

MINUTES – **AS IS 11/7/17**  
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 31, 2017

9:32 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Albert Delgado  
Nicole Benson  
Dave Flatt  
Diane Kinsel  
Shari Lyman  
Lois Mack  
Cyndy Mahoney  
Mike Malone  
Becky Nielson  
Glen Olsen (arrived at 9:50 a.m.)  
Matthew Tramp  
Rachel Wren

Members Absent

David Gomez  
Mallory Levins

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

Marcelo Valenzuela, Transportation Operations Manager  
Cameron Hasse, Transportation GIS Technician

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda for October 31, 2017.

Motion: Mike Malone                      Second: Matthew Tramp

Vote: Unanimous

David Gomez, Mallory Levins, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for October 17, 2017.

Motion: Dave Flatt                      Second: Rachel Wren                      Vote: Unanimous

David Gomez, Mallory Levins, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.

## REPORTS

Rick Baldwin welcomed Trustee Linda Cavazos to the meeting. Mr. Baldwin presented the 2017-2018 Percent Change by School Year report for secondary schools.

## EVALUATE SCENARIO(S) FOR FOCUS AREA E1 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E1 establishes an attendance boundary for the new Kenneth Divich Elementary School and evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of James Bilbray / William and Mary Scherkenbach, Henry and Evelyn Bozarth, Marshall C. Darnell, and Sandra L. Thompson Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin recapped the objectives of Focus Area E1 Scenario 1, providing the numbers of students who would be moved to Kenneth Divich Elementary school from the existing schools.

Rachel Wren stated she and Matthew Tramp have parent meetings scheduled during the next week. Ms. Wren stated they have heard some parent concerns.

Becky Nielson asked if transportation is currently provided to the Marshall C. Darnell Elementary School students living north of CC 215.

Rachel Wren stated they do receive transportation. Ms. Wren asked if Farm Road will be two or four lanes in front of Kenneth Divich Elementary School.

Rick Baldwin stated he will find the answer for the commission. He stated the speed limit will drop to 15 miles per hour in front of the school.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## EVALUATE SCENARIO(S) FOR FOCUS AREA M1 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area M1 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Lawrence and Heidi Canarelli and Wilbur and Theresa Faiss Middle Schools.

Albert Delgado stated residential development in the southwest part of the Las Vegas Valley has the potential to bring an additional 2200 middle school students to the area.

Albert Delgado stated 98 students are attending elementary schools that are not aligned to middle school with their fellow students. Mr. Delgado stated this scenario will correct an oversight in the rezoning done last year to provide feeder school alignment.

Cyndy Mahoney asked if the previous year middle school attendance boundary changes are being phased. Ms. Mahoney asked if this change will include phasing to allow students to attend the middle school to which they are currently zoned.

Albert Delgado stated there is currently phasing for previous changes and phasing will be recommended for this change.

Rick Baldwin stated the changes made to middle school boundaries last year are phasing. Any change to this area will also be recommended for phasing.

Cyndy Mahoney asked if an option to attend the newly zoned school can be specified to parents know they may move rather than participate in the phasing and participate in transportation being provided to the surrounding area.

Rick Baldwin stated it would be necessary to check with Transportation. Mr. Baldwin stated AZAC always has the ability to recommend an option.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Monica Lang, Principal of Lawrence and Heidi Canarelli Middle School, stated she is happy to hear that there is discussion of middle schools. Ms. Lang stated there are 1950 students in Lawrence and Heidi Canarelli Middle School, and more to come with residential development in the area. Ms. Lang stated they want these 98 students so they have the opportunity to continue to middle school with their peers from elementary school. She stated there is parental concern about transportation and that she will be happy to work with Rick Baldwin's office to see how rezoning will affect the 98 students in question. Ms. Lang stated Roger West, Principal of Wilbur and Theresa Faiss Middle School, concurs.

A motion was made to move Focus Area M1, Scenario 1 to Proposal 1.

