miller was a high achieving school and most of the students are in advanced classes and extra-curricular activities.

Brooke Johnson, parent, Bob Miller Middle School, said since she has moved into the Champion Village community, they have constantly been rezoned. She agreed that rezoning them would cause them to cross two freeways and asked why it was only her neighborhood being affected; she feels that they are being singled out.

Jennifer Omo, parent, Twitchell Elementary School, said she didn't think moving the section out of Twitchell and Vanderburg Elementary Schools on focus area E5, to create feeder school alignment, was necessary.

DeeAnn Stradling, lives in the Champion Village community and said the neighborhood is not affecting the numbers of Bob Miller Middle School and she does not see the benefits of the move, nor does she agree with any of the actions.

Jeanne Bair, parent, Twitchell Elementary School, lives in the Champion Village community and stated they are always wondering what is going to happen with their community. Ms. Bair said all the zone changes are very difficult on the kids and does not agree with this, should it happen.

Linda Mayer explained the scenario was brought forth due to public input and parent's concerns regarding feeder school alignment at a previous meeting.

A motion was made to take Focus Area M2, scenario1 forward to the public input meeting.
Motion: Dave Miller Second: JoAnne Foutz Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Carolyn Edwards, School Board Trustee, reported the Year-Round Study Committee finished their report and it is now on the school district website. Ms. Edwards stated the report will be presented to the superintendent and school board at the Board of School Trustees meeting on December 13, 2007.

MEETING CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

Agenda items for the next meetings were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Linda Mayer Second: Dave Miller Vote: Unanimous
Vera Barnes, Eleanor Chow, Gaya Guymon, Kitty Kinkade, and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.
Adjourn: 11:06 am