

MINUTES - **AS PRESENTED 1/21/20**
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 3, 2019

9:33 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Dave Flatt
Diane Kinsel
Mallory Levins (arrived at 9:39)
Lois Mack
Becky Nielsen
Matthew Tramp
Colleen Wilson-Pappa
Rachel Wren

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

Ray Negrete, Transportation Coordinator IV

Members Absent

Albert Delgado
David Gomez
Justin Hepworth
John Mismas

FLAG SALUTE.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

Motion to adopt agenda for December 3, 2019.

Motion: Rachel Wren Second: Dave Flatt Vote: Unanimous

Albert Delgado, David Gomez, Justin Hepworth, Mallory Levins, and John Mismas were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

None available.

REPORTS.

None.

EVALUATE SCENARIO(S) FOR FOCUS AREA M1 FOR MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

Rick Baldwin stated that Scenarios 1 and 2 for Dr. William H. "Bob" Bailey, Jim Bridger, John C. Fremont, Carroll M. Johnston, Duane D. Keller, K. O. Knudson, Jerome D. Mack, Roy W. Martin, Mario C. and

Joanne Monaco, Dell H. Robison, J. D. Smith and Ed Von Tobel Middle Schools were presented at the last meeting however, staff have resubmitted the scenarios with alphabetical callouts for each individual area with the Focus Area Summary. Rick said that Scenario 3 was developed from the last meeting's discussion.

Becky Nielsen stated that AZAC had received letters and comments from K.O. Knudson Middle School. She also pointed out that these scenarios were in no way trying to take away any seats from the magnet program at Knudson Middle School. Becky stated that this is addressing Fremont Middle School and the effects of that school becoming a full magnet school. Mrs. Nielson said this will not affect the magnet program at Knudson Middle School.

Rick Baldwin stated that Becky's statement was correct. He reiterated that there are no plans for proposing to decrease the magnet program at Knudson Middle School. Rick said this commission and staff do not have the authority to make Knudson Middle School a full magnet school nor the authority to make Fremont Middle school a full magnet school. Mr. Baldwin stated that is a process that goes through the Regional Superintendent and then to the Superintendent.

Mallory Levins stated she knew that this is the last day to move scenarios towards proposals but it would provide her with less skepticism if they heard from the department that manages magnet programs.

Rick Baldwin stated that he has significant input to that process. He said he is insuring this is going to work out the way we expect.

Becky Nielsen stated she knows there is a lot of skepticism but she has to stand up for staff at this time because this is an organization that gets numbers closer than 0.1% when they do projections. She said this is probably one of the best Demographics Departments in the nation at determining how these numbers have come about. Mrs. Nielson said we are talking with experts here.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Susan Seacrant, grandparent, K. O. Knudson Middle School, stated Knudson, Fremont, and Martin Middle Schools are old established schools in the neighborhood, that people live in the neighborhood, stay in the neighborhood because of the school. She said she feels that making Fremont Middle School a 100% magnet school takes that freedom away from those parents and families that have lived in that neighborhood for years. Ms. Seacrant stated she does not feel like students should be pawns in a political game in this rezoning. She said she does not see how Knudson Middle School will not lose any magnet seats. Ms. Seacrant expressed concerns for an additional 200 students that would be walking through that park to go home. She said we do not have the manpower to police that area and prevent any incidences happening.

Amanda Hicks, parent, K. O. Knudson Middle School, stated she is the SOT chair at Knudson Middle School. She said that CCSD and particularly AZAC has not acted in good faith regarding informing parents what is going on with Knudson Middle School or rebuilding issues. Ms. Hicks states as a SOT team we have discussed several solutions to these rezoning issues including considering transportation and planning issues. She said you say that these decisions will not affect our magnet program but I do not see how 1100 extra students won't flood our school which is already over capacity.

Fabiola Martinez, parent, K. O. Knudson Middle School, expressed her concern for the overcrowding as they are at full capacity, students have a hard time getting their lunch, and with more students it's going to

make it worse. She said there will be more students in classes and teachers are not able to pay attention to as many students. Ms. Martinez said she really hopes that AZAC takes some of the suggestions of converting the full magnet school to 50/50 that way the students actually have the option of staying there. Knudson Middle School is accepting now 250 students and it would be better if they increased the amount of students that are able to attend the magnet. She said if my child is not able to attend, at least I have that choice

Isaias Gonzalez, parent, K. O. Knudson Middle School, stated that AZAC is talking about if, if, if, and the changes you are going to make. Everything is about 'if' and that AZAC is not taking into consideration the students. If it happens it happens. But the students will have already lost the programs for all of those years then where will they go.

Laurence Aberman, parent, K. O. Knudson Middle School, stated that every scenario for Knudson Middle School has them in a losing position. He said K. O. Knudson Middle School is already overcrowded, any zoning scenario sets Knudson Middle School up as having to receive more students from the neighborhood. Mr. Aberman said this will overcrowd an overcrowded school. Additionally, being forced to take on more neighborhood students will compromise an already neglected magnet program at Knudson Middle School. He said he is aware of the situation at Knudson Middle School being a half magnet school is not an issue AZAC addresses but any action proposed will lessen magnet spots available as a result of overcrowding. This will put my family at even more of a disadvantage of attending this magnet middle school. Essentially any action of this board will overcrowd Knudson Middle School.

Angelica Ruiz, parent, K. O. Knudson Middle School, stated that Knudson Middle School is a good school and wanted both of her children to attend there. She said they do not live in the area and she wants other parents to be able to choose their schools. Ms. Ruiz said her daughter wants to be at Knudson Middle School, she does not want to go to another school and she likes all of her teachers. She said the teachers care about the students, her son's grades have improved since he started attending K. O. Knudson Middle School.

