

MINUTES – AS IS 1/21/14  
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

December 17, 2013

9:31 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Nicole Benson  
Natalie Carter (arrived at 9:42 am)  
Albert Delgado  
Brian Krall  
Lois Mack  
Cyndy Mahoney  
Mike Malone  
Marisol Montoya-Herrera  
Anna Slighting  
Jose Solorio

Members Absent

JoAnne Foutz  
Zan Hyer  
Shari Lyman  
Becky Nielson

Demographics, Zoning & GIS

Rick Baldwin, Director II  
Steve Burda, Coordinator III

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as is.

Motion: Mike Malone                      Second: Lois Mack                      Vote: Unanimous  
Natalie Carter, JoAnne Foutz, Zan Hyer, Shari Lyman, and Becky Nielson were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 3, 2013 as submitted.

Motion: Brian Krall                      Second: Anna Slighting                      Vote: Unanimous  
Natalie Carter, JoAnne Foutz, Zan Hyer, Shari Lyman, and Becky Nielson were not present to vote.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None.

REVIEW OF PROPOSALS AND FLYERS FOR PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS

Rick Baldwin reviewed the draft proposals 1-3 of focus area E1 for Bonner, Givens, Lummis, Piggott, and Staton Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin said there was a question that proposal 3 of focus area E1 was not as AZAC intended.

Brian Krall asked if a fourth proposal could be added.

Anna Slighting said rather than adding a fourth proposal, she would recommend an amendment to proposal 3.

Jose Solorio said he likes proposal 3 as it outlines the major intent and thinks amending proposal 3 could create confusion when presenting to the public.

Anna Slighting said she believes AZAC's goal is to have broad proposals.

A motion was made to open discussion to amend proposal 3 of focus area E1 for Bonner, Givens, Lummis, Piggott, and Staton Elementary Schools.

Motion: Jose Solorio                      Second: Anna Slighting                      Vote: Unanimous  
JoAnne Foutz, Zan Hyer, Shari Lyman, and Becky Nielson were not present to vote.

A motion was made to take focus area E1, proposal 3 for Bonner, Givens, Lummis, Piggott, and Staton Elementary Schools as amended to reassign the area south of Alta Drive, west of Pavilion Center Drive, north of Charleston Boulevard, and east of the CC-215 from Staton Elementary School to Bonner Elementary School and reassign the area south of the Badlands Golf Course, along the Cottonwood Canyon Park Trail and both sides of Orient Express Court, west of Rampart Boulevard, north of Charleston Boulevard, and east of Pavilion Center Drive from Bonner Elementary to Piggott Elementary School forward to public input.

Motion: Jose Solorio                      Second: Anna Slighting                      Vote: Unanimous  
JoAnne Foutz, Zan Hyer, Shari Lyman, and Becky Nielson were not present to vote.

Jose Solorio said he did not want the public to have a misperception that any of the proposals will keep a school from triggering to a year round schedule. Mr. Solorio questioned if the commission can offer their personal opinion about year round probabilities a proposal may have.

Rick Baldwin said the decision of a school's year round schedule is not up to AZAC. The year round decision is set by board policy and authority is given to the superintendent of schools. Mr. Baldwin said there are continual circumstances that could impact a school's ability to convert to and from a year round schedule and, therefore, cautioned the commission from comment.

Jose Solorio also questioned if the commission should discuss if proposals will have an effect on a school's full day kindergarten program.

Rick Baldwin said proposals have no power to determine what programs a school will have and it is not up to the authority of the commission.

Jose Solorio said the commission should be very careful to follow the open meeting law and insure they provide full disclosure of any situation their opinions and actions can possibly be considered as biased. Mr. Solorio feels the commission needs further training on following Nevada's Open Meeting Law in regards to ethics and full disclosure.

Rick Baldwin said perhaps the legal office could meet with members individually. Mr. Baldwin said he can request that questions regarding ethics be addressed during Open Meeting Law discussion at the beginning of next year's zoning season.

Albert Delgado called for public input on proposals 1-3 of focus area E1.

Jennifer Carvalho, parent, Staton Elementary School, feels all the schools can co-exist under proposal 1 for a short time. Because they cannot wait for a bond to pass for a new school, she thinks the answer would be to open a charter school within the next two to four years. She asked for clarification on the amount of time students would be on the bus to Piggott Elementary School and also, regardless of what proposal goes forth, whether Givens Elementary School will be on a year round schedule next school year. She said the full day kindergarten programs are important to the Staton Elementary School families and asked if any of the proposals resulted in losing the programs.

Vijaya Poluri, parent, Givens Elementary School, asked that the appropriate study for proximity of the schools has been looked at and AZAC would make recommendations based on the educational outcomes for all students. She requested the commission advocate for those students that are not represented.

Duane Malis, parent, Givens Elementary School, said there is an active push to stop Givens Elementary School from going to a year round schedule and believe that proposal 1 will stop it from occurring and therefore not giving proposals 2 and 3 a chance. He was not aware public input was an option and concerned his opinion has not been heard.

