

MINUTES - **AS IS 11/13/12**  
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

November 1, 2012

9:31 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Albert Delgado  
JoAnne Foutz  
Zan Hyer  
Cyndy Mahoney  
Mike Malone  
Becky Nielson

Members Absent

Shari Lyman  
Socorro Macias  
Lois Mack  
Jose Melendrez  
Anna Slighting

Rick Baldwin, Director II  
Steve Burda, Coordinator III

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as is.

Motion: Zan Hyer                      Second: Cyndy Mahoney                      Vote: Unanimous  
Shari Lyman, Socorro Macias, Lois Mack, Jose Melendrez, and Anna Slighting were not present to vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of October 16, 2012 as submitted.

Motion: Zan Hyer                      Second: Mike Malone                      Vote: Unanimous  
Shari Lyman, Socorro Macias, Lois Mack, Jose Melendrez, and Anna Slighting were not present to vote.

REPORTS

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

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E5 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Focus area E5 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Gray, Griffith, Hancock, Vegas Verdes, and Wynn/Roundy Elementary Schools.

Becky Nielson said she met with the principals of Wynn/Roundy Elementary Schools who said they would like to receive some relief and requested that some of their special programs be moved to schools in the area that are under capacity.

Rick Baldwin explained there are over 1800 students within one square mile south of Sahara Avenue and north of Desert Inn Road with a high density of apartment complexes; he said because there is not an elementary school within the geographic area, students are zoned to five elementary schools. Mr. Baldwin reviewed the two scenarios for focus area E5.

Becky Nielson said because of the density in the area, it is almost impossible to create separate zones for Wynn/Roundy Elementary Schools without affecting many students; therefore, providing relief by zoning to schools under capacity is preferable.

JoAnne Fourtz called for public input.

Michele Staron, parent, Gray Elementary School, said she has concerns with scenario 2 and explained Wynn/Roundy Elementary Schools have full day kindergarten classes while Gray Elementary School does not. The area is 88 percent Hispanic; sending them to a school with a half day kindergarten will not work and create a financial impact to the parents.

Carolyn Edwards, Board of School Trustees, District F, asked staff to recalculate the numbers for Gray Elementary School on scenario 2.

Rick Baldwin explained the number shown is the geographic number of students and does not include students attending from the Prime 6 area.

Becky Nielson said they do not want children to go without the programs they have been used to and hope the special programs can be moved to other area schools.

Rick Baldwin said when the area was rezoned several years ago, the parents were fine with moving as long as the children would receive the same quality programs.

#### SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E2 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Focus area E2 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Alamo, Batterman, Bendorf, R.M. Bryan, Christensen, Decker, Diskin, Dondero, M. Earl, Fine, Forbuss, Frias, Goolsby, Gray, Hayes, Kim, Ober, Reedom, Ries, Rogers, Steele, Stuckey, Tanaka, and Wright Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the scenario.

Becky Nielson asked if rezoning the schools would eliminate their having to convert to a year round schedule.

Rick Baldwin said the scenario shows the drastic measures that would be necessary to move a large amount of students in order to alleviate overcrowding in the southwest. He said the scenario basically evens out the overcrowding at all the schools.

Albert Delgado said keeping schools on a nine month calendar, creates a domino effect that would affect thousands of students. Mr. Delgado said creative addressing may occur when some schools are on a year round schedule and others remain on a nine month calendar thus keeping the nine month school's enrollment high.

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Leslie Brinks, Assistant Principal, Goolsby Elementary School, said she understands relief is needed for schools in the extreme south, but is concerned that the scenario adds students to Goolsby Elementary School and asked for clarification.

Ken Ligon, Principal, Hayes Elementary School, said the scenario significantly underutilizes Hayes Elementary School and he would like the commission to better utilize their school.

Albert Delgado explained with the domino effect, Goolsby Elementary School will gain 103 students. Mr. Delgado said he will reevaluate the numbers for Hayes Elementary School to better utilize the school.

Albert Delgado said once the overpass at Cactus Avenue is complete, it will create better access to the Southern Highlands and Mountains Edge communities; thus, allowing schools on the east side of the railroad tracks to help alleviate the overcrowding in the Mountains Edge community.

JoAnne Foutz recognized Ken Ligon.

Ken Ligon, Principal, Hayes Elementary School, informed the commission there is an area on the scenario being removed from Hayes Elementary School, south of the I-215, he would like to see remain.

Albert Delgado said they will make changes to the scenario and establish the best option for the students.

#### SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E1 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Focus area E1 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of French, Treem/Thorpe, and Tomiyasu Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin said Treem/Thorpe Elementary Schools are over capacity and enrollment at French and Tomiyasu Elementary Schools has declined due to the aging out of their neighborhoods. Mr. Baldwin said they can provide relief to Treem/Thorpe Elementary Schools by rezoning students to French and Tomiyasu Elementary Schools.

Cyndy Mahoney reviewed the scenarios. Mrs. Mahoney said she would like to avoid creating a leap frog zone.

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Renee Muraco, Principal, Tomiyasu Elementary School, is open to many scenarios as she would like to see the school better utilized.

Tammy Villarreal-Crabb, Principal, French Elementary School, said they are severely under capacity and have nine available classrooms she would like to see filled with students.

#### SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E4 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Focus area E4 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Goldfarb, Iverson, Mendoza, Rundle/Keller, and Wengert Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin said Mendoza Elementary School has doubled their residential affidavits this year. Mr. Baldwin said there are some demographic issues within the area that should be reviewed.

Cyndy Mahoney said she understands, this is an area they could hold off doing anything for a year to see what occurs.

Rick Baldwin supports waiting to see what happens in the area as he does not want to overreact to a situation that may self correct.

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Brenton Lago, Principal, Mendoza Elementary School, has been at the school for many years and said their enrollment has always remained high. Mr. Lago said residential affidavits continue to increase because more families are living with each other and he does not think it will change after this year.

Tarah Daniels, parent, Mendoza Elementary School, said several of her neighbors have had multiple families living with them for numerous years and she does not see residential affidavits decreasing. The school has been over crowded for many years and needs some relief.

Rick Baldwin said while he understands Mendoza Elementary School is currently overcrowded, he explained there is a large fifth grade class this year that will roll up to sixth grade next year and lower grades moving up are slightly smaller. Mr. Baldwin said he would be cautious to do a change that could have a detrimental impact in the coming years.

#### SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA M2 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Focus area M2 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Harney, Keller, and Mack Middle Schools.

Rick Baldwin said Harney Middle School is overcrowded and their enrollment has increased over the last several years while Keller Middle School has available seats. Mr. Baldwin did, however, inform the commission that the lower grades are significantly smaller within the geographic boundary of Harney Middle School, therefore, he felt they could wait to see what actually occurs next year. Mr. Baldwin also said there are possible areas to consider that would create better feeder school alignment with elementary schools in focus area E4.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Nobody from the public chose to speak.

#### CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Becky Nielson

Second: Zan Hyer

Vote: Unanimous

Shari Lyman, Socorro Macias, Lois Mack, Jose Melendrez, and Anna Slighting were not present to vote.

Adjourn: 11:30 am