

Minutes  
Clark County School District  
Special Meeting of the Board of School Trustees  
Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room  
2832 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121

Joint Meeting with the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission

Monday, February 27, 2023

5:02 p.m.

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Roll Call: Members Present  
Evelyn Garcia Morales, President