Anthony Bender, parent, Staton Elementary School, said proposal 1 magnifies the problem at Givens Elementary School into two schools. He believes proposals 2 and 3 are a better solution. In moving forward, he believes the issue of bias within the commission needs to be further explored and addressed.

Jon Capps, parent, Rogich Middle School, said the best way to get to the root of the question of what AZAC members can or cannot say would be to put themselves in the position of being viewed by outside influences by their decisions. Certain entities, companies, and social groups have a lot of peer pressure on businesses and local government which could in turn create bias.

Shannon Ohlson, parent, Staton Elementary School, said the ultimate goal is for the children to have the best education available. She asked the commission when making their decision they keep those schools that are working well with a five star status intact. She also said studies have shown full day kindergarten is important and asked they consider how their decision may affect a full day kindergarten program and keep it at the neighborhood school. She also thinks pressure should be put on builders to fund the building of new schools.

Albert Delgado recognized Trustee Patrice Tew.

Patrice Tew, Board of School Trustees, District E, explained each of the seven trustees has two AZAC representatives and the Superintendent of Schools has one representative. Trustee Tew said there have been reports of conflicts of interest amongst AZAC which she thinks is important to address in order to move forward with confidence.

Rick Baldwin said he does not recommend open dialog as it is not an agenda item and suggested discussion take place in a different setting.

Trustee Tew suggested a meeting be held with legal counsel.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the draft proposals 1-3 of focus area M1 for Becker and Rogich Middle Schools and Johnson Junior High School.

Nicole Benson questioned if area B on proposal 2 should be included since no students are being affected. She indicated they would then not have to send flyers to all the students which could in turn create unnecessary alarm.

A motion was made to open discussion to amend proposal 2 of focus area M1 for Fertitta and Rogich Middle Schools and Johnson Junior High School.

Motion: Jose Solorio                      Second: Anna Slighting                      Vote: Unanimous  
JoAnne Foutz, Zan Hyer, Shari Lyman, and Becky Nielson were not present to vote.

A motion was made to take focus area M1, proposal 2 for Fertitta and Rogich Middle Schools and Johnson Junior High School, as amended, removing area B from Fertitta Middle School to Johnson Junior High School forward to public input.

Motion: Jose Solorio                      Second: Nicole Benson                      Vote: Unanimous  
JoAnne Foutz, Zan Hyer, Shari Lyman, and Becky Nielson were not present to vote.

Albert Delgado called for public input on proposals 1-3 of focus area M1.

Elaine Atterbury, parent, Rogich Middle School, said proposal 3 of focus area M1 and E1 splits the Queens Ridge community in half and she requested the entire community be kept together at a specific school.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the draft proposals 1 and 2 of focus area E2 for Allen, Bozarth, Bilbray/Scherkenbach, Darnell, and Thompson Elementary Schools.

Albert Delgado called for public input on proposals 1 and 2 of focus area E2.  
None.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the draft proposal 1 of focus area E3 for Heckethorn, Neal, Rhodes, and Triggs Elementary Schools.

Albert Delgado called for public input on proposal 1 of focus area E3.  
None.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the draft proposals 1 and 2 of focus area H1 for Arbor View and Shadow Ridge High Schools. Mr. Baldwin explained the proposals are the same area, proposal 1 includes phasing and proposal 2 is without phasing.

Cyndy Mahoney asked if this area could have an option similar to the one between Green Valley and Coronado High Schools where students in the assigned area could choose between Arbor View and Shadow Ridge High Schools.

Rick Baldwin said the commission could include the option when making a final recommendation. Mr. Baldwin said phasing will accomplish the similar result and due to the distance, he does not think the same expectations can be expected.

Mike Malone is concerned the move will result in Shadow Ridge High School being more overcrowded than Arbor View High School since there is a lot of growth in the Shadow Ridge High School boundary.

Brian Krall reminded the commission the principal of Arbor View High School sent an email requesting a zone change without phasing as there is not space on the campus to accommodate the amount of future students expected.

Rick Baldwin said Arbor View High School was 200 students over capacity on count day. Mr. Baldwin said the growth within the Arbor View High School boundary is further along than that of Shadow Ridge High School and they

are trying to balance the growth the two schools will see in the next few years. Mr. Baldwin said the area being considered to move will adjust feeder school alignment.

Albert Delgado called for public input on proposal 1 and 2 of focus area H1.  
None.

#### DISCUSSIONS OF PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Rick Baldwin reviewed the procedures for the public input meeting.

Jose Solorio requested a meeting with the legal staff to be further educated on the open meeting law as it pertains to full disclosure and ethics in his role as an AZAC representative.

Albert Delgado recognized Trustee Patrice Tew.

Trustee Tew said she has contacted the Office of General Counsel.

#### CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next AZAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Albert Delgado called for public comment.  
None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm

Motion: Mike Malone

Second: Nicole Benson

Vote: Unanimous

JoAnne Foutz, Zan Hyer, Shari Lyman, and Becky Nielson were not present to vote.