

MINUTES – **AS IS 10/29/13**
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

October 15, 2013

9:30 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Nicole Benson
Albert Delgado
JoAnne Foutz
Zan Hyer
Brian Krall
Shari Lyman (arrived at 9:35 am and left at 11:55 am)
Lois Mack
Cyndy Mahoney
Mike Malone
Becky Nielson
Anna Slighting
Jose Solorio

Members Absent

Becky Harris
Socorro Macias
Marisol Montoya-Herrera

Rick Baldwin, Director II

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as is.

Motion: Zan Hyer Second: Becky Nielson Vote: Unanimous
Becky Harris, Shari Lyman, Socorro Macias, and Marisol Montoya-Herrera were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 24, 2013 as submitted.

Motion: Becky Nielson Second: Mike Malone Vote: Unanimous
Becky Harris, Shari Lyman, Socorro Macias, and Marisol Montoya-Herrera were not present to vote.

REPORT ON THE NEVADA SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

Rick Baldwin reviewed the Nevada School Performance Framework and informed the commission the Advanced Technologies Academy should be listed as a five star school.

REPORT ON THE 2013-2014 ELEMENTARY CAPACITIES

Rick Baldwin reviewed the 2013-2014 Elementary School Capacity Report.

REPORT ON THE 2013-2014 SECONDARY CAPACITIES

Rick Baldwin reviewed the 2013-2014 Secondary School Capacity Report.

REPORT ON THE 2013-2014 MONTHLY ENROLLMENT REPORT

Rick Baldwin reviewed the count day 2013-2014 Monthly Enrollment Report and suggested AZAC keep the report available for the duration of the meeting.

REPORT ON THE 2013-2014 FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN AND PRE-K PROGRAMS

Rick Baldwin reviewed the 2013-2014 Full Day Kindergarten and Pre-K Programs Report.

REPORT ON THE ETHNIC CHART

Rick Baldwin reviewed the 2013-2014 Ethnic Chart which shows a five year history of ethnicities.

REPORT ON AZAC BYLAWS

Rick Baldwin reported he spoke with both the school district and school board legal staff and informed AZAC members that the AZAC by-laws were written so a majority of commission votes is needed to pass a motion. For example, if a quorum requires eight members, it would require all eight to pass a single motion. Mr. Baldwin said because the Board of School Trustees sets AZAC's by-laws, any requests or discussion to change the by-laws should be brought to the attention of the Board liaison who then would convey to the Board.

Jose Solorio said he has not been involved in an organization with such a restrictive requirement where it takes a majority of the commission votes to pass a motion as opposed to a majority of those present to pass a motion. Mr. Solorio said as a new member to AZAC he does not know if it could be or ever has been an issue.

Rick Baldwin said when Mary Ann Peterson, Legal Counsel for the Board of School Trustees, addressed AZAC at the September 24 meeting, she indicated the rules cannot be more strict than open meeting law requires.

Albert Delgado said since he has been on the commission, they have been a cohesive group and they thoroughly have done their research in regards to developing scenarios and proposals to provide enough discussion to have a unanimous consensus.

PRESENTATION OF HOTSPOT DATA FOR 2013-2014 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Rick Baldwin presented the 2013-2014 Hotspot data for elementary schools that are over/under their capacity.

Albert Delgado said this agenda item will remain open through discussion of the elementary focus areas.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOCUS AREA E1 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Preliminary Zoning Considerations – Givens, Lummis, and Staton Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin reviewed focus area E1.

Rick Baldwin said Givens Elementary School is 39.6% over capacity and while not included in the focus area, the hotspot map shows Bonner Elementary School being significantly over projection, as is Staton Elementary School. Lummis Elementary School has available seats which could help relieve overcrowding in the area. Mr. Baldwin said the area is experiencing heavy growth.

Anna Slighting said she and Jose Solorio attended a District E parent advisory meeting at Givens Elementary School where there was a lot of discussion as to a solution to the overcrowding situation. Mrs. Slighting said the eastern

boundary of Givens Elementary School is the CC-215 and the southern boundary of Lummis Elementary School is Summerlin Parkway, causing a land lock situation for these schools. Mrs. Slighting said there is heavy growth in the western section of Givens Elementary School zone which should be addressed for both Givens Elementary School and Rogich Middle School. Anna Slighting said with the help of parents and principals, they will be ready to move forward with some scenarios. She indicated there is a possibility of a leap frog zone.

Rick Baldwin explained a leap frog zone is a non-contiguous zone where part of the zone does not touch the rest of the zone; essentially students would be bused passing neighboring schools to attend the assigned school.

Jose Solorio said the discussion in the parent advisory meeting included a year round schedule as an alternate solution to the rezoning. Mr. Solorio said the feeling of the Givens Elementary School parents is that while they are overcrowded, they remain a five star school and efficiently handle the situation which should be taken into consideration.

Becky Nielson said she is very hesitant about leap frog zoning as it is very confusing to the public and in the ten years she has been on the commission, they have done their best to eliminate it.

