

MINUTES - 8/14/18 AS PRESENTED
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

March 6, 2018

10:31 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Albert Delgado
Nicole Benson
Dave Flatt
Diane Kinsel
Mallory Levins (arrived at 10:43 a.m.)
Lois Mack
Cyndy Mahoney
Mike Malone
Becky Nielson
Matthew Tramp

Members Absent

David Gomez
Angela Haldeman
Shari Lyman
Glen Olson
Rachel Wren

Rick Baldwin, Director II

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda for March 6, 2018.

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: Dave Flatt Vote: Unanimous
David Gomez, Angela Haldeman, Mallory Levins, Shari Lyman, Glen Olson, and Rachel Wren were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for January 23, 2018, and the joint Board of School Trustees and AZAC meeting on February 21, 2018.

Motion: Nicole Benson Second: Matthew Tramp Vote: Unanimous
David Gomez, Angela Haldeman, Mallory Levins, Shari Lyman, Glen Olson, and Rachel Wren were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVED ZONING FOR THE 2018-1029 SCHOOL YEAR

Rick Baldwin stated the AZAC joint meeting with the Board of School Trustees went very well. Mr. Baldwin asked for questions from the commissioners.

Matthew Tramp asked the reason for the staff recommendation for Area B in Focus Area M2.

Rick Baldwin stated the two proposals taken to the public comment meeting showed one daily/weekly rental complex with only one reassignment suggested: to B. Mahlon Brown Junior High School; this would have left the complex as a small island in an area reassigned to Cortney Junior High School. Mr. Baldwin stated this oversight was appropriately corrected by staff recommendation.

Cyndy Mahoney stated the meeting went so well because it was not necessary to go over each area presented in the Board Items in great detail as has happened in the past. Ms. Mahoney stated this is how the joint meeting should always be.

Becky Nielson stated the meeting went well because the AZAC commissioners did the work beforehand and were able to inform the parents prior to the Board of School Trustees meeting; the solutions came from the public input meetings.

Rick Baldwin stated the communication between AZAC commissioners and their board members also facilitated the procedure; the Trustees themselves were well informed during the process and, therefore, had no questions during most of the meeting. Mr. Baldwin stated the contentious areas were mitigated by the commission during the process and as a result those issues were not brought to the Board of School Trustees meeting.

Rick Baldwin stated communication with the public was brought up in Mr. Delgado's report to the trustees at the joint meeting with the Board. Mr. Baldwin stated staff, commissioners from each the areas being discussed, and principals of those schools meet at the beginning of the zoning season. Mr. Baldwin stresses with the principals they are AZAC's means of communication with their parents. Mr. Baldwin suggests a letter be composed by AZAC and/or DZG and sent by the principals in a Parent Link message advising them their school is being considered for rezoning and guiding them through meetings and public input opportunities and directing them to the AZAC website to follow the process.

Nicole Benson asked when this letter would be sent to parents.

Rick Baldwin stated the timing of the letter would be at the will of AZAC once the commissioners determine which schools they want included in each focus area. Mr. Baldwin suggested advance work on the part of commissioners whose districts include focus areas to determine which schools should be, and which do not need to be, considered for boundary changes.

Becky Nielson suggested using the term attendance boundary changes, because most parents do not understand the term zone change.

Rick Baldwin stated AZAC members may participate in drafting the letter.

Becky Nielson stated other input could be useful.

Albert Delgado stated he recalls hearing every year that parents say they have not been notified, or do not remember being notified, or just learned of the change a day ago. Mr. Delgado stated posting meeting agendas at libraries seems pointless, because most of our population no longer visits the library. Mr. Delgado suggested posting on Parent Link; Open Meeting Law requirements will have to be checked before making procedural changes. Mr. Delgado suggested to Superintendent Skorkowsky the idea of posting directly to Parent Link without going through the principals. Mr. Delgado stated there are more ideas submitted by the commission which will be presented to the Board of School Trustees. Mr. Delgado stated the commissioners and staff all contributed to making the final meeting a success.

THE 2018-2019 ZONING SEASON

Rick Baldwin stated three new elementary schools will be zoned next season. Mr. Baldwin stated there was originally a fourth new elementary school planned at La Madre Way and Lawrence Street, however a few charter schools have opened in the area, one right down the street from this location; as a result, the CCSD schools in the area have come in under projection and under capacity and the District chose to delay building that school for an undetermined period of time. Mr. Baldwin stated the school planned for Chapata Drive and Casady Hollow Avenue in the southeast part of the valley, originally scheduled to open in 2018, was delayed until the 2019-2020 school year and will be on the AZAC list for zoning next year affecting John C. Vanderburg, Neil C. Twitchell and Lorna J. Kesterson Elementary Schools as well as any others commissioners may wish to include in the focus area. Mr. Baldwin stated a new school will be built at Tompkins Avenue and El Conquistador Street to provide relief for Keith C. and Karen W. Hayes, Judy and John L. Goolsby, Lucille S. Rogers, and possibly Marion B. Earl Elementary Schools. Mr. Baldwin stated AZAC will be zoning for a new school at Vegas Valley Drive and Hollywood Boulevard to provide relief for Mervin R. Iverson, Hal Smith, possibly Cynthia W. Cunningham, as well as Daniel Goldfarb and John F. Mendoza Elementary Schools (the latter two also receiving building additions). Mr. Baldwin stated J. D. Smith Middle School is being replaced; the new building will be much larger and provide more seats, providing zoning opportunities for J. D. Smith, Roy W. Martin and Fremont Middle Schools (the latter of which will be rebuilt and reopen as a K-8 school). Mr. Baldwin advised the commission that he received a request from a principal for additional students; after discussion with the Trustee, Associate School Superintendent, and Superintendent, there may be action taken to assist this school as well.

Lois Mack asked if CCSD still owns the old Gorman site and, if so, what are the plans for its use.

Rick Baldwin stated CCSD does still own the former Gorman school; it is part of the Fremont construction project. Mr. Baldwin stated both the Gorman campus and Fremont will be demolished and rebuilt, with both expected to be used as swing schools; the timeline for this is yet to be determined.

Albert Delgado asked if the postponement of the school at La Madre Way and Lawrence Street would allow expediting the school planned for Mountain's Edge to next year rather than 2020.

Rick Baldwin stated the site has not yet been acquired from the Bureau of Land Management due to the lengthy process involved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Motion: Matthew Tramp

Second: Dave Flatt

Vote: Unanimous

David Gomez, Angela Haldeman, Shari Lyman, Glen Olson, and Rachel Wren were not present to vote.