

MINUTES – 3/6/18 AS IS  
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

January 23, 2018

9:32 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Albert Delgado  
Nicole Benson  
Dave Flatt  
Angela Haldeman  
Diane Kinsel  
Mallory Levins (arrived at 9:43 a.m.)  
Shari Lyman (arrived at 9:39 a.m.; left at 11:43 a.m.)  
Cyndy Mahoney  
Mike Malone  
Matthew Tramp  
Rachel Wren

Members Absent

David Gomez  
Lois Mack  
Becky Nielson  
Glen Olsen

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

Ray Negrete, Transportation Coordinator IV  
Marcelo Valenzuela, Transportation Operations Manager  
Cameron Hasse, Transportation GIS Technician

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda for January 23, 2018.

Motion: Nicole Benson                      Second: Cyndy Mahoney                      Vote: Unanimous  
David Gomez, Mallory Levins, Shari Lyman, Lois Mack, Becky Nielson, and Glen Olsen were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.



## REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT

Albert Delgado opened discussion regarding elimination of the Ruth Fyfe Elementary School attendance boundary and adjusting the attendance boundaries of E. W. Griffith, Doris M. Reed, and Vegas Verdes Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated this area was on the agendas of two public input meetings and no one gave public input at either meeting. Mr. Baldwin stated he has participated in several meetings with the School Associate Superintendent and principals of these schools over the last few years.

Matthew Tramp asked if Ruth Fyfe Elementary School is to be closed permanently.

Rick Baldwin stated Fyfe Elementary School with its current location code will cease to exist after this school year. The current facility at Ruth Fyfe Elementary School will become a swing school the next school year to house Griffith Elementary School students while their school is replaced. The following school year a different school will be housed there while that school is replaced, as the district works through its replacement strategy for several schools requiring replacement.

Matthew Tramp asked if there will be any use in the future once the capital improvement program no longer needs the facility.

Rick Baldwin stated he is not aware of any plan for future use.

Ray Negrete stated Griffith Elementary School students will be transported to the current Fyfe Elementary School location.

Albert Delgado asked if transportation will be cost neutral with this change.

Ray Negrete stated busses currently in use will be rerouted, so the change will be cost neutral.

Cyndy Mahoney stated she favors moving forward with this proposal; no parents spoke against the change, and the closing of Fyfe Elementary School necessitates the reassignment.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 1, Focus Area E5, eliminating the attendance boundary of Ruth Fyfe Elementary School, and adjusting existing attendance boundaries of E. W. Griffith, Doris M. Reed, and Vegas Verdes Elementary Schools.

Motion: Matthew Tramp                      Second: Mike Malone                      Vote: Unanimous  
David Gomez, Lois Mack, Becky Nielson, and Glen Olsen were not present to vote.

## REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT

Albert Delgado opened discussion regarding adjustment of the attendance boundaries of Don E. Hayden / Ruby Duncan and Vincent L. Triggs Elementary Schools.





School is receiving a 22 room building addition, Lake Elementary School is receiving an 18 room building addition, both of which should be ready at the start of the next school year; Beckley Elementary School received an 18 room building addition that opened before winter break. Mr. Baldwin stated the intent of this item is to balance attendance and provide better safety for students walking to school.

Cyndy Mahoney stated she has seen the buildings under construction and was impressed. Ms. Mahoney stated the difference between Proposals 1 and 2 is the trade-off changes from and to Beckley and Harris Elementary Schools to avoid the necessity of looking at Beckley Elementary School in the future.

Albert Delgado requested input from Transportation department.

Ray Negrete stated they would recommend shifting positioning of crossing guards, and the trade-off changes from and to Beckley and Harris Elementary Schools will eliminate safety issues and the need for busses.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 2, Focus Area E6, adjusting the attendance boundaries of Will Beckley, Crestwood, George E. Harris, and Robert E. Lake Elementary Schools.

Motion: Cyndy Mahoney                      Second: Angela Haldeman                      Vote: Unanimous  
David Gomez, Lois Mack, Becky Nielson, and Glen Olsen were not present to vote.

#### REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT

Albert Delgado opened discussion regarding adjustment of the attendance boundaries of Clyde C. Cox / Gwendolyn Woolley, Lois Craig, Lincoln, and Mary and Zel Lowman / J. E. Manch Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated no public comment was given for this area. Mr. Baldwin stated Cox and Woolley Elementary Schools are each receiving 22 room building additions, Craig Elementary School is receiving an 18 room building addition, and Lowman Elementary School is receiving a 22 room building addition; Lincoln Elementary School was replaced, offering greater capacity than the old building, and opened in their new building for 2017-2018. Mr. Baldwin stated this is a densely populated area with limited possibilities for new schools due to the proximity of Nellis Air Force Base; additionally, there is a significant amount of residential development in the area, especially in the Manch / Lowman Elementary School zone. Mr. Baldwin stated he, Mr. Malone, Ms. Mack, and Ms. Murphy attended meetings with the principals of the schools involved in order to develop proposals with which all are comfortable.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 1, Focus Area E4, adjusting the attendance boundaries of Clyde C. Cox / Gwendolyn Woolley, Lois Craig, Lincoln, and Mary and Zel Lowman / J. E. Manch Elementary Schools.

Motion: Mike Malone                      Second: Shari Lyman                      Vote: Unanimous  
David Gomez, Lois Mack, Becky Nielson, and Glen Olsen were not present to vote.

Albert Delgado requested input from Transportation department.

Ray Negrete stated this proposal will reduce transportation by three busses.

#### REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT

Albert Delgado opened discussion regarding eliminating the attendance boundary of Mike O'Callaghan Middle School and evaluating existing attendance boundaries of Dr. William H. "Bob" Bailey, Duane D. Keller, and Dell H. Robison Middle Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated no public comment was given for this area. Mr. Baldwin stated the elimination of the current attendance boundary facilitates the expansion of the i<sup>3</sup> Learn Academy at Mike O'Callaghan Middle School to full S.T.E.M. magnet programming and provides feeder school alignment for the surrounding schools.

Cyndy Mahoney stated she and Ms. Haldeman met with the principals of the schools involved early in the process. Ms. Mahoney stated the difference between the two proposals is a small area to be assigned to either Keller Middle School or Robison Middle School; because there has been no public input on this area, staff advice would be appreciated.

Albert Delgado requested input from Transportation department.

Ray Negrete stated phasing creates a cost increase for the first year of eight additional busses for students who do not apply to or make the magnet program at O'Callaghan Middle School.

Cyndy Mahoney stated the change to total magnet programming at O'Callaghan Middle School makes the reassignment necessary.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Angela Haldeman requested staff input advice on choosing Proposal 1 or Proposal 2.

Rick Baldwin stated, due to feeder school alignment he would suggest using Proposal 1 with the inclusion of Area D from Proposal 2, or Proposal 2 as it is.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 2, Focus Area M3, eliminating the attendance boundary of Mike O'Callaghan Middle School, and adjusting existing attendance boundaries of Dr. William H. "Bob" Bailey, Duane D. Keller, and Dell H. Robison Middle Schools.

Motion: Cyndy Mahoney                      Second: Shari Lyman                      Vote: Unanimous  
David Gomez, Lois Mack, Becky Nielson, and Glen Olsen were not present to vote.

Albert Delgado opened discussion of public comment regarding establishing an attendance boundary for the new Dennis Ortwein Elementary School and evaluating the existing attendance boundaries of Charles and Phyllis Frias, Aldeane Comito Ries, and Evelyn Stuckey Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated one parent spoke in opposition to Areas D and E in Proposal 1. Mr. Baldwin stated reassignment of this small area is because streets exist now that did not exist when the original boundary line was created, giving the opportunity to use more easily understood designations than the parcel boundaries.

Albert Delgado requested input from Transportation department.

Ray Negrete stated Proposal 1 will save two busses in the area west of Valley View Boulevard; Ortwein Elementary School presents an unusual challenge accessing bus loading and unloading zone as busses must enter and exit at the same place. Mr. Negrete stated the fewer busses needed the better.

Albert Delgado asked for information on Section D, Proposal 3, regarding students crossing Cactus Avenue.

Ray Negrete stated students will be bussed across Cactus Avenue, reducing the saving from two to one bus less than is currently in use.

Albert Delgado asked if students in Area C, Proposal 2, are currently bussed to Stuckey Elementary School.

Ray Negrete stated students are currently picked up on both sides of Dean Martin Drive; Ortwein Elementary School will have a reduced speed allowing students to cross and, therefore, not require transportation.

Rick Baldwin stated, while understanding Transportation's preference for Proposal 2, Demographics and Zoning has concerns with it due to the excessive reduction in Stuckey Elementary School's enrollment numbers, as well as the increase in geographic population for Ortwein Elementary School.

