

MINUTES – **AS IS 11/27/12**
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 13, 2012

9:32 am

Roll Call: Members Present

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

Steve Burda, Coordinator III

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as is.

Motion: Mike Malone Second: Cyndy Mahoney Vote: Unanimous
Jose Melendrez was not present to vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of November 1, 2012 as submitted.

Motion: Zan Hyer Second: Mike Malone Vote: Unanimous
Jose Melendrez was not present to vote.

REPORTS

Steve Burda explained the contents of the packets given to AZAC.

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.

Albert Delgado reviewed the scenario and explained they are trying to provide relief to the student population at Forbuss, Reedom, and Wright Elementary Schools by shifting students north to schools with available seats. Mr. Delgado said there are a lot of proposed developments which will yield approximately 600 students in the southwest.

JoAnne Foutz said the projected growth in the southwest is cause for concern and schools could remain overcrowded on a year-round schedule.

Albert Delgado said the principals are doing a wonderful job accommodating the overcrowding and would prefer to be on a year-round schedule rather than rezoning students.

Anna Slighting asked about the deadline for calendar conversion and whether there was time to hear the public's input preference between year-round versus rezoning.

JoAnne Foutz recognized Trustee Carolyn Edwards.

Carolyn Edwards, Board of School Trustees, District F, said discussion should not be confined solely to District F as there are other schools nearby that could provide relief; she said this is a long-term problem, not a short-term problem. Trustee Edwards said the Board will have discussion on year-round calendars, but she does not believe year-round will solve this problem as schools would still be overcrowded on a year-round calendar and feels a zone change is indicated.

Lorraine Alderman, Board of School Trustees, District D, said even if Question 2 would have passed, they would not see income for years, still leaving the current problem in the southwest area; and therefore all possible scenarios need to be looked at. Trustee Alderman said the ultimate decision lies with the Superintendent of Schools; therefore the commission needs to provide the best information possible in order for him to make an educated decision.

Lois Mack asked if double sessions are an option.

Carolyn Edwards, Board of School Trustees, District F, said anything is an option, but year-round calendars would be considered before double sessions.

Cyndy Mahoney asked which schools had the portable restrooms and lunchrooms.

Rae Guida, Coordinator III, Space Requirements, Demographics, Zoning & GIS, said the auxiliary lunchrooms are located at Forbuss, Reedom, Tanaka and Wright Elementary Schools; and the portable restrooms are located at Forbuss, Reedom, and Wright Elementary Schools.

Albert Delgado said he would like to review seat availability in schools in other Trustee districts to help alleviate overcrowding in the southwest. Mr. Delgado said it is difficult to move students to schools in the northeast area without leapfrogging.

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Nobody from the public chose to speak.

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.

Mike Malone said in looking at Scenario I, he does not think it is a good idea to move 179 students into Vegas Verdes Elementary School. Mr. Malone also informed the commission that all the current students are within walking distance to the school.

Becky Nielson explained Wynn/Roundy and Vegas Verdes Elementary Schools have the same demographics. Mrs. Nielson said Wynn/Roundy Elementary Schools are over their capacity and Vegas Verdes Elementary School has available seats.

Mike Malone still thinks moving the students from Wynn/Roundy Elementary Schools to Vegas Verdes Elementary School on scenario 1 is just shifting one problem to another.

Becky Nielson asked if students proposed to move to Vegas Verdes Elementary School on scenario 1 receive transportation.

Maribel Taylor, Routing and Scheduling Supervisor, Transportation Department, said Transportation would have to evaluate the distance.

JoAnne Foutz understands, Wynn/Roundy Elementary Schools are overcrowded, and Vegas Verdes Elementary School could take some students, but questioned whether Gray Elementary School could also provide relief.

Albert Delgado explained Gray Elementary School does not have a full-day kindergarten program and their programs differ from Wynn/Roundy Elementary Schools.

Becky Nielson said Vegas Verdes Elementary School has the full-day kindergarten program. Mrs. Nielson said she would like to see some of the special education programs moved to schools with space rather than leaving them at overcrowded schools.

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Lorraine Alderman, Board of School Trustees, District D, questioned why Hancock Elementary School has not been considered in helping to provide relief to Wynn/Roundy Elementary Schools.

Becky Nielson explained Hancock Elementary School had not yet been considered because the majority of the student population resides on the western part of Wynn/Roundy Elementary Schools which makes it difficult to have a contiguous zone.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E1 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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

Cyndy Mahoney said in speaking with the administration of Treem/Thorpe Elementary Schools, overcrowding is not currently a problem for them and they would prefer separate zones over rezoning the students to other schools. At this time, Mrs. Mahoney thinks they can postpone doing anything in this area.

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Nobody from the public chose to speak.

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.

Anna Slighting said there were no updates; however, she informed the commission Trustee Erin Cranor advised if students are moved from Mendoza Elementary School to Wengert Elementary School that AZAC also consider moving students from Harney Middle School to Keller Middle School to provide feeder school alignment.

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Nobody from the public chose to speak.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA M2 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

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

Anna Slighting said she has spoken to the principal of Harney Middle School who trusts the decision of the commission.

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Nobody from the public chose to speak.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

JoAnne Foutz called for public input.

Paul Mrazik, parent, Givens Elementary School, said his children have attended school on both a nine month and year-round schedule and said a calendar conversion is less of an impact to students than rezoning.

Rick Detisch, Director, Quality Assurance, Student Support Services Division, said his department is available to support and assist with questions regarding the placement of self-contained classes. Mr. Detisch explained his department collaborates with Demographics, Zoning & GIS as well as the Transportation Department when considering the placement or movement of the self-contained programs.

Rae Guida, Coordinator III, Space Requirements, Demographics, Zoning & GIS, said the meeting in which the departments collaborate is held in the spring whereby programs are looked at to be moved to other locations that have available space.

Lorraine Alderman, Board of School Trustees, District D, informed the Board of School Trustees a better job needs to be done when advertising Open Enrollment.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Becky Nielson

Second: Mike Malone

Vote: Unanimous

Adjourn: 11:13 am