

A motion was made to recommend to the Board of School Trustees the boundary change for scenario 1, focus area E1 for Jydstrup, Hill, and Wiener Elementary Schools.

Motion: Leigh Dunn

Second: JoAnne Foutz

Vote: Unanimous

Socorro Macias was not present to vote.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA M1 FOR JUNIOR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Focus area M1 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Brown Junior High School and Mannion Middle School.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the scenarios and explained scenario 1 changes the feeder school alignment for Dooley Elementary School from Mannion Middle School to Brown Junior High School; however, he stated it would then put the students living south of Wagon Wheel Drive out of middle to high school feeder alignment as they would be the only students from Mannion Middle School going to Basic High School. As a result, scenario 2 was created to include the neighborhood south of Wagon Wheel Drive.

JoAnne Foutz explained Mannion Middle School is 200 students over their capacity and Brown Junior High School is under their capacity by 257 students. Mrs. Foutz likes scenario 2 as it has complete feeder school alignment.

Becky Nielson said while it is difficult, she feels feeder alignment from middle to high school is more of a concern than feeder alignment from elementary to middle school and therefore, scenario 2 would be a better fit.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Jodi Mecham, parent, Dooley Elementary School and Brown Junior High School, said she has a student currently on a zone variance to Brown Junior High School. She said Mannion Middle School is overcrowded and her son has raised his grades considerably and feels the smaller class sizes have played a factor. Ms. Mecham provided letters from other parents who are in favor of moving from Mannion Middle School to Brown Junior High School.

Elizabeth Robbins, parent, Dooley Elementary School and Brown Junior High School, said there are not many families in her community whose children have attended Dooley Elementary School and whose older children attended Brown Junior High School like hers have. She said they have found the transition from Mannion Middle School to Basic High School very challenging and therefore, feels it would be in the children's best interest to be zoned back to Brown Junior High School.

JoAnne Foutz agreed that the transition from middle to high school is important.

A motion was made to take scenarios 1 and 2, focus area M1 for Brown Junior High School and Mannion Middle School forward to public input.

Motion: JoAnne Foutz

Second: Zan Hyer

Vote: Unanimous

Socorro Macias was not present to vote.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA M2 FOR JUNIOR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Focus area M2 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Greenspun and Silvestri Junior High Schools and Miller, Schofield, Webb, and White Middle Schools.

Rick Baldwin explained Webb Middle School is currently 10 percent over capacity with eight portable classrooms on its campus. Mr. Baldwin said their current geographic population is 1882. In reviewing development tracking and growth trends in the area, if relief is not provided to Webb Middle School, they could potentially have 2000 students next year.

Rick Baldwin reported a meeting was held with the principals represented in these area schools. Mr. Baldwin reviewed the scenarios and said they tried to balance the elementary to middle school feeder alignments where ever possible.

Rick Baldwin explained there are 17 Bartlett Elementary School students residing in a neighborhood west of Arroyo Grande Boulevard who are completely out of feeder school alignment. Mr. Baldwin said the area was included in scenario 1 in order to put them into a feeder school alignment by moving them from White Middle School to Greenspun Junior High School.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Viki Schoemer, parent, Miller Middle School, said the starting time change at Miller Middle School was difficult and resulted in their requesting a zone variance to attend Greenspun Junior High School. Her daughter only attended one day as they were very disappointed with the curriculum and there were no comparable classes. Ms. Schoemer has two children in elementary school and would like them to be able to attend Miller Middle School.

Anna Antolick, parent, Webb Middle School, lives in a neighborhood off Sunridge Heights Parkway which was part of the rezoning of Lamping Elementary School a few years ago. She stated then and still feels feeder school alignment is a big concern. Her daughter is now a sixth grader at Webb Middle School, and if rezoned again, will be in four schools in five years and she does not think it is fair that the same group of students keeps being shuffled about. She believes the biggest transition for students is from elementary to middle school and, therefore, would hope they would consider phasing. Ms. Antolick also said the students in the neighborhood being considered to rezone to Miller Middle School currently walk to Webb Miller School; if rezoned to Miller Middle School transportation will be an issue and need to be addressed as students would have to cross Horizon Ridge Parkway.

Cynthia Nellis, parent, Webb Middle School, lives in the small community of San Rafael south Cactus Avenue. There are only 36 students attending public school in the neighborhood and would prefer to stay at Webb Middle School.

