

MINUTES – **AS PRESENTED 12/8/15**
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 24, 2015

9:29 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Nicole Benson
Natalie Carter
Katrina Gaspar de Alba
David Gomez
Diane Kinsel
Brian Krall
Shari Lyman
Cyndy Mahoney
Marisol Montoya

Members Absent

Albert Delgado
Lois Mack
Mike Malone
Becky Nielson

Demographics, Zoning & GIS

Rick Baldwin, Director II
Steve Burda, Coordinator III
Sheri Garbiso, Senior GIS Analyst

Transportation

Ray Negrete, Coordinator III
John Lockhart, Coordinator IV

Brian Krall, AZAC Vice Chair, moderated the meeting in the absence of AZAC Chair Albert Delgado.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda for November 24, 2015.

Motion: Cyndy Mahoney Second: Shari Lyman Vote: Unanimous
Albert Delgado, Lois Mack, Mike Malone, and Becky Nielson were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

REPORTS

None.

FOCUS AREA E1 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Scenario 1 reassigns students in grades 1-5 from Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School to Edith Garehime Elementary School. Scenario 2 reassigns students in grades 1-5 from Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School to William Lummis Elementary School.

Rick Baldwin stated, due to requests at the November 10, 2015, AZAC meeting, Commission member Katrina Gaspar de Alba and Trustee Patrice Tew created Scenario 2, which would reassign students currently assigned to Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School in grades 1 - 5 to William Lummis Elementary School.

Katrina Gaspar de Alba expressed concern for transportation under Scenario 2.

Ray Negrete stated students moving from Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School to William Lummis Elementary School would receive transportation both due to Cheyenne Avenue being a major arterial and most residing more than two miles from the William Lummis Elementary School.

Brian Krall asked if Scenario 1 is preferable from a transportation standpoint.

Ray Negrete stated that Scenario 1 would be preferable in terms of transportation. It would require communication with the crossing guard company to ensure safety for students within walking distance. Many students would be within two miles of the school and not eligible for transportation.

Rick Baldwin stated Trustee Tew was on his speakerphone and on her way to the meeting.

Brian Krall asked if the commission should wait for her arrival to vote on Scenario 2.

Trustee Tew stated she would like to be present for the vote.

Rick Baldwin stated there is no easy access route for students to get to William Lummis Elementary School. The northern portion of the William Lummis Elementary School zone is Sun City, an age restricted community with very few children. Because of a wall and drainage channel busses would have to go around to reach the school.

Brian Krall asked if there is any concern about development bringing families into the area.

Rick Baldwin stated there is no development in the area. It is the older part of Summerlin and is mostly built out. There is an area at the edge that was filed for development, but has been put on hold. It may or may not continue at a later date.

Cyndy Mahoney stated there will be a new school built near this area. She reminded the commission that it is undesirable to rezone students twice in a short time. Scenario 2 may be affected by the new school, while Scenario 1 would not.

Natalie Carter asked what distance, time and travel would be if students had to take the bus.

Ray Negrete stated Transportation Department will analyze and provide costs for both scenarios.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Shelley Kresyman, Principal, Edith Garehime Elementary School, stated she appreciates the commission allowing her to speak at the last meeting and again at this one about the school's unique Model City program, their high number of zone variances and the difficulties being the zoned school for Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School may cause when it becomes a magnet school. She appreciates Scenario 2, which would defer the students from Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School's current attendance zone. She stated William Lummis Elementary School is at 65% of their capacity, so Scenario 2 might benefit them. Ms. Kresyman stated several students and their parents have told her their friends at Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School are looking forward to going to Edith Garehime Elementary School now. She stated this shows that the concerns are real that many students will not apply for the magnet program and will put her enrollment so high she will not be able to continue to take the zone variances of students who have been at their school for years.

Brian Krall asked Ms. Kresyman if she sees any potential negative effects of Scenario 2 on her campus.

Shelley Kresyman stated she does not. Scenario 2 will relieve the worries about additional enrollment.

Brian Krall called for possible motions from the commission.

Rick Baldwin stated Scenario 1 was moved forward to proposal at the last meeting.

Natalie Carter stated she does not like the distance involved in Scenario 2. However, she does hope that the students will decide to attend the magnet program at Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School and that the impact on William Lummis Elementary School will be minimal. She appreciates having options.

Cyndy Mahoney asked, if the intent of creating the magnet school is to make better use of an underutilized school, does it defeat the purpose to pair it with another underutilized school?

Rick Baldwin stated he is concerned that the combined zone becomes the preference area, placing all the students currently zoned to William Lummis Elementary School in the preference area for Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School's magnet program. That could benefit the magnet school, but leave William R. Lummis Elementary School further under capacity if those students apply to Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School.

