

MINUTES **-AS IS 11/3/09**  
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

October 20, 2009

9:35 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Sally Achord  
Vera Barnes  
Wendy Cashin  
Erin Cranor  
Albert Delgado  
JoAnne Foutz  
Gaya Guymon  
Zan Hyer  
Piange Jackson  
Mike Malone  
Daniele Monroe-Moreno  
Becky Nielson

Members Absent

Leigh Dunn  
Barbara Moody

Sharon Dattoli, Director II  
Rick Baldwin, Coordinator IV

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda.

Motion: Vera Barnes                      Second: Mike Malone                      Vote: Unanimous  
Leigh Dunn and Barbara Moody were not present to vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 29, 2009, as submitted.

Motion: JoAnne Foutz                      Second: Erin Cranor                      Vote: Unanimous  
Leigh Dunn and Barbara Moody were not present to vote.

REPORTS

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

Ray Negrete, GIS Analyst, Transportation Department, provided AZAC with the transportation cost analysis report. The report shows the 2008-2009 costs and the current costs after the implementation of the zone changes.

PRESENTATION OF DATA FOR 2009-2010 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Rick Baldwin reviewed the preliminary scenarios for the four new elementary schools and the zoning considerations for existing elementary schools that will be evaluated this zoning season.

Rick Baldwin reported a meeting was held with AZAC representatives Leigh Dunn and JoAnne Foutz, Trustee Deanna Wright, area principals, and PTA members to discuss zoning for the new Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School.

JoAnne Foutz expressed her concern with scenario B for Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School as it does not provide relief to Frank Lamping Elementary School.

Albert Delgado reported that he and Barbara Moody met with the area principals to review the preliminary scenarios for Evelyn Stuckey Elementary School. Mr. Delgado said that most of the development is in the Aldeane Ries Elementary School boundary.

Albert Delgado advised that a parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 6:00 pm at Lois and Jerry Tarkanian Middle School to review all the scenarios for Evelyn Stuckey Elementary School.

Rick Baldwin explained a boundary change between Eileen Conners and Sheila Tarr Elementary Schools was held off until this zoning season. Mr. Baldwin said because Eileen Conners Elementary School is overcrowded and Sheila Tarr Elementary School has substantial seats available a boundary change is being considered.

Wendy Cashin said that because Eileen Conners Elementary School is only 12 percent over capacity, the commission is still in discussion of whether a boundary change is needed between the two schools.

#### PRESENTATION OF DATA FOR 2009-2010 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Rick Baldwin reviewed the preliminary scenarios for the secondary schools' zoning considerations that will be evaluated this zoning season.

Rick Baldwin said the preliminary scenario for Lyal Burkholder and Bob Miller Middle School was developed to create feeder school alignment.

Rick Baldwin explained the preliminary scenarios between Coronado, Green Valley, and Foothill High Schools. Mr. Baldwin reported that during last year's zoning season there was support for a boundary change between the schools.

JoAnne Foutz said she would like to see phasing put into place with these high schools.

Rick Baldwin reported the High School Attendance Boundary Phasing Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at 2:00 pm at the Educational Technology Campus – Vegas PBS.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wendy Cashin called for public input.

Laurie Stapleton, parent, Lorna Kesterson Elementary School and Bob Miller Middle School, lives in Champion Village and was part of the discussion two years ago, and was hoping it would not come around again. She said Kesterson Elementary School feeds into four different middle schools so the theory of feeder school alignment is irrelevant. They really want to stay at Bob Miller because they are family, it is not for overcrowding or for feeder school alignment - it is for family. Burkholder and Bob Miller Middle Schools are fine where they are. Two years from now they will be doing this again; Vanderburg, Twitchell, and Glen Taylor Elementary Schools are classic examples of robbing Peter to pay Paul, and this year you are robbing Paul to pay Peter, it is a dance that is done every two years and it is the kids and the families that suffer. She asked that zoning be done a little more constructively so every two years they don't have to go through this.

Karen Gray, Nevada Policy Research Institute, said that she believes there are some open meeting law issues; when she arrived she requested back-up material commission members have and was provided limited copies. She would like copies of the information provided in AZAC binders, as well as the information provided by Transportation, which she was told was an inter-agency memo for commission members and she could not have it. She wanted to bring it to the commission's attention and is requesting all back-up materials for the meeting.

Gib Dawson, parent, said he is keeping an amused eye on the high school re-alignment in the southeast and is assuming since Liberty High School is not mentioned, their attendance is up this year. He wanted everyone to know that he will be back and looks forward to seeing how they do this year.

Tasea Goupil, parent, John Vanderburg Elementary School, said she lives in Pebble Creek and every year they are on the chopping block. In one scenario they move to David Cox Elementary School and said the school will fight to keep them out in order to not convert to a year-round calendar. She believes in every scenario Pebble Creek would move, she asked that they please pick an elementary school that feeds into Bob Miller Middle School and just leave them there at least for two to three years. Every year they come and fight for these kids and then the next year they are back on the chopping block and it is not fair.