Jose Solorio said there may be a potential leap frog scenario in their area; he understands not having a contiguous zone does not look or feel right, but if an area is already taking the bus, a few additional minutes should not matter if it is helping to solve the overcrowding issues. While historically they have not done leap frog zoning, there may be valid reasons to consider it.

Albert Delgado called for public input.

Laura Kirschner, parent, Vanderburg Elementary School, is concerned that zoning and the schedule changes between 9 month and year round comes around every two years as the valley continues to grow. She would like to know how the issue is going to be fixed. She suggested laws be changed so that builders must provide land for schools within a master planned community.

Julie Vigil, parent, Staton Elementary School, said she is active in the school community and is not happy with the thought of having to go somewhere else due to overcrowding in other schools. She agrees that more schools are needed in the newer areas across the CC-215. Staton Elementary School has had an established community for quite some time and to disrupt that and the feeder school alignment would be detrimental.

Carmen Benedict, parent, Wallin Elementary School, echoed comments made from the PAC meeting at Givens Elementary School. While over-crowded, Wallin Elementary School remains a five star school and efficiently handles the situation; Wallin Elementary School has great leadership and educators. She asked that the commission take into consideration the input from faculty and staff regarding how the school functions when discussions of rezoning and year round schedules arise. She suggested making those schools with a successful track record a prototype that can be emulated as opposed to having a one size fits all fix in a very huge and diverse school district.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOCUS AREA E2 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS Preliminary Zoning Considerations – Allen, Bozarth, Darnell, and Thompson Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin reviewed focus area E2.

Rick Baldwin said Bozarth Elementary School is over capacity and has a lot of growth within their boundary which will likely last the next several years; Allen, Darnell, and Thompson Elementary Schools have available seats.

Anna Slighting said she visited Bozarth Elementary School and drove the area. Mrs. Slighting said there is a bridge over pass on the northern side of Bozarth Elementary School which meets Bilbray/Scherkenbach Elementary

Schools and since they have available seats, she would like to see them included in future discussion. With the available seats at surrounding schools, Mrs. Slighting believes they can provide relief to Bozarth Elementary School through rezoning.

Albert Delgado called for public input.

None.

Rick Baldwin informed the commission there is a very large future development slated for the area called the Kyle Canyon Gateway Project which should be taken into consideration when developing scenarios.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOCUS AREA E3 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Preliminary Zoning Considerations – Heckethorn, Neal, O’Roarke, Rhodes, and Triggs Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin reviewed focus area E3.

Rick Baldwin said the Park Highlands Masterplan Community will begin development in this area and thought it best to be proactive and zone the community to Heckethorn Elementary School. Mr. Baldwin also said there is a middle school feeder alignment adjustment that should be looked at as well.

Rick Baldwin said a new charter school has opened which may take students from the surrounding elementary schools.

Becky Nielson said she appreciates staff being proactive in zoning for new developments.

Jose Solorio suggested the public be made aware of the impact the growth from new developments will have within a community which could ultimately help a future bond initiative.

Albert Delgado called for public input.

None.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOCUS AREA E5 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Preliminary Zoning Considerations – Cozine, Elizondo, Scott, Tartan, Watson, and Wolfe/Guy Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin reviewed focus area E5.

Rick Baldwin said they have watched Scott Elementary School’s enrollment climb over the past few years and Elizondo and Watson Elementary Schools are over their capacity. Tartan Elementary School is under capacity and the only school within the area that could provide relief.

Albert Delgado called for public input.

None.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOCUS AREA E4 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Preliminary Zoning Considerations – Bass, Bartlett, Beatty, Cartwright/Gehring, David Cox, Hummel, Schorr, Glen Taylor, and Vanderburg/Twitchell Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin reviewed focus area E4.

Rick Baldwin said there are very few seats available in the south part of the valley and the options are incredibly limited. Mr. Baldwin explained if they were to do a district wide rezone, all the elementary schools would be equally over crowded at fifteen percent and it still would not provide relief for the growth in this area.

JoAnne Foutz said she attended Trustee Wright's parent meeting. Many parents had questions about the year round schedule. Mrs. Foutz said she is concerned about the large development at Coronado Center Drive and Eastern Avenue which will impact all the schools in that area as there are no available seats in the southeast area.

Albert Delgado called for public input.

Laura Kirschner, parent, Vanderburg Elementary School, said there is an apartment complex being developed behind the District at Green Valley Ranch. Ms. Kirschner would like to know when our district will have the same financial formula as the students in the northern part of the state.

Gordon Gilbert, parent, Twitchell Elementary School, said without the funds to build new schools, we are not going to have capacity in the areas experiencing monumental growth. While he is reluctant to be in support of a year round schedule, it is better than making finite changes that are not going to affect the demographic tidal wave coming. Mr. Gilbert urged parents to contact their legislators to help fund new schools.

