

MINUTES – **AS IS 3/12/13**
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

January 29, 2013

9:32 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Albert Delgado
JoAnne Foutz
Zan Hyer
Shari Lyman
Socorro Macias
Cyndy Mahoney
Lois Mack
Mike Malone
Becky Nielson
Anna Slighting

Members Absent

Jose Melendrez

Rick Baldwin, Director II

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as is.

Motion: Mike Malone

Second: Lois Mack

Vote: Unanimous

Jose Melendrez was not present to vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of January 8, 2013 as submitted.

Motion: Zan Hyer

Second: Mike Malone

Vote: Unanimous

Jose Melendrez was not present to vote.

REPORTS

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

Rick Baldwin informed the commission since the September 21, 2012 count day, the Clark County School District has gained 1138 elementary school students; 745 of those students enrolled between December 2012 and January 2013 which is the largest one month gain since 2005.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the portable classroom cost analysis for each of the proposals.

Ray Negrete, Coordinator III, Transportation Department reviewed the transportation cost analysis for each of the proposals.

Becky Nielson asked what the cost was for a school to operate on a year round schedule.

Rick Baldwin said the estimated cost for a school to operate on a year round calendar is \$253,000.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT

JoAnne Foutz said the commission did receive all the comment cards from the public input meetings held on January 22 and 23, as well as letters and emails that were sent.

Albert Delgado thanked parents for providing their input. Mr. Delgado said he has been open to meeting with parents to find solutions to bring parity to all the schools. Mr. Delgado wanted to clarify that the role of AZAC is not to approve zoning, but to send a recommendation to the Board of School Trustees to review as an option.

JoAnne Foutz said parents expressed their concern for the safety of students if they have to cross Blue Diamond Road and also having the longer drive if rezoned from Frias Elementary School to Ries Elementary School since Cactus Avenue is not yet accessible over the railroad tracks. Mrs. Foutz said many families indicated they would prefer to be on a year round schedule if it meant they could remain at their school and not be rezoned.

Zan Hyer thanked the parents for their input. Mrs. Hyer clarified that all schools are owned by the Clark County School District and paid for by the taxpayers. Mrs. Hyer appreciates how difficult it is to a child's education to be rezoned, but said it is also a huge disadvantage for a child to be at a severely overcrowded school.

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

David Moncol, parent, Batterman Elementary School, lives within a half mile from the school; the current rezoning recommendation will send them to Rogers Elementary School which is 3 miles away. He asked the commission to consider rezoning students further than a mile from the school rather those that are closest, which, in his opinion, also saves on bussing costs.

Charles Hauntz, grandparent, Forbuss Elementary School, thanked the commission for the opportunity to express his opinion. Mr. Hauntz does not think we are alleviating the issue of overcrowding; each of the proposals creates more overcrowded schools and moves 2500 students. He realizes the commission can only consider rezoning, but asked that they convey to the Board of School Trustees that none of the solutions is worth pursuing.

Joanna Gerali-Schwartz, Principal, Bendorf Elementary School, said they are the largest school in the area as the surrounding schools have 200-300 fewer students; she explained because Roger Bryan, Hayes, and Kim Elementary Schools are under populated, they lose an extra day of itinerate staff, and she, in turn, has to add an extra day. Mrs. Gerali-Schwartz said while they cannot help with the overcrowding issue at Forbuss and Tanaka Elementary Schools, she asked AZAC to still consider leveling the student population at the schools in her area.

Serena Farrell, parent, Frias Elementary School, said areas K and L on proposal 3 involve moving 615 students to and from Frias Elementary School for a net gain of 39 students; it does not seem logical to her to uproot that many students for such a small net gain. She said they are currently 1.7 miles from the school, while moving them to Ries Elementary School would be 2.4 miles, causing them to cross Cactus Avenue which is already a very busy street. She prefers a year round schedule rather than rezoning.

Kristy Pace, parent, Frias Elementary School, said the preferred options from the PTA's perspective are to be on a year round schedule and no rezoning at all.

Loren Smith, parent, Forbuss Elementary School, said year round seems to be an option that should be considered rather than making a recommendation to rezone. He said while year round may cost more; it would not affect the kids as much as it would keep them on a better educational pace.