Elyse Tyrell, parent, John Vanderburg Elementary School and Bob Miller Middle School, said they are one of the families currently zoned to attend Foothill High School and would appreciate the opportunity to attend Coronado High School along with all the friend's her children have gone to school with since first grade; it is unnerving to think by the time they get to high school, they are going to school with nobody that they know. They would appreciate the opportunity to stay with the Bob Miller Middle School-Vanderburg Elementary School family and attend Coronado High School.

Sabrina Jackson, parent, Bob Miller Middle School, conveyed that her son, a sixth grade student at Bob Miller Middle School said "no mom not again, I can't do it, it's just too much, I am not going" when he was told they could possibly be re-zoned. She reported that her son is at the cusp where feeder school does not apply; he went to Twitchell Elementary School for five 5 years before they were told they would be going to Kesterson Elementary School for fifth grade; middle school was very scary for him, but what got him through was knowing he would be going back to school with the kids he knew, and that was a comfort zone to him and although middle school is still a bit scary to him, Bob Miller Middle School is family. Her biggest concern is that now he is adjusted to Bob Miller Middle School, and again there is the possibility of being sent to a school where he knows nobody except the kids in their neighborhood. She is therefore asking to please leave Champion Village alone; they have been on the chopping block before and it is always their 78 kids and she does not see where it really makes a difference and does not hear of any problems of over-crowding.

Georgeann Ray, parent, said she appreciates Albert Delgado's efforts in his area to have parent meetings, and would encourage any areas that have re-zoning in new and existing schools to have parent meetings. She agrees that because things have changed they should look and see what the actual situations are at the schools, whether they are over or under utilized, have empty classrooms, or have portables that are being used for something else. She also would like more information on who is part of the high school phasing committee, where the meetings are held, and whether it is open to the public.

Mary Saladino, said she is one of the parents who fought hard to keep the students in Madeira Canyon at Coronado High School. She expressed her public disappointment that AZAC did not choose a facilitator to help them. She said she appreciated Albert Delgado's diligence for his community and asked that the commission please all do their due diligence; the fact that when discussion on Wallin Elementary School came up, they did not know where the roads go in the area, is frightening. She asked that when making these decisions, they all drive the neighborhood about which they are making the decisions and do not just depend on the map.

Sean Borrer, parent, Frank Lamping Elementary School, understands that the area schools are bursting at the seams with students, and does not understand then why the comment was made to open Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School well below its capacity; specifically scenarios B and C open Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School more than 200 students below their 9-month capacity which does not make sense to him. He also added up all the students that attend Glen Taylor, Elise Wolff, and Frank Lamping Elementary Schools, and divided them by four getting about 767 students per school; scenario A brings the number closest to the perfect spreading. He noted concerns about future growth, in looking at the projections for scenario A, there are still 170 seats left at Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School, and 250 left at Elise Wolff Elementary School. He also said Steve Schorr Elementary School could absorb students in the Inspirada area if necessary. He heard a lot of concerns for future growth and would urge the commission to think about the reality of the numbers that are there right now and do their best job to balance out those numbers.

Sharon Dattoli reported the High School Attendance Boundary Phasing Committee will consist of Board of School Trustee members Carolyn Edwards and Sheila Moulton, five principals from each of the Clark County School District Area Service Centers, a parent volunteer from each area, staff from Demographics and Zoning, Instruction Unit, Transportation, Technology Services, and Athletics. The meetings will be posted and are open to the public. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at 2:00 pm at the Educational Technology Campus – Vegas PBS.

JoAnne Foutz thanked parents for their input as this is the time they need to hear from them. Mrs. Foutz said parent meetings will be scheduled at the area schools.

JoAnne Foutz also said they need to be sure they do leave some room at Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School for growth in the area, and knows the numbers on scenario A look good, but is concerned that it may be too high a number to leave. She said they will also continue to review the Burkholder Junior High and Bob Miller Middle School areas. In regards to the high schools being considered for re-zoning, she said they hear from parents from both sides and really hopes the high school phasing will come to pass.

Rick Baldwin addressed the question of leaving Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School too high. He said that from last year to this year there was a growth of over 50 students in the area; his concern is that in the future, if the economy does recover and homes begin selling, it could put Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School in a really bad situation and basically trading the problem from one school to the new school.

Wendy Cashin explained that this was the first time the commission has seen all the scenarios, and they will now begin the evaluation process.

Becky Nielson thanked the public for their input and said it does make a difference.

#### MEETING CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

Agenda items for upcoming meetings were discussed. The next AZAC meeting will be held on November 3, 2009.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Zan Hyer

Second: Vera Barnes

Vote: Unanimous

Leigh Dunn and Barbara Moody were not present to vote.

Adjourn: 11:10 am