Ray Negrete stated Scenario 2 would create a significant cost increase because of the students who do not currently receive transportation to Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School. Any students who would attend William R. Lummis Elementary School would require transportation. Current enrollment indicates there could be a cost increase of \$100,000 to the district per year because there is not room to add them to current bus runs. In addition there would be a cost of \$120,000 for each bus the district would have to purchase totaling over \$600,000. In the first year the cost would exceed \$700,000.

Brian Krall asked the commission to consider if it would be advantageous to take both scenarios to the public, or if they think it would better serve the public to make a decision and take only one forward.

Rick Baldwin stated it is within the purview of AZAC to take two scenarios to the public, however, if they cannot support a scenario, it should not be taken to public input meetings.

David Gomez asked if the analysis of \$100,000 is set in stone or if this is just a number thrown out that may not be accurate. He would rather see a true and accurate evaluation.

Ray Negrete stated final analyses will be provided to the commission; the estimates stated at this meeting are based upon current enrollment, given 90 students per bus. He explained the process and that it will probably be more. This was a minimum estimate.

Natalie Carter asked if there will be a cost involved in reassigning students to Edith Garehime Elementary School.

Ray Negrete stated there are crossing guards currently available at Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School. The crossing guard company has stated they will place crossing guards to assist students crossing Fort Apache Road to Edith Garehime Elementary School. The students reside within two miles of Edith Garehime Elementary School, so transportation would most likely not be provided. However, if there is no crossing guard available a cost analysis will be provided for transporting the students to Edith Garehime Elementary School.

Cyndy Mahoney stated it appears on the map that several of the students will be closer to Edith Garehime Elementary School. She asked if those students would lose their bus, or will the bus just transport them to Edith Garehime Elementary School instead of Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School.

Ray Negrete stated the far northeast corner of the scenario does transport a few students because there is no crossing guard available to assist students crossing Durango Drive. Existing space would be utilized, minimizing space to either Edith Garehime Elementary School or William Lummis Elementary School.

Marisol Montoya asked for further explanation of the increase of underutilization at William Lummis Elementary School discussed earlier.

Rick Baldwin stated he is concerned because the combined school zone is the preference area to the magnet program. If the students currently attending William Lummis Elementary School apply for the magnet program at Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School it could leave William Lummis Elementary School at a greater deficit of their capacity.

Marisol Montoya asked if the students at William Lummis Elementary School would have preference to go to Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School, but it would also expand William Lummis Elementary School's zone.

Rick Baldwin stated that is correct. If the proposal is voted upon by the Board of School Trustees the entire area would be zoned to William Lummis Elementary School. The hope is that students will want to attend

the International Studies program and will apply for the magnet program and will receive preference above students who do not reside within the boundary.

Marisol Montoya has concerns about transportation and continuity. She stated looking at the map it does not appear there is potential for greater use of William Lummis Elementary School due to lack of potential development and new schools being built. She does not think William Lummis Elementary School is likely to be fully utilized as a result of the lack of growth surrounding the school. As a result, she does not like Scenario 2.

Motion to take Focus Area E1 involving Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School and William Lummis Elementary School, Scenario 2 to public input.

Motion: Marisol Montoya Second: David Gomez Vote: 4 Yes, 5 No
Albert Delgado, Lois Mack, Mike Malone, and Becky Nielson were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Shelley Kresyman, Principal, Edith Garehime Elementary School, stated she hopes both proposals could go forward to the public so the parents of her school could speak before a decision is made.

Brian Krall explained that Scenario 1 will be taken to the public for their input and must also be voted on by the Board of School Trustees.

Shelley Kresyman stated she wanted the parents to see the second scenario to understand that there are other options.

Natalie Carter asked if Scenario 2 could be reviewed at a later time in spite of the fact that the commission voted not to take it forward.

Rick Baldwin stated they could put it back on the agenda at a later date; they could also reopen the motion with the caster of the motion and seconder both agreeing to reevaluate the motion.

David Gomez stated he agrees with Principal Kresyman. Maybe at a later date they can put it back on the table so the parents' voices are prominent in the decision, not just those of the commission.

Cyndy Mahoney stated it is instructive to hear from parents, but a scenario simply for the purpose of allowing parents to express a desire to not have their students move is not instructive. This is not a hard zone because they have the opportunity to apply for the magnet program. Students at William Lummis Elementary School are likely to stay at their current school rather than take a bus across Cheyenne Avenue, leaving Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School with their current population. This will not serve the purpose of creation of the magnet program bringing in additional students.

Brian Krall stated both schools' populations might stay as they are; we do not know at this time.

Rick Baldwin stated Mr. Krall is correct, we do not know.