Albert Delgado asked staff for geographic student population and development numbers for each proposal.

Rick Baldwin provided geographic student populations.

Sheri Garbiso provided development numbers.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Traci Holloway, newly appointed principal of Dennis Ortwein Elementary School, introduced herself.

Albert Delgado stated Proposal 2, which cuts the Stuckey Elementary School population to less than half its current numbers, does it an injustice. Mr. Delgado stated development will grow the student population of Ries Elementary School to close to 1000 again in Proposal 1, however they have shown in the past they can accommodate such numbers. Mr. Delgado heard from parents opposed to Areas D and E in Proposal 1, as well as parents opposed to Area D, Proposal 3, because it requires crossing Cactus Avenue.

Nicole Benson stated she opposes Proposal 2. Ms. Benson favors Proposal 1, eliminating Areas D and E.

Rachel Wren asked for clarification of student numbers.

Albert Delgado provided requested data.





Cyndy Mahoney stated some parents have questioned why an area may have two proposals while their area had only one. Ms. Mahoney stated AZAC has the ability to make adjustments to a scenario or proposal to any school included; not having different proposals for every possibility does not mean an area is without options; they can make changes. Additionally, as previously stated, this is not a vote, but how the commission works to bring things together. Ms. Mahoney stated Clark County School District is one school district; personal property taxes do not go to a particular school or geographic area. Clark County School District (CCSD) includes Boulder City, Mount Charleston, Sandy Valley, Moapa Valley, Mesquite, etc.; AZAC is tasked with serving all children within the Clark County School District. Ms. Mahoney stated in seven years on the commission she has never before heard mention of property values, which is not under AZAC's purview, nor is it something AZAC looks at in making their recommendations; AZAC considers socio-economics, transportation, walking paths, keeping schools equitable. Ms. Mahoney stated AZAC will not become tax assessors or realtors and will not determine whether one area's values may benefit while another does not and it is unfair of the public to put that out as a factor and to assign guilt for something that is not under the purview of the commission; they will work to the benefit of all children.

Angela Haldeman stated the commissioners do not take lightly students being moved from their schools and to do so with the probability of having to reassign an area again in the near future is undesirable. Ms. Haldeman stated several parents spoke about building a new school in the area, however there is a school in the area not near its capacity; while not in an area frequented by the families affected, that may change when it becomes the families' school. Ms. Haldeman commended the parents' enthusiasm and pointed out it can benefit any school with which they share their passion for their students' education.

Mallory Levins stated she, Mr. Flatt, Ms. Haldeman, Ms. Mahoney, Mr. Baldwin, and Ms. Murphy discussed public input and suggest making as little change as possible this year, waiting to see the result of the magnet transition on White Academy Middle School and on enrollment at Greenspun Junior High School, giving time to see if change is required in the future, and to work with parents. Ms. Levins stated, due to changes being suggested to Proposal 1, Area B will be left as an island; however, parents were only notified of the possibility of reassignment to Brown Academy Junior High School, not to Cortney Junior High School.

Rick Baldwin stated Area B is one daily-weekly-monthly apartment rental complex; data shows that 90% of students in that complex turn over every 6 months as families find jobs and permanent living facilities. Mr. Baldwin stated it is not an insurmountable situation best treated as a staff recommendation through the superintendent. Mr. Baldwin stated there is precedent for such a situation.

Albert Delgado stated the process should include every potential option during scenario creation, even if it is not something that seems desirable at the time, to avoid the necessity of this extra step.

Cyndy Mahoney stated the commission is proposing reassigning an area from Faiss Middle School to Canarelli Middle School because it was omitted when zoning the elementary school, causing lack of feeder school alignment; this situation is essentially the same, but has been caught now, eliminating the need to revisit it next year and, because they cannot remain zoned to White Academy Middle School, rezone them twice.

Rick Baldwin accepted responsibility for not putting this possibility forward sooner; during the scenario

process there was discussion of moving this area to Cortney Junior High School.

Albert Delgado stated this clarifies and makes the decision more in line with the AZAC process. Cyndy Mahoney stated the difference in this situation is the White Academy Middle School transition to full magnet programming, eliminating the potential to make no change, which would be a possible solution under other conditions.

Mallory Levins stated, in addition to Area B, Proposal 1 amendments suggested are Area J to remain at Cortney Junior High School, Area K to remain at Greenspun Junior High School, Area R to remain at Mannion Middle School, Area S to remain at Burkholder Middle School, and Area T to remain at Brown Academy Junior High.

