MINUTES - AS IS 3/17/15

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

January 20, 2015 9:32 a.m.

Members Present

Albert Delgado

Anna Slighting

Nicole Benson

Natalie Carter

Zan Hyer

Brian Krall

Lois Mack

Cyndy Mahoney

Mike Malone

Marisol Montoya-Herrera

Becky Nielson

Tara Raines

Lori Walker (Arrived at 9:34)

Demographics, Zoning & GIS

Rick Baldwin, Director II

Steve Burda, GIS Coordinator III

Tony Weis, GIS Coordinator II

Sheri Garbiso, Senior GIS Analyst

Transportation

Ray Negrete, GIS Coordinator III

FLAG SALUTE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda for January 20, 2015.

Motion: Mike Malone Second: Marisol Montoya-Herrera Vote: Unanimous

Shari Lyman was not present to vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for December 9, 2014.

Motion: Nicole Benson Second: Marisol Montoya-Herrera Vote: Unanimous

Shari Lyman was not present to vote.

Members Absent

Shari Lyman

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Rick Baldwin presented the updated Enrollment Report.

Albert Delgado asked if the district wide enrollment increased.

Rick Baldwin stated there is an increase of students in elementary school, decreases in middle and high school, and an increase in special and alternative schools since count day. Mr. Baldwin pointed out that the decrease in middle and high school students is likely represented by the increase in special and alternative schools.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT

Rick Baldwin stated attendance was light at the Public Input meeting at Desert Oasis High School on January 12, 2015, concerning the southwest area.

Albert Delgado thanked the parents for coming and sharing their opinions.

Zan Hyer asked for review of how the proposals affect feeder school alignment from elementary to middle school and from middle to high school.

Rick Baldwin reviewed how the proposals would affect feeder alignment.

Albert Delgado brought up Elementary Proposal 2. Mr. Delgado suggested removing David Cox, Beatty, Wiener, Hill, Wright and Ries Elementary Schools from the recommendation. That would move students from Reedom Elementary School to Frias Elementary School and substantially reduce the overall number of students moved. It also maintains feeder school alignment to middle school and high school.

Becky Nielson agreed. Ms. Nielson does not support district wide rezoning.

Marisol Montoya-Herrera thanked Mr. Delgado for his consideration of David Cox Elementary school. Ms. Montoya-Herrera stated her support of district wide rezoning.

Natalie Carter thanked Mr. Delgado for his work in this area. Ms. Carter asked about middle school alignment.

Albert Delgado reviewed the middle school proposals. He suggested waiting one year to see what development in the area does to the population of Tarkanian Middle School.

Becky Nielson is concerned about the middle to high school alignment with this proposal. Ms. Nielson hopes that some of the new magnet programming will pull students from the overcrowded schools.

Cyndy Mahoney is not concerned with Schofield Middle School.

Albert Delgado asked Ray Negrete to comment on transportation if a school in this area becomes a magnet school.

Rick Baldwin explained that the school in question will be a select school, a comprehensive school with special programming.

Ray Negrete explained if the student lives beyond two miles from the school they would qualify for transportation. It will be similar to the transportation policy for Career and Technical Academies.

Becky Nielson asked for clarification they would receive transportation regardless of the middle school rezoning.

Ray Negrete stated the high school would have to be rezoned to change the transportation boundaries.

Becky Nielson stated there were some comment cards from parents who do not want their students rezoned to Schofield Middle School.

Zan Hyer is concerned about the pocket of students who will be out of high school alignment.

Tara Raines agreed with the concerns voiced.

Cyndy Mahoney stated there are students who do not have the option of a parent driving them to a school farther from home. They must take the bus.

Mike Malone agrees that it is best to wait.

Albert Delgado is in favor of feeder school alignment from elementary to middle to high school. He favors this proposal because the middle school students would be moved as a community.

Tara Raines stated it is best to wait and see if better options are available in the coming year.

Anna Slighting asked if a representative of the magnet program office could be in attendance at AZAC meetings next year to offer input on such situations.

Lois Mack stated they should wait to see what comes out of the State Legislature and the district.

Albert Delgado stated the development in the Tarkanian Middle School area will produce 400 additional students. He feels there is enough information to make a decision now.

Zan Hyer asked for staff input.

Rick Baldwin agreed with the Chair's assessment. All 400 students will not appear next year. Tarkanian Middle School has a large number of students (4.7%) attending magnet and other schools. That may increase next year, but it will not outweigh the growth. District wide rezoning at the middle school level would move thousands of students. If select schools work at the high school level, the middle schools might try similar programming.

Cyndy Mahoney is concerned about repercussions of not moving forward at this time.

Marisol Montoya-Herrera stated a district wide rezone would take care of the feeder school alignment issue. CCSD has not done a district wide rezone since 1994.

Anna Slighting is not in favor of the district wide rezone unless a number of new schools are opened. Ms. Slighting would like to see what happens with the elementary schools before moving middle school students.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Suzanne Burnett, parent, Faiss Middle School and Batterman Elementary School, appreciates the compassion of the commission for the public's feelings. She is in favor of waiting.