Motion: Nicole Benson                      Second: Becky Nielson                      Vote: Unanimous  
David Gomez and Mallory Levins were not present to vote.

#### PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATION FOR FOCUS AREA E4 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E4 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Clyde C. Cox, Lois Craig, Lincoln, and Mary and Zel Lowman / J. E. Manch Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated several of these schools are very overcrowded. Lowman Elementary School is getting a 22 room building addition, Clyde C. Cox and Gwendolyn Woolley Elementary Schools are getting 18 room additions, and Lois Craig Elementary School is getting an 18 room addition. Lincoln Elementary School just opened in their replacement facility with greater capacity. Mr. Baldwin stated he met with principals of some of these schools. He explained the intent is to relieve current overcrowding as well as anticipate residential growth.

Mr. Baldwin provided the number of students affected in each boundary change.

Shari Lyman stated there are few possible solutions to provide the needed relief in the area.

Rick Baldwin provided the current percentage over capacity for each school in this focus area.

Nicole Benson asked when the building additions will be available for use.

Rick Baldwin stated all of the building additions for these schools are scheduled to open for the 2018-2019 school year.

Matthew Tramp asked if the students currently attending Lois Craig Elementary School living south of Cheyenne Avenue receive transportation and if they would be within walking distance of Lincoln Elementary School.

Marcelo Valenzuela stated this area is currently receiving transportation by exception for student safety. Mr. Valenzuela stated a transportation investigator would be required to make a final determination, but it may become a walking zone to Lincoln Elementary School.

Becky Nielson asked if Lincoln Elementary School currently has any general education busses.

Cameron Hasse stated Lincoln Elementary School has only special needs busses at this time.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Darryl Wyatt, Principal, Gwendolyn Woolley Elementary School, asked that Scenario 1 be put on hold to allow time for the principals involved to work with Rick Baldwin. Mr. Wyatt stated there are concerns, not about the domino effect of moving students from school to school, but in the students they will be losing. Mr. Wyatt stated Gwendolyn Woolley and Clyde C. Cox Elementary Schools, which are Victory Schools, Turn Around Schools, and Clyde C. Cox Elementary School on the Achievement School District list, have worked hard to rally the support of the community and its parents. He stated for the first time in his eight years at this school they have an active PTA. Mr. Wyatt stated Scenario 1 takes approximately one quarter of their students and moves one quarter in from Manch / Lowman Elementary Schools with completely new parent groups. He stated they will gain parent groups with whom they have had no communication, while they lose the parents who have supported them and with whom they have spoken against conversion of Clyde C. Cox Elementary School to a charter school. Mr. Wyatt would like the opportunity to seek alternative scenarios.

#### PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATION FOR FOCUS AREA E5 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E5 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Ruth Fyfe, E. W. Griffith, Doris M. Reed, and Vegas Verdes Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated this area is part of the Clark County School District's plan to replace several schools. Mr. Baldwin explained there are only two remaining non-contiguous "leap-frog" zones in the district; Ruth Fyfe Elementary School has one of those. He stated Focus Area E5, Scenario 1, suggests moving the area currently "leap-frog" zoned to Fyfe Elementary School to a contiguous zone at Doris M. Reed Elementary School, which is gaining an 18 room addition. Mr. Baldwin stated Fyfe Elementary School will close at the end of the 2017-2018 school year; this scenario dissolves its zone into the surrounding schools: the non-contiguous area to Reed Elementary School and the remainder to E. W. Griffith Elementary School. He stated Griffith Elementary School students will be housed on the current

Fyfe campus for the 2018-2019 school year while a replacement facility is built in place of the old Griffith Elementary School. Mr. Baldwin explained in the following years different schools will be housed in the former Fyfe Elementary School while each is rebuilt; this is called a swing school.

Becky Nielson asked how many elementary school additions are scheduled to be built.

Rick Baldwin stated there are currently 23 building additions under construction, scheduled to open for 2018-2019.

Angela Haldeman asked how E. W. Griffith Elementary Schools students who will be crossing [Summerlin Parkway] US 95 will be handled.