Amy Symes, parent, K. O. Knudson Middle School, stated that she is also on the SOT for Knudson Middle School and thanked the commission for allowing them to speak. She said they do understand and respect the board and the school district with the parameters of what you are able to do and what you are not able to do. However, as AZAC has heard from some of the families and from the community, they are concerned. Based on the proposed zoning it will decimate the magnet program. It's not possible to predict that students will be accepted into other schools or choose to go to other schools if they want. Magnet is 100% lottery for middle schools. We are solution focused at Knudson Middle School and we want to help in any way possible. Ms. Symes said we would love to create an opportunity zone that would make Knudson, Fremont and Martin Middle Schools the workforce to be dedicated magnet. Our administration and our SOT would love the chance to meet with you at a time that would be conducive so that our parents could be there and we would also love to meet with the zoning board for the school district as well.

Becky Nielsen stated the magnet schools are very successful. She said she wished AZAC had the power that people think they do. Mrs. Neilson stated AZAC is just a recommending body that recommends boundaries to the school board and they are the ones who finalize any of the recommendations. AZAC is not able to determine what schools are magnet or the percentage of schools that are magnet.

Colleen Wilson-Pappa stated she wanted everyone to know that she compliments each and every speaker for their passion.

Mallory Levins stated she agreed with the parents who have asked why we did not come out to their community sooner and there are other communities that were afforded those conversations. She said she wished AZAC could have heard more from them and had heard from the principals.

Rachel Wren stated the other communities have asked for us to come speak. She asked if that was correct.

Rick Baldwin said that was correct. He said we do not invite ourselves anywhere, we come at the request of a school, a SOT, PTA, or the PTO.

Rachel Wren said we want to get the information out there. A lot of it falls on the principals to notify the community earlier as they were notified and it has been on the AZAC website.

Becky Nielsen turned the chair over to Dave Flatt at 10:41 a.m.

Motion to recommend Focus Area M1 Scenario 1 and Scenario 3 as Proposal 1 and 2.

Motion: Becky Nielsen Second: Matthew Tramp

Vote: Yea: Dave Flatt, Diane Kinsel, Lois Mack, Colleen Wilson-Pappa, and Rachel Wren

Nay: Mallory Levins

Albert Delgado, David Gomez, Justin Hepworth, and John Mismas were not present to vote.

Dave Flatt returned the chair to Becky Neilson at 10:45 a.m.

Becky Nielsen stated that we will have public input meetings in January where we will be able to hear from more public. She said we will make sure someone from the Magnet Department attends the Public Input Meeting

Rick Baldwin stated that Public Input Meeting flyers would be created and staff will send the flyers to every focus area principal and to feeder elementary school principals. He announced the date, time, and location for the Public Input Meeting for this area.

EVALUATE SCENARIO(S) FOR FOCUS AREA M3 FOR MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

Rick Baldwin stated that AZAC had previously reviewed these scenarios for Focus Area M3 for Walter Johnson Junior High School, Ernest A. Becker, Sr., and Sig Rogich Middle Schools.

Rachel Wren stated that the growth within the Rogich Middle School attendance boundary is quite significant and that the school is already over-crowded. The goal of this is to relieve the over-crowding as much as possible. She said we are open to suggestions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER

Tony Bender, parent, Rogich Middle School, stated he has two children at Rogich Middle School. He said his sixth grader just started at Rogich Middle School and he has great concerns about him moving to Becker Middle School. Mr. Bender stated that Becker Middle School and Palo Verde High School both start at 8:00 a.m. and they would be going in two different directions. He said they choose not to put the children on a bus for numerous reasons and that getting them to Becker Middle School and Palo Verde

High School at the same time would be a big challenge. Mr. Bender said from what he has heard from people that actually go to Becker Middle School is that the things that are offered at Rogich Middle School are not offered at Becker Middle School. He said that he feels it is not fair to reassign his child.

Matthew Tramp reiterated that when rezoning middle schools it is a phase-in process so it only applies to incoming sixth graders for the next school year. He said we do plan on including that in this proposal.

Motion to take Focus Area M3 Scenario 3 as is for Proposal 1, with phasing to the public.

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: Rachel Wren Vote: Unanimous
Albert Delgado, David Gomez, Justin Hepworth, and John Mismas were not present to vote.

Motion to take Focus Area M3 Scenario 1 for Proposal 2 for Rogich and Becker Middle Schools with an amendment to include and combine the area of Scenario 3 to reassign from Rogich Middle School the area east of Town Center Drive, south of Charleston Boulevard, west of Hualapai Way, and north of Sahara Avenue to Johnson Junior High School with phasing.

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: Wren Vote: Unanimous
Albert Delgado, David Gomez, Justin Hepworth, and John Mismas were not present to vote.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT MEETING PROCEDURES.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the Public Input Meeting procedures.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the Public Input meeting dates: January 13th will be held at Rogich Middle School; January 14th will be held at Burkholder Middle School; January 15th will be held at Wright Elementary School; and January 16th will be held at Rancho High School.

Becky Nielsen informed the commission she will be out of town on January 15th and 16th so she will not be able to attend the Public Input Meetings. She stated the next regular scheduled meeting will be on January 21st

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

None.

ADJOURN.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Motion: Dave Flatt Second: Rachel Wren Vote: Unanimous
Albert Delgado, David Gomez, Justin Hepworth, and John Mismas were not present to vote.