Angela Haldeman asked if these changes can be shown on the map and what the student counts will be at Schofield Middle School and Greenspun Junior High School compared to their capacities.

Rick Baldwin stated Mr. Burda adjusted the map to show the amendments. Mr. Baldwin provided the number of geographic students as a whole for each school involved, although the change will be made with phasing; he reminded AZAC that secondary schools' projections are made considering each school's percent of change due to students who do not attend their zoned school, but magnet schools, open enrollment schools, etc. Mr. Baldwin stated the percent of change will increase in the area due to the White Academy Middle School magnet offering a preference to students in the area.

Albert Delgado called a five minute break at 11:36 a.m.

Albert Delgado called the meeting back to order at 11:44 a.m.

Dave Flatt asked for capacity of Mannion Middle School and Brown Academy Junior High School and for the number of students who have applied to the White Academy Middle School magnet program.

Cyndy Mahoney stated three trustee districts are represented in this proposal: Trustee Cavazos represented by Ms. Mahoney and Ms. Haldeman, Trustee Child represented by Mr. Gomez and Ms. Nielson, and Trustee Wright represented by Ms. Levins and Mr. Flatt. Ms. Mahoney explained all six commissioners have worked on the proposals.

Matthew Tramp asked if there is development projected in the Burkholder Middle School or Schofield Middle School zones that will increase their enrollment in the future.

Sheri Garbiso provided figures for active development.

Albert Delgado requested input from Transportation department.

Ray Negrete stated as the proposals were originally submitted there would be a nine bus increase. Mr. Negrete stated parents' concerns about safe walking paths to schools are in areas suggested for elimination from the proposal.

Rick Baldwin provided the number of applicants to White Academy Middle School magnet program.

Rachel Wren stated she, Trustee Brooks, and Matthew Tramp place high value on filling schools that have available seats, especially in light of the district's budget issues.

Cyndy Mahoney stated elementary schools usually have the greatest problem of overcrowding; middle schools do not tend toward such high numbers. Ms. Mahoney stated, to her recollection, Schofield Middle School and Burkholder Middle School have never been at capacity; the actions of AZAC are not taking students away from them. Ms. Mahoney stated agreement for moving the students currently assigned to White Academy Middle School, as this must be done: moving the least number of students overall is preferable.

Rick Baldwin stated some parents referred to zoning as a math problem, which it is, but not the math they perceive; in the new funding formula dollars follow the students: programs are added to schools based upon the dollars that follow those students. Mr. Baldwin stated schools like Schofield Middle School could add new programs based upon the funding they would receive by having more students; their 1,100 students cannot compete with a school that has 1,500 students programmatically because they do not have the funding to add those programs based upon enrollment numbers. Mr. Baldwin stated in two of the areas being reassigned from White Academy Middle School to surrounding schools 50 and 65 percent of the current fifth grade students have applied to attend the White Middle School magnet program. Mr. Baldwin stated the capacity issues at Greenspun Junior High School will be determined by the success of the magnet program at White Academy Middle School. Mr. Baldwin expressed regret that the changes will not increase numbers at Schofield and Burkholder Middle Schools.

Albert Delgado asked if the omission of Areas J, K, R, S, and T will decrease elementary to middle feeder school alignment.

Rick Baldwin stated there are elementary schools that will remain out of alignment.

Cyndy Mahoney stated she is concerned with Area F, as some students will move from elementary school to Burkholder Middle School, while others from the same school move to Greenspun Junior High School; it would have been preferable to move the entire elementary school zone to Burkholder Middle School to achieve alignment. Ms. Mahoney stated assigning Area F to Burkholder Middle School would keep the students together and help Burkholder Middle School move closer to their capacity; the suggested change will leave AZAC unable to change the zone for two to three years if Greenspun Junior High School requires relief.

Rick Baldwin stated 65% of the students in Area F applied to the White Academy Middle School magnet program. Mr. Baldwin stated because it is below capacity, Burkholder Middle School has been an Open Enrollment school. Mr. Baldwin asked Mr. Negrete if, because other students in the area are assigned to Burkholder Middle School, the students in Area F who apply for Open Enrollment to Burkholder Middle School could ride the bus already in use.

Ray Negrete stated a space available option would be heavily considered for the students in this area.

Albert Delgado stated the commissioners involved did excellent work in a difficult area.