Nicole Bhat, parent, Vanderburg Elementary School, said rezoning is a more viable solution because a year round schedule is not an end-all or fiscally sound solution for all of the schools. She suggested moving students north of the I-215 to Bartlett or David Cox Elementary Schools and east of Stephanie Street to Kesterson or Newton Elementary Schools.

Frank Brenkus, parent, Twitchell Elementary School, said the demographics around Twitchell Elementary School are changing and younger families are moving in. He suggested the School Board get involved with the land use plans. He informed the commission there is new development in the Schorr and Humel Elementary School boundaries.

Zan Hyer thanked the parents that came to advocate for their children and schools. She said they understand the need for new elementary schools but, unfortunately, during the last election did not get the funds needed. They appreciate any support through the legislature to acquire funding for new elementary schools and input on alternate solutions in the meantime.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOCUS AREA E6 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Rick Baldwin reviewed focus area E6.

Rick Baldwin said Mendoza Elementary School was evaluated last zoning season. It is 47.63 percent over capacity and none of the surrounding schools has the potential of providing relief.

Cyndy Mahoney said there is no change from last year and with no space at the surrounding schools she does not think the Commission is tasked with forcing another school to go over their capacity to even it out.

Albert Delgado called for public input.

Brenton Lago, Principal, Mendoza Elementary School, said he continues to have parent meetings and is in continuous conversations with the community about the situation at Mendoza Elementary School. Mr. Lago said he is in favor of a year round schedule but the staff and parents prefer to remain on a nine month calendar.

PRESENTATION OF HOT SPOT DATA FOR 2013-2014 SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Rick Baldwin presented the 2013-2014 Hotspot data for secondary schools that are over/under their capacity.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOCUS AREA M1 FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS
Preliminary Zoning Considerations – Becker and Rogich Middle Schools and Johnson Junior High School.

Rick Baldwin reviewed focus area M1.

Rick Baldwin said Rogich Middle School is 10.22 percent over capacity and both Becker Middle School and Johnson Junior High School have available seats. Mr. Baldwin said there is substantial development in the west Summerlin area which will have an impact on the Rogich Middle School boundary.

Anna Slighting said they have had conversations with the principals in this area and once they have more parent input, feel they will be able to move forward with some scenarios.

Jose Solorio said they met with the principals who were in agreement that there are approximately 109 students in the northern part of Rogich Middle School zone that could possibly be zoned to Becker Middle School. Mr. Solorio said change should be gradual and growth should be taken into consideration and suggested they consider the new growth be zoned to Johnson Junior High School rather than Rogich Middle School.

Albert Delgado called for public input.

Susan Harrison, Principal, Rogich Middle School, said they do not feel overcrowded as they have a school that is high achieving and servicing students in a way they are very proud of. They have developed a culture and climate that is very unique to Rogich Middle School and similar to Becker Middle School. Ms. Harrison said 10 percent of the students at Johnson Junior High School are electing to attend other schools and she does not think taking 10 percent from Rogich Middle School to fill the 10 percent that are electing to go elsewhere is the right answer.

Amy Smith, Principal, Becker Middle School, said she is advocating the northern part of Summerlin Parkway be zoned back to Becker Middle School. Taking anything more would require crossing a freeway.

Zan Hyer said they have addressed the population disparity between Rogich Middle School and Johnson Junior High School in the past and have not been successful in solving the issue through rezoning. She does not feel additional rezoning will address the issue in a satisfactory way. Instead of spending the money for another bus, she would rather see funds go to Johnson Junior High School to get the tools needed to create an environment where students would elect to attend.

Albert Delgado recognized Trustee Patrice Tew.

Patrice Tew, District E, Member, Board of School Trustees and AZAC Liason, said Johnson Junior High School has seen an eight percent rise in student achievement. Trustee Tew said Principal George Anas has made a lot of significant changes to the campus and is revitalizing the programs being offered. There is positive encouragement he will be successful.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOCUS AREA H1 FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS
Preliminary Zoning Considerations – Arbor View and Shadow Ridge High Schools.

Rick Baldwin reviewed focus area H1.

Rick Baldwin said they are looking to provide relief to Arbor View High School. There is a feeder school alignment issue that can be considered.

Shari Lyman said the feeder school alignment issue is significant and is in agreement to correct the issue.

Brian Krall said Trustee Garvey will have a parent meeting and they hope to have additional parent input.

Albert Delgado called for public input.

None.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next AZAC meeting will be on October 29, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Albert Delgado called for public comment.

Gordon Gilbert, parent, Twitchell Elementary School, said it would be very advantageous for the school PTA to have the physical boundaries showing highways, industrial areas, etc. superimposed over a satellite image. He said much of the school populous prefers a nine month calendar and realizes it is either rezoning or year round. He thinks rezoning will just be a stop gap in the southern part of the valley.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am

Motion: Becky Nielson

Second: Jose Solorio

Vote: Unanimous

Becky Harris, Shari Lyman, Socorro Macias, and Marisol Montoya-Herrera were not present to vote.