

MINUTES – AS IS 10/16/12
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 2, 2012

9:33 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Albert Delgado
JoAnne Foutz
Zan Hyer
Shari Lyman
Socorro Macias
Lois Mack
Cyndy Mahoney (arrived at 9:34 am)
Mike Malone
Jose Melendrez (arrived at 9:35 am)
Becky Nielson
Anna Slighting

Rick Baldwin, Director II

FLAG SALUTE

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Rick Baldwin introduced himself and staff from Demographics, Zoning, and GIS. Members introduced themselves and identified which trustee district they represent.

Rick Baldwin informed the commission that Trustee Lorraine Alderman is AZAC's board appointed liaison.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as is.

Motion: Zan Hyer Second: Anna Slighting Vote: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 6, 2012, as submitted.

Motion: JoAnne Foutz Second: Zan Hyer Vote: Unanimous

REVIEW OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW/LEGAL ISSUES

Mary Ann Peterson, Legal Counsel for the Board of School Trustees and Deputy District Attorney for the Clark County District Attorney's Office, addressed AZAC and explained they fit within the category of an official group that must comply with the Open Meeting Law. AZAC meetings will consist of a simple majority of commission members, and include a deliberation of matters towards a decision in which the commission has advisory power. An agenda must be created to clearly identify the issues being discussed and must give the public an opportunity to comment after discussion of each agenda item on which the commission will take action, but before a vote is taken. AZAC meetings must be on public notice.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON

Anna Slighting nominated JoAnne Foutz for Chairperson, seconded by Zan Hyer.

Vote for JoAnne Foutz: Unanimous

Becky Nielson nominated Albert Delgado for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Mike Malone.

Vote for Albert Delgado: Unanimous

REVIEW OF ARTICLE VI OF AZAC BYLAWS - FACILITATOR

Rick Baldwin explained in accordance with AZAC Bylaws Article VI commission members may request a facilitator to work between AZAC and staff.

Becky Nielson did not think a facilitator is necessary as staff has been wonderful to work with.

A motion was made not to request a facilitator.

Motion: Becky Nielson

Second: Zan Hyer

Vote: Unanimous

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

Rick Baldwin presented an overview of the operational procedures for AZAC. The presentation addressed zoning practices and procedures, district policy and regulations, time frame for the zoning process and data availability.

REVISION OF POLICY AND REGULATIONS 7111 AND 7124

Rick Baldwin reviewed revisions of Policy and Regulations 7111 and 7124.

Rick Baldwin explained Policy and Regulation 7124 was rewritten with the focus on maintaining a 9 month calendar since all schools are currently 9 months. The regulation then outlines new criteria to convert from a 9 month calendar to a multitrack year-round schedule as well as criteria to convert from a multitrack year-round schedule back to a 9 month calendar. He explained the new language is easier to understand and the new criteria ensure schools will not change schedules unnecessarily.

Cyndy Mahoney asked for clarification on the criteria.

Mr. Baldwin explained the new criteria uses design capacity of a school rather than program capacity. The design capacity is the number of students the school was built to accommodate; whereas, program capacity is adjusted annually to capture changes to educational programs assigned at each school. In addition, he explained an average of 3 years enrollment growth as well as the number of portable classrooms at each school would be considered when a schedule change is recommended.

Rick Baldwin reviewed revisions to Regulation 7111. Mr. Baldwin explained some of the changes were made so the language is consistent with the changes to Regulation 7124. He informed the commission criteria for grade level phasing is now included for AZAC to consider when evaluating attendance boundary changes between existing middle/junior high schools and between existing high schools.

Becky Nielson asked if the goal is to avoid year round and rezone to keep a school from reverting to a year round calendar.

Rick Baldwin explained the way the policy reads, after a school meets the trigger to convert to year round, one of the potential solutions is to rezone.

JoAnne Foutz recognized Trustee Lorraine Alderman.

Trustee Alderman said the trustees appreciate the policy changes because it takes out capacity which made schools flip back and forth too easily and it also gives the superintendent the flexibility to consider viable alternatives.

OVERVIEW OF 2013-2014 ZONING ISSUES

Rick Baldwin reviewed attendance boundaries that may be evaluated this zoning season. Mr. Baldwin informed the commission data will be provided at the next meeting.

BOND INITIATIVE PRESENTATION

Joyce Haldeman, Associate Superintendent, Community and Government Relations, thanked AZAC for all the hard work they do. Mrs. Haldeman gave a presentation on the 2012 Pay-As-You-Go Plan for School Capital Improvement, Question 2 on the November 6, 2012 ballot. Mrs. Haldeman explained the importance of providing equitable learning environments between campuses so students who attend schools in older neighborhoods have the same educational opportunities. She explained the Capital Improvement Plan is not a bond program, rather relies on accumulating revenues as they become available and then paying for and completing projects based on prioritized needs; the advantages of the Pay-As-You-Go Plan include 1) No tax dollars go towards interest since no loans are involved, and 2) No long-term debt would result, meaning the proposed temporary tax increase does not have to be extended at the end of the six-year program. Passage of Question 2 will allow the Clark County School District to provide essential school renovations and repairs for aging building systems, including heating, ventilation, air conditioning; electrical; networking; and fire alarm and security systems at 40 or more existing schools. In addition, two of the oldest schools, Rex Bell and Lincoln Elementary Schools will be replaced as well as two new schools built in overcrowded areas.

Mike Malone thanked Joyce Haldeman for the presentation and said the plan is guaranteeing an equitable learning environment for the future and said they should encourage Nevada residents to vote for the Pay-As-You-Go Plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Paul Mrazik, parent, Givens Elementary School, thanked the staff and commission for all their hard work through the years. Mr. Mrazik said he does not believe the new language in Regulations 7111 and 7124 clarifies the priorities between zoning and alternative schedules and feels they should be given equal consideration and clearly delineated. Mr. Mrazik said there are cases where principal, parents, and the community prefer an alternative schedule rather than being rezoned.

MEETING CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next AZAC meeting will be held on October 16, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Zan Hyer

Second: Becky Nielson

Vote: Unanimous

Adjourn: 11:36 am