Motion to not move forward with any recommendation on Focus Area M3.

Motion: Mike Malone Second: Lois Mack

In Favor: 11 Opposed: 2 Motion passed.

Shari Lyman was not present to vote.

Motion to recommend to the Board School Trustees Proposal 2, Focus Area E6, as amended for Frias and Reedom Elementary Schools.

Motion: Nicole Benson Second: Tara Raines

In Favor: 12 Opposed: 1 Motion passed.

Shari Lyman was not present to vote.

Rick Baldwin reviewed the public input meeting held at Palo Verde High School on January 14, 2015.

Anna Slighting thanked the parents who came to speak. Parents were concerned with the implications of year round and the high chance of Givens Elementary School transitioning to year round with the additional students.

Zan Hyer stated Givens Elementary School cannot take the upcoming growth in the area. Staton Elementary School is the logical placement for the anticipated growth.

Trustee Tew has received over 100 emails from parents who do not want Givens Elementary School to go year round.

Anna Slighing stated she does not like leap frog zones because of the distance it creates between neighborhoods and their schools. The area by Far Hills Avenue would streamline the recommendation and this would be an equitable time to move students to Staton Elementary School.

Albert Delgado asked if it can be made contiguous.

Rick Baldwin stated there is an open, unpopulated area. The Board of School Trustees has the authority to change the recommendation to include this unpopulated area.

Lori Walker pointed out that Givens Elementary School parents were overwhelmingly in favor of Proposal 2, while Staton Elementary School parents were, for the most part, quiet.

Albert Delgado stated his appreciation of the public coming out to voice their opinions.

Rick Baldwin stated the governor's State of the State address gives cause to hope for new schools being built, but there is no way of knowing the outcome at this point. Givens Elementary School would be more likely to go year round in the upcoming school year than Staton Elementary School.

Anna Slighting is confident that the Piggott Elementary School to Ober Elementary School change would be offset by the number of students applying for the magnet program at Piggott Elementary School.

Cyndy Mahoney stated there were three parents representing Staton Elementary School and all were concerned about going year round.

Anna Slighting stated moving the students in the growth area to Staton Elementary School will give two to three years of safety. Other options may be considered if necessary.

Albert Delgado stated there were some comments about looking at Goolsby Elementary School receiving students.

Rick Baldwin stated they were eliminated from consideration due to upcoming development in their area.

Marisol Montoya-Herrera stated four parents from Staton were opposed to any zone change and were in favor of Proposal 1. She restated her belief that a district wide rezone would be of great benefit.

Cyndy Mahoney does not want AZAC to be on the record as not revisiting this area for two to three years when it may be necessary to do so before that.

Rick Baldwin stated since there are currently no students residing in the area in question the commission would be able to consider another move next year, although he hopes it will not be necessary.

Anna Slighting thanked Cyndy Mahoney for her comment and stated she, also, hopes they will not have to look at this area for the next few years.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Julie Vigil, parent, Staton Elementary School and Rogich Middle School, was at the public input meeting and wants AZAC to know that the Staton parents were not a huge presence, as they had been the year before, because the school was not being torn apart. Ms. Vigil thanked the commission for their work and leaving their school intact.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 2, Focus Area E1, for Piggott, Staton and Ober Elementary Schools.

Motion: Lori Walker Second: Anna Slighting

In Favor: 12 Opposed: 1 Motion passed.

Shari Lyman was not present to vote.

Anna Slighting stated Proposal 1, Focus Area M1, is designed to keep feeder school alignment. It will cause growing pains at Rogich Middle School, but she is optimistic that students moving to the Johnson Junior High School magnet program will help them accommodate it.

Rick Baldwin stated the magnet program at Johnson Junior High School will be a great asset for the area. He is very optimistic about the future of the school.

Zan Hyer stated the Rogich Middle School principal had told them last year that she was very open to growth.

Anna Slighting stated she has spoken with her more recently and the principal is very confident they can handle it.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 1, Focus Area M1, for Rogich Middle School and Johnson Junior High School.

Motion: Lori Walker Second: Anna Slighting

In Favor: 12 Opposed: 1 Motion passed.

Shari Lyman was not present to vote.

Rick Baldwin voiced his thanks to Clyde Caldwell and student Avery of the Mighty Miners at Gordon McCaw Elementary School for the tour given to AZAC members before the public input meeting on January 15, 2015.

Natalie Carter spoke in favor of the proposal and expressed her excitement about the magnet program.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 1, Focus Area E5 for McCaw and

Robert Taylor Elementary Schools.

Motion: Natalie Carter Second: Brian Krall

In Favor: 12 Abstain: 1 Motion passed.

CALENDAR, DATES AND TIMES

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Board of School Trustees, February 26, 2015, at 4:00.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

MOTION TO AJOURN

11:33 a.m.

Motion: Tara Raines Second: Becky Nielson Vote: Unanimous