

MINUTES – AS PRESENTED 3/7/17
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION
(A JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES)

February 22, 2017

6:04 p.m.

Members Present

Albert Delgado
Nicole Benson
David Gomez (out of room 6:33pm-6:55 pm)
Justin Hepworth
Diane Kinsel
Mallory Levins
Shari Lyman
Lois Mack-arrived at 6:07 pm
Cyndy Mahoney
Mike Malone
Becky Nielson
Glen Olsen

Members Absent

Rachel Wren

Demographics, Zoning & GIS

Rick Baldwin, Director II
Steve Burda, Coordinator III

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda for February 22, 2017.

Motion: Mike Malone Second: Becky Nielson

Vote: Unanimous

Rachel Wren and Lois Mack were not present to vote.

This meeting was conducted simultaneously by the Clark County School District Board of Trustees and the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Gomez, as a member of the public, thanked the members for their many years of experience and their commitment to the AZAC Commission.

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM SISTER ROBERT JOSEPH BAILEY, EDNA F. HINMAN, C. T. SEWELL, JIM THORPE, AND HARRIET TREEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO THE NEW JOSH STEVENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.01)

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM JIM THORPE AND HARRIET TREEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO EDNA F. HINMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.02)

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM EDNA F. HINMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO LORNA J. KESTERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.03)

Mr. Baldwin stated he was excited to be opening new schools once again and to be able to relieve overcrowding. Mr. Baldwin stated this will establish the boundaries for Josh Stevens Elementary School. He stated that the transportation staff would not be present. He reported transportation costs will be neutral to all recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion by the Board of School Trustees to accept the recommendations to reassign the area as described as reflected on agenda items 3.01, 3.02 and 3.03.

Motion: Trustee Wright Second: Trustee Cranor Vote: 7-0, Motion Passed

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM CAROLYN S. REEDOM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO JAN JONES BLACKHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.04)

Mr. Baldwin reviewed the attendance boundary for the Jan Jones Blackhurst Elementary School that will reassign students from Carolyn S. Reedom Elementary School. He stated AZAC had some challenges as a new school will also open in 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion by the Board of School Trustees to accept the recommendation to reassign the area as described as reflected on agenda item 3.04.

Motion: Trustee Edwards Second: Trustee Young Vote: 7-0, Motion Passed

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM LINDA RANKIN GIVENS AND ETHEL W. STATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO BILLY AND ROSEMARY VASSILIADIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.05)

Mr. Baldwin stated this will establish the boundary for Billy and Rosemary Vassiliadis Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion by the Board of School Trustees to accept the recommendation to reassign the area as described as reflected on agenda item 3.05

Motion: Trustee Brooks Second: Trustee Edwards Vote: 7-0, Motion Passed

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM KATHY L. BATTERMAN AND WAYNE N. TANAKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO SHELLEY BERKLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.06)

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM KATHY L. BATTERMAN, ROBERT L. FORBUSS, AND JUDITH D. STEELE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO WAYNE N. TANAKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.07)

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM ROBERT L. FORBUSS AND JUDITH D. STEELE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO DON AND DEE SNYDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.08)

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM MARK L. FINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO JUDITH D. STEELE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.09)

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM TONY ALAMO, MARK L. FINE, CHARLOTTE HILL, ALDEANE COMITO RIES, AND LOUIS WIENER, JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO DR. BEVERLY S. MATHIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.10)

Mr. Baldwin stated this will establish an attendance boundary for three new schools, Shelley Berkley, Dr. Beverly S. Mathis, and Don and Dee Snyder Elementary Schools and will balance student population in this geographic area. This will relieve a lot of overcrowding in this area and will take several schools off a year round calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Lockey, parent, stated that rezoning for Judith D. Steele Elementary School will impact her student. Ms. Lockey has concerns with traffic and would prefer that Warm Springs Road and Buffalo Drive stay in the same boundary.

Trustee Edwards asked how many students would be impacted by this change.

Mr. Baldwin stated there are 66 students in the area that is being rezoned with a lot of growth potential.

Motion by the Board of School Trustees to accept the recommendation to reassign the areas as described as reflected on agenda items 3.06, 3.07, 3.08, 3.09, and 3.10

Motion: Trustee Edwards Second: Trustee Child Vote: 6-0, Motion Passed
Trustee Cranor was not present to vote.

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM VICTORIA FERTITTA MIDDLE SCHOOL TO CLIFFORD J. LAWRENCE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. (3.11)

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM CLIFFORD J. LAWRENCE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND WILBUR AND THERESA FAISS MIDDLE SCHOOL TO VICTORIA FERTITTA MIDDLE SCHOOL. (3.12)

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM VICTORIA FERTITTA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND LAWRENCE AND HEIDI CANARELLI MIDDLE SCHOOL TO WILBUR AND THERESA FAISS MIDDLE SCHOOL. (3.13)

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM LAWRENCE AND HEIDI CANARELLI MIDDLE SCHOOL TO LOIS AND JERRY TARKANIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL. (3.14)

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM LOIS AND JERRY TARKANIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL TO LAWRENCE AND HEIDI CANARELLI MIDDLE SCHOOL. (3.15)

Mr. Baldwin stated subsequently with the elementary school rezoning in agenda items 3.06-3.07 as well as 3.04, also have had recommendations for middle school boundary adjustments. This recommendation will create feeder school alignment for all those elementary schools feeding into those middle schools. This recommendation is made with grade level phasing for incoming 6th grade students for the next three years until it fully transitions.