Katrina Gaspar de Alba asked what the shift in enrollment numbers were for the current school year with respect

to elementary schools converting to magnet programs.

Rick Baldwin stated the majority of the students applied to the magnet programs and all who applied were approved.

Katrina Gaspar de Alba asked if it served its purpose.

Rick Baldwin stated that it absolutely did serve its purpose.

Marisol Montoya stated if Sheila R. Tarr Elementary School stays under capacity they will do heavy recruitment at the schools currently over capacity in the area.

David Gomez stated Principal Kresyman commented none of the AZAC members have visited with the Edith Garehime Elementary School parents. He volunteered to go to the school and meet with them and gather information.

Rick Baldwin stated as a follow up to Mr. Gomez' comment he always offers to go to schools and be available to answer questions of principals, staff and parents. He needs only to be invited.

FOCUS AREA E2 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Scenario 1 reassigns students from Lomie G. Heard Elementary School to J. E. Manch Elementary School and Mary and Zel Lowman Elementary School.

Brian Krall stated there was a request at the November 10, 2015, AZAC meeting for an additional scenario for the reassignment of Lomie G. Heard Elementary School students. He and Shari Lyman met with Rick Baldwin and determined that there is not another practical solution for placement of the students from Lomie G. Heard Elementary School, which will be closing at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

Rick Baldwin stated he spoke with Trustee Garvey, who represents this area, to discuss any potential alternate options. She is aware that there are very few options available in that area, especially considering the possibility of 500 plus students to be placed if the charter school does not open on time.

Brian Krall stated the principals of both Mary and Zel Lowman Elementary School and J. E. Manch Elementary School seem willing to undertake the challenge.

Shari Lyman stated Trustee Garvey was concerned about the Special Education Autism program. Ms. Lyman stated she believes that students with special needs will be taken care of.

Rick Baldwin stated he and Trustee Garvey also discussed this issue. Mary and Zel Lowman Elementary School does have both Primary and Intermediate Autism programs. He will discuss this with the director of the Special Education department. He stated there are concerns. The charter school may have comparable programs for the students, but he cannot speak for the charter school as it is an independent organization.

Brian Krall recommends they go forward with the scenario. It is possible the charter school will come back to CCSD and request a transitional year with Lomie G. Heard Elementary School staff in place. If they did so AZAC

would take the scenario off the table.

Rick Baldwin stated at this point all things are possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Anthony Nunez, principal, J. E. Manch Elementary School, stated both J. E. Manch Elementary School and Mary and Zel Lowman Elementary School are dealing with Turnaround and Victory status. The school district has invested considerable funds to ensure that quality programming is offered. If 500 students show up on their doorstep they would appreciate expedited processing of facility issues. One portable was set up in four months on his campus. He is concerned how long it would take if they should need ten portables set up. Both principals want to provide high quality service for all students, they just need time and support. Both schools are also Appendix A, which entitles them to begin hiring sooner than other schools because of their high needs. They would appreciate decisions being made before that hiring time begins so they can fly positions and attract high quality staff and retain current staff.

Brian Krall acknowledged Mr. Baldwin had discussed this with Mr. Nunez and that Trustee Garvey understands the difficulty this situation creates.

David Gomez asked how long it would take to get a portable up on the campus and where would the students be placed if we were not prepared for the 500 students.

Rick Baldwin stated he has already scheduled one portable to be delivered to J. E. Manch Elementary School before the end of the school year. Demographics, Zoning and GIS has limited control in that they schedule the movement of portables, but the Maintenance Department facilitates the move. If a situation were to occur in which 500 students arrive at Mary and Zel Lowman Elementary School and J. E. Manch Elementary School it would create many problems. This situation is different from the magnet school in that he receives detailed information regarding how many students apply, how many are accepted and from what schools they come allowing him to incorporate all of that data into the final staffing projections and placement of portables. That is done in March so the planning process is put into place before the end of the school year so if a school needs portables they are scheduled over the summer. That is how the process would work for a magnet program. Mr. Baldwin stated the Lomie G. Heard Elementary School situation is different and he will not receive information on who applies to go to the new charter school. We must assume that Mary and Zel Lowman Elementary School and J. E. Manch Elementary School will gain some students. Mr. Baldwin stated he will continue to monitor the situation very closely. If anything indicates they are to receive more students than projected in the spring his department will work immediately to get them more portables and additional resources.

David Gomez asked if the charter school will be erected in April and, if not, how transportation will be handled for the students currently attending Lomie G. Heard Elementary School.

Rick Baldwin stated the intent of the charter school is to utilize the current school building for the first year of operation while a new facility is being built on the site of new base housing across Las Vegas Boulevard.

David Gomez asked if Transportation is ready if something does happen in April and they are not able to get the charter school up and running.