Marcelo Valenzuela stated it is probable a transportation zone would be created for E. W. Griffith Elementary School.

Angela Haldeman asked if the change of apartment complexes from E. W. Griffith Elementary School to Vegas Verdes Elementary School will affect the diversity at Griffith Elementary School.

Rick Baldwin stated the data sheet shows there will be little change.

Rick Baldwin stated a meeting was attended by only a few parents, most of whom were very happy to be gaining a new building.

Becky Nielson asked if the parents of Ruth Fyfe Elementary School students are aware the school is being closed.

Rick Baldwin stated they are; the purpose of the meeting was to inform the school community. He stated the principal advised him the parents who were in attendance would inform others.

Albert Delgado asked if portable restrooms and lunch room would be included in those added to the Ruth Fyfe Elementary School campus to accommodate the additional students being housed there.

Rick Baldwin stated it will be unnecessary, because there are likely to be fewer students than the school is currently serving.

Becky Nielson asked how many more leap-frog areas are remaining.

Rick Baldwin stated there is one remaining, and it is unlikely it will be changed in the near future.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Andrews, Principal, E. W. Griffith Elementary School, stated their current students will definitely require transportation while housed at the former Ruth Fyfe Elementary School because they will be crossing US 95 and Decatur Boulevard. Ms. Andrews stated once in their new building the students north of US 95, currently attending Fyfe Elementary School, will require transportation.

## PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATION FOR FOCUS AREA E6 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E6 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Will Beckley, Crestwood, and Robert E. Lake Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated the Crestwood Elementary School is gaining a 22 room building addition, Robert E. Lake Elementary School is getting an 18 room building addition, and Will Beckley Elementary School is getting an 18 room addition. The purpose of this scenario is to balance enrollment between them. Mr. Baldwin stated a meeting was held with the principals of these schools. He stated the Beckley Elementary School addition is scheduled to be completed during Winter Break, enabling students to move into the new classrooms at the beginning of 2018.

Becky Nielson stated the principals saw the benefits of the scenario. Ms. Nielson shared a concern that Crestwood Elementary School currently has one general education bus and five to six special education busses. She stated there is concern that their parking area may not accommodate more busses. Ms. Nielson requested that the lack of adequate bus access be taken into consideration before the addition is completed.

Marcelo Valenzuela stated Transportation Department generally visits the principal of a school to discuss bus schedule, but must work with the area they are assigned. Mr. Valenzuela stated they can make recommendations for solutions to access problems.

Becky Nielson stated it is important that this be done before construction is completed.

Rick Baldwin stated he will also follow up on the transportation access situation.

Cyndy Mahoney stated she spoke with the principal of Will Beckley Elementary School about additional plans for building additions at other schools in the area and requested input from the school community as to whether it would be beneficial to rezone with all of this in mind once, or revisit the area in two or three years. Ms. Mahoney stated if their response favors rezoning all at once a second scenario may be presented to include another school's attendance boundaries.

Becky Nielson stated the principals and staff are appreciative of the elimination of some unsafe thoroughfare crossings required by the new boundaries.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Shannon Brown, Principal, Will Beckley Elementary School, stated her school community indicates it makes sense to rezone all at one time. Ms. Brown stated two specific areas which would probably be rezoned when a neighboring school receives a building addition in approximately 2022. Ms. Brown stated she will drive the areas to evaluate safety and if the Transportation Department should be involved.

Becky Nielson asked if there will be an entrance to the school property from Desert Inn Road.

Shannon Brown stated there will not.

Angela Haldeman asked if students on the west side of McLeod Drive are currently bussed to Will Beckley Elementary School.

Marcelo Valenzuela stated the only general education students being bussed at this time are from the north end of the school's zone; students west of McLeod Drive walk.

#### CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next AZAC meeting will be held on November 7, 2017.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Motion: Shari Lyman

Second: Dave Flatt

Vote: Unanimous

David Gomez and Mallory Levins were not present to vote.