

MINUTES
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

JOINT MEETING WITH THE ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

5:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Members Present
Erin E. Cranor, President
Linda E. Young, Vice President
Patrice Tew, Clerk
Stavan Corbett, Member
Carolyn Edwards, Member
Chris Garvey, Member
Deanna L. Wright, Member

Pat Skorkowsky, Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Carols McDade, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel; Kim Wooden, Deputy Superintendent, Educational and Operational Excellence Unit; Rick Baldwin, Director, Demographics, Zoning and GIS Department, Business and Finance Division; Cindy Krohn, Executive Assistant to the Board, Board Office; Elizabeth Carrero, Executive Manager, Office of the Superintendent; Lisa Chrapcynski, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office; and Attendance Zone Advisory Commission (AZAC) Members Albert Delgado, Cyndy Mahoney, Becky Nielson, Anna Slighting, Natalie Carter, Nicole Benson, JoAnna Foutz, Brian Krall, Shari Lyman, Mike Malone, Jose Solorio, and Marisol Montoya-Herrera.

TELECONFERENCE CALL CONNECTED

Teleconference call with Trustee Edwards was connected at 5:33 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Corbett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Adopt agenda.

Motion: Young Second: Wright Vote: Unanimous

Trustee Tew and Garvey were not present for the vote.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Tew arrived at the board meeting at 5:35 p.m.

ADOPT AGENDA (continued)

AZAC took roll call and opened their meeting by unanimous vote at 5:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM LINDA RANKIN GIVENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO WILLIAM LUMMIS AND CLARENCE PIGGOTT ELMENTARY SCHOOLS

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign the areas as described, from **Linda Rankin Givens Elementary School** to **William Lummis and Clarence Piggott Elementary Schools**, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended in Reference 3.01.

Public Hearing

Sarah McCoy expressed concerns with this proposal, stating that it would be detrimental to Givens Elementary School placing it in danger of being placed on a year-round calendar and in jeopardy of losing its full-day kindergarten program. She spoke in favor of proposal 1.

Carolee Frost (phonetic) said she would like to postpone Givens Elementary School being placed on a year-round calendar for as long as possible. She asked that if the Board approves AZAC's recommendations tonight and if Givens Elementary School is on the list for possible year-round conversion next year that the community be given another opportunity for rezoning and not automatically converted to a year-round calendar.

Kelli Mendenhall spoke in opposition to proposal 2, which she said does not address the overcrowding at Givens or Bonner Elementary Schools, but instead adds students with new homes in the area under active construction. She said she supports proposal 1.

BOARD MEMBER ARRIVES

Trustee Garvey arrived at the board meeting at 5:49 p.m.

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM LINDA RANKIN GIVENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO WILLIAM LUMMIS AND CLARENCE PIGGOTT ELMENTARY SCHOOLS (continued)

Trustee Cranor said that in the past an area that did not have students at the time had been rezoned, and she wondered if the guideline whereby a boundary would not be rezoned for two consecutive years would apply in that instance.

Mr. Baldwin said it is his opinion that if no students were moved, it would not be subject to that two-year stipulation.

**APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM LINDA RANKIN
GIVENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO WILLIAM LUMMIS AND CLARENCE PIGGOTT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (continued)**

Mr. McDade said Regulation 7111 states that a school attendance boundary will not be changed for two consecutive years, so his interpretation is that if there was no change to the boundary, the two-year trigger has not begun.

Trustee Cranor clarified that one of the proposals before the Board target an area that does not have students in it at this time but includes an area that is under construction and is expected to bring students in and in the past was considered a type of non-change since no current students would be affected.

Mr. McDade said if the school attendance is changed this year, then AZAC and the Board should consider the stability of that school and not change it for two years, but it is not a prohibition.

Trustee Wright said her recollection is that if no students are being moved this year, the boundary can be reconsidered next year.

Trustee Edwards said she is opposed to leapfrog zoning because she does not believe it resolves Givens Elementary School's issues. She said it is her belief that when students are not moved, the rezoning does not fall under the policy of not rezoning a school for two consecutive years. She said if it is a possibility that Givens will be rezoned next year, that should be considered tonight, including options that could ameliorate next year's situation.

Superintendent Skorkowsky recognized the concerns expressed by families and community members, and he also recognized the challenges the District faces, and he said the District is working to meet those needs.

Motion to accept Item 3.01 as presented.

Motion: Wright Second: Corbett

Trustee Edwards expressed concerns with leapfrog zones. She said she does not view them as beneficial and said they hurt communities. She said she would not be in support of the motion.

Mr. Delgado said that it was his understanding that the intent of this proposal is that there would be a possibility of reviewing it again next year, but the regulation does not appear to read that way. He offered a projected student yield out of the housing development.

Mr. Solorio said he believes proposal 2 could be offered as a long-term solution because it holds the current boundaries. He said there are many options for full-day kindergarten.

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM LINDA RANKIN GIVENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO WILLIAM LUMMIS AND CLARENCE PIGGOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (continued)

Public Hearing

A Givens Elementary School parent expressed concern with leapfrogging and said she feels it is a long-term injustice. She said the children are the ones who are going to suffer from this.