Trustee Edwards stated this area has been reviewed for three years and she is excited it will balance out the middle schools.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

Motion by the Board of School Trustees to accept the recommendation to reassign the area as described as reflected on agenda items 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.14 and 3.15

Motion: Trustee Edwards Second: Trustee Cranor Vote: 7-0, Motion Passed

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM GLEN C. TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO FRANK LAMPING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.16)

Mr. Baldwin stated 11 years ago this area was rezoned from Lamping Elementary School to Glen C. Taylor Elementary School. At that time Lamping Elementary School had over 1000 students and Glen C. Taylor Elementary School did not have as many students.

Trustee Wright thanked her AZAC members for considering this change, and the hard work they put into this recommendation

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion by the Board of School Trustees to accept the recommendation to reassign the area as described as reflected on agenda item 3.16

Motion: Trustee Wright Second: Trustee Edwards Vote: 7-0, Motion Passed

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM JAMES E. AND ALICE RAE SMALLEY AND J. MARLAN WALKER INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO J. MARLAN WALKER INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.17)

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM
JAMES E. AND ALICE RAE SMALLEY AND J. MARLAN WALKER INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS TO JAMES E. AND ALICE RAE SMALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (3.18)

Mr. Baldwin stated AZAC was asked to consider dissolving the sister school boundary between James E. and Alice Rae Smalley and J. Marlan Walker International Elementary Schools and establish separate attendance boundaries. Several discussions and meetings took place with parents. Through a lot of discussion, the AZAC members created an option to help transition to the hard boundaries for these two schools. AZAC's recommendation is with the option included with the zone change. Without the option AZAC recommends no changes be made.

Trustee Edwards asked what kind of precedence the option creates and how to manage it.

Superintendent Skorkowsky stated this is a sister school situation and in those situations staff needs to look at special circumstances. These schools have been through changing circumstances for a number of years since James E. and Alice Rae Smalley Elementary School opened.

Trustee Edwards asked if AZAC had a conversation about doing phasing.

Mr. Baldwin stated that these two sister schools are slightly more unique because most sister schools share a parcel of land or a parking lot. These schools are one quarter mile apart from each other.

Justin Hepworth stated that AZAC did have a very extensive discussion and meetings with parents. AZAC crafted the option recommendation very specifically to this situation. There were multiple considerations that went into the option.

Trustee Edwards stated there needs to be recognized board intent that this does not set a precedence and this is a special circumstance given the distance between schools, the programs at the schools and the nature of the agreements that were reached that are particular and peculiar to this set of school. She requested it be placed on record.

Trustee Young stated she appreciates the commitment of the AZAC members and the other trustees.

Trustee Edwards thanked the AZAC Commission for their dedication.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amanda Truax, parent, stated she wanted to extend her gratitude to the commission. She applauds the district for having this commission in place and for their hard work.

Erin Ackerman, parent, stated she appreciates the board and everything that was put into this process. She stated she really feels like the opinions and feedback were taken into consideration. AZAC went above and beyond and they go unnoticed.

Laura Dalton, parent, stated she wanted to say thank you and the members really listened and she is very grateful. Ms. Dalton stated that Mr. Baldwin is amazing and thanked him.

Trustee Wright thanked her AZAC members who went above and beyond and she commended the work they did this year.

Motion by the Board of School Trustees to accept the recommendation to reassign the area as described as reflected on agenda items 3.17 and 3.18

Motion: Trustee Wright Second: Trustee Edwards Vote: 7-0, Motion Passed

SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR FROM HARRY REID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ELTON M. AND MADELAINE E. GARRETT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND BOULDER CITY HIGH SCHOOL TO WILLIAM BENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND LAUGHLIN JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL. (3.19)

Mr. Baldwin stated this item is a staff recommendation. There is a small home community of 34 homes on the north side of Laughlin Township boundary. Mr. Baldwin stated no students have lived in the area for over 10 years. Now two students have moved into this rural area. A letter was sent to all residents to explain the changes. Our office received emails in favor of the change and zero opposition.

Motion by the Board of School Trustees to accept the recommendation to reassign the area as described as reflected on agenda item 3.19

Motion: Trustee Edwards Second: Trustee Young Vote: 7-0, Motion Passed

Superintendent Skorkowsky and the Trustees thanked the Commission members, Rick Baldwin and his staff for their hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Gomez, as a member of the public, thanked Mallory Levins, Justin Hepworth, and Mr. Baldwin for their hard work and dedication.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Motion: Shari Lyman Second: Cyndy Mahoney Vote: Unanimous

Rachel Wren was not present to vote