Jeremy Hall, parent, Webb Middle School, questioned if the maps presented were the only two being considered. He is concerned that nothing has been sent to the parents about these schools being rezoned. The only way parents knew there was a meeting today was through word of mouth. Mr. Hall said in the short term, it may be difficult for the kids that are being affected today, but the most logical thing is feeder school alignment.

Amy Barlow, parent, Wallin Elementary School, lives in Madeira Canyon said feeder school alignment has been discussed a lot. She feels that Wallin Elementary School takes pride in their curriculum. The same high standard curriculum is at Webb Middle School which is what the parents strive for. The curriculum is not the same district wide and students should receive high standard curriculum within their feeder schools. Students have extra-curricular activities in the City of Henderson, and they should, therefore, be zoned to schools within the city they reside.

Rick Baldwin stated at this time, Madeira Canyon is not in the focus area considered for a zone change. Mr. Baldwin explained a focus area will typically describe an area that is being considered to possibly be moved; if the area where you reside is not described within the focus area, your area is not being considered. Mr. Baldwin said the commission does not have input on school bell time schedules. Mr. Baldwin also explained some of the schools with smaller enrollments cannot typically offer the same educational programs that schools with larger enrollments can; the district would like nothing more than to offer students the same educational programs no matter what school they attend. Mr. Baldwin said scenario 1 would address some of those problems.

Becky Nielson thanked the parents in attendance for their input and apologized for the miscommunication about moving students residing in the Madeira Canyon community out of Webb Middle School. Mrs. Nielson said they also will continue to review the concern about students walking to Miller Middle School from the area being considered to move from Webb Middle School. Mrs. Nielson said in the rezoning process, she hopes they will be able to consider the phasing option.

Zan Hyer does not like to see the same group of students rezoned; first from elementary school and then again in middle school. Mrs. Hyer would like to know the history of zoning in certain areas before they are considered again.

JoAnne Foutz does hope they are able to recommend the phasing option.

Cyndy Mahoney has concerns with scenario 2 as it does not address any of the issues with Miller Middle School which is slightly overcrowded and in an area with possible growth, which could cause them to revisit rezoning these schools in the future.

Albert Delgado said his concern is that they may not be moving enough students to address the future growth in this area.

Rick Baldwin said they have to be careful that they do not move too many students out of Webb Middle School as it could jeopardize their programs.

Becky Nielson reminded the commission that open enrollment may also help to alleviate overcrowding in some areas.

A motion was made to take scenarios 1 and 2, focus area M2 for Greenspun and Silvestri Junior High Schools and Miller, Schofield, Webb, and White Middle Schools forward to public input.

Motion: JoAnne Foutz Second: Anna Slighting Vote: Unanimous
Zan Hyer and Socorro Macias were not present to vote.

Becky Nielson called for a 5 minute recess.

The meeting resumed at 11:27 am.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA M3 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Focus area M3 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Canarelli, Faiss, and Tarkanian Middle Schools.

Rick Baldwin explained Canarelli Middle School is nine percent over capacity with eight portable classrooms on their campus. Mr. Baldwin reviewed the three scenarios and said this area of the valley is also seeing significant growth.

Rick Baldwin said construction will begin on an overpass over the Union Pacific Railroad at Cactus Avenue which will help with the zoning of the schools in this focus area.

Albert Delgado said the majority of the growth is in the Mountain's Edge community. Mr. Delgado also reviewed the scenarios. Mr. Delgado said his concern with the scenarios is that they do not address Faiss Middle School's low enrollment; however, he stated the high enrollment at the elementary schools that feed into Faiss Middle School will help.

Rick Baldwin said there is a lot of development within the Faiss Middle School boundary; he is, however, concerned about the lower enrollment at Tarkanian Middle School.

There was discussion on feeder school alignment.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Nobody from the public chose to speak.

A motion was made to take scenarios 1 and 3, focus area M3 for Canarelli, Faiss, and Tarkanian Middle Schools forward to public input.

Motion: Albert Delgado Second: Mike Malone Vote: Unanimous
Zan Hyer and Socorro Macias were not present to vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Nobody from the public chose to speak.

MEETING CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next AZAC meeting will be held on December 6, 2011. Dates for the Public Input meetings are to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Albert Delgado Second: Leigh Dunn Vote: Unanimous
Zan Hyer and Socorro Macias were not present to vote.
Adjourn: 12:10 pm