*Vote on Trustee Wright's motion: Yeses – 6 (Cranor, Young, Wright, Corbett, Garvey, Tew);
No – (Edwards)
The motion passed.*

APPROVE ITEMS 3.02 THROUGH 3.06

Approval of Items 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05, and 3.06, respectively, as follows:

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM HENRY AND EVELYN BOZARTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO JAMES BILBRAY AND WILLIAM AND MARY SCHERKENBACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign the area as described, from **Henry and Evelyn Bozarth Elementary School** to **James Bilbray and William and Mary Scherkenbach Elementary Schools**, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended in Reference 3.02.

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM SANDRA L. THOMPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO JAMES BILBRAY AND WILLIAM AND MARY SCHERKENBACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign students in grades K-5, living in the area as described, from **Sandra L. Thompson Elementary School** to **James Bilbray and William and Mary Scherkenbach Elementary Schools**, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended in Reference 3.03.

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM HENRY AND EVELYN BOZARTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO SANDRA L. THOMPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign students in grades K-5, living in the area as described, from **Henry and Evelyn Bozarth Elementary School** to **Sandra L. Thompson Elementary School**, beginning the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended in Reference 3.04.

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM HENRY AND EVELYN BOZARTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO MARSHALL C. DARNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign students in grades K-5, living in the area as described, from **Henry and Evelyn Bozarth Elementary School** to **Marshall C. Darnell Elementary School**, beginning the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended in Reference 3.05.

APPROVE ITEMS 3.02 THROUGH 3.06 (continued)

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM MARSHALL C. DARNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO DEAN LAMAR ALLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign students in grades K-5, living in the area as described, from **Marshall C. Darnell Elementary School** to **Dean LaMar Allen Elementary School**, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended in Reference 3.06.

Public Hearing

Lee Raley said he is opposed to the proposal shown in Item 3.05 because his family moved into this area to be close to Bozarth Elementary School. He said this rezone would extend the distance his child has to travel to get to school, and it would take him out of his neighborhood.

Ms. Slighting talked about how the proposal in Item 3.05 came to be. She said Bozarth Elementary School is overcrowded and had already eliminated its full-day kindergarten program to alleviate some of that, and there was still high growth into that community. She said there are also safety issues related to traffic and students walking to school.

Motion to accept the proposals presented in Items 3.02 through 3.06.

Motion: Garvey Second: Corbett Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE ITEMS 3.07 THROUGH 3.09

Approval of Items 3.07, 3.08, and 3.09, respectively, as follows:

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM HOWARD E. HECKETHORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BETSY RHODES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign students in grades K-5, living in the area as described, from **Howard E. Heckethorn Elementary School** to **Betsy Rhodes Elementary School**, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended in Reference 3.07.

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM JOSEPH M. NEAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BETSY RHODES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign future students in grades K-5, living in the area as described, from **Joseph M. Neal Elementary School** to **Betsy Rhodes Elementary School**, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended in Reference 3.08.

APPROVE ITEMS 3.07 THROUGH 3.09 (continued)

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM VINCENT L. TRIGGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO HOWARD E. HECKETHORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign the area as described, from **Vincent L. Triggs Elementary School** to **Howard E. Heckethorn Elementary School**, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended in Reference 3.09.

Motion to approve Items 3.07, 3.08, and 3.09 as presented.

Motion: Wright Second: Young Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM SIG ROGICH MIDDLE SCHOOL TO WALTER JOHNSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign the area as described, from **Sig Rogich Middle School** to **Walter Johnson Junior High School**, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended in Reference 3.10.

Public Hearing

Sheila Salahan (phonetic) spoke in support of this AZAC recommendation.

John Capps (phonetic) said the problem is in the zone variances that have been allowed and asked why those were not addressed.

Motion to accept Item 3.10 as presented.

Motion: Young Second: Wright

Trustee Edwards said she has concerns with this being a leapfrog zone and said she would not be in support of the motion.

Vote on Trustee Young's motion: Yeses – 6 (Cranor, Young, Wright, Corbett, Garvey, Tew);

No – (Edwards)

The motion passed.

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM ARBOR VIEW HIGH SCHOOL TO SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign students in phases by grade level and allow an option for older siblings to attend at their younger siblings' designated school, living in the area as described, from **Arbor View High School** to **Shadow Ridge High School**, beginning with the ninth grade for the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended in Reference 3.11.

Motion to accept Item 3.11 as presented.

Motion: Corbett Second: Garvey Vote: Unanimous

APPROVE SCHOOL ZONING FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR FROM ARBOR VIEW HIGH SCHOOL TO SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL (continued)

The Trustees thanked AZAC and the Demographics, Zoning, and GIS Department for their commitment and for their work.

Mr. Delgado thanked the Board and the Superintendent for their appreciation, and he thanked the AZAC members and Mr. Baldwin and staff for their work.

AZAC adjourned their meeting by unanimous vote at 7:02 p.m.

AGENDA PLANNING: ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

DISCUSSION AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURN: 7:05 p.m.

Motion: Young Second: Tew Vote: Unanimous