Rick Baldwin explained AZAC's only authority is to make a zone change recommendation to the Superintendent and then to the Board of School Trustees. Mr. Baldwin said in addition to any zone change recommendations AZAC puts forth, staff may recommend options that are outside AZAC's authority.

Becky Nielson explained the Board of School Trustees can consider the other staff options that have been discussed and may or may not approve the zoning recommendation they put forth or just consider portions of it.

Proposal 3 was reviewed.

Becky Nielson said the principals from Hill and Wiener, Jr. Elementary Schools have expressed they have available seat capacity and would like to receive more students. Mrs. Nielson likes that proposal 3 extends to Hill/Wiener, Jr., Beatty, Hummel, Cartwright /Gehring Elementary Schools as it balances the enrollments and will help the schools receive additional itinerate staff and programs.

Cindy Mahoney inquired if portables could be added to Hill/Wiener, Jr. Elementary Schools to receive all 300 students instead of spreading so thinly across the other four schools.

JoAnne Foutz recognized the principals from Hill and Wiener, Jr. Elementary Schools.

Jacqueline Brown, Principal, Hill Elementary School, said they can accommodate up to 100 students.

Krista Yarberry, Principal, Wiener, Jr. Elementary School, said they can accommodate between 75 and 100 students. She indicated any more than that would require adding portable classrooms.

JoAnne Foutz said she and Trustee Wright are comfortable with moving students from Ries Elementary School to Hill/Wiener, Jr. Elementary Schools and perhaps leave the other schools as is for now.

Becky Nielson said she is not comfortable with loading up Hill/Wiener, Jr. Elementary Schools when they currently have the opportunity to balance the enrollments in that area.

Rick Baldwin said he did not think Hill/Wiener, Jr. Elementary Schools could each take an additional 160 students.

Albert Delgado said it could be an additional 200 students.

JoAnne Foutz recognized the principals from Hill and Wiener, Jr. Elementary Schools.

Jacqueline Brown, Principal, Hill Elementary School, said they could not take an additional 200 students.

Krista Yarberry, Principal, Wiener, Jr. Elementary School, said they could not take additional students without sending some to the surrounding schools. She said Beatty and Gehring Elementary Schools have space.

JoAnne Foutz said the recommendation should go to the Board of School Trustees as is.

A motion was made to take proposal 3, as amended to reassign students residing in the area south of Peace Way, east and north of the Granada Hills Subdivision Parcel Boundaries, east of Bonita Vista Street, south and east of the Granada Hills Parcel Boundaries, north of Tropicana Avenue, and west of Durango Drive, from Patricia A. Bendorf Elementary School to Frank Kim Elementary School; and reassign students residing in the area south of Warm Springs Road Alignment, east of Fort Apache Road, north and west of the Desert Foothills Subdivision Parcel Boundaries, north of the Quartersprings/Independence II Subdivision Parcel Boundaries, east of Quarterhorse Lane, north of the Warm Springs Quarterhorse /Independence Subdivision Parcel Boundaries, west of Jesworth Street, north of the Parcel Boundary and Point Grey Avenue and the Montrose Subdivision Parcel Boundaries, and west of Durango Drive, from Robert L. Forbuss Elementary School to Wayne N. Tanaka Elementary School as a recommendation to the Board of School Trustees for Batterman, Beatty, Bendorf, R. M. Bryan, Cartwright, Forbuss, Frias, Gehring, Hayes, Hill, Hummel, Kim, Reedom, Ries, Rogers, Steele, Stuckey, Tanaka, Wiener, Jr., and Wright Elementary Schools.

Motion: Albert Delgado Second: Becky Nielson Vote: Unanimous
Jose Melendrez was not present to vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Nobody from the public chose to speak.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The joint meeting with AZAC and the Board of School Trustees for approval of the zoning recommendations will be held on March 6, 2013, 5:30 pm. The next AZAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 10:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Zan Hyer Second: Shari Lyman Vote: Unanimous
Jose Melendrez was not present to vote.
Adjourn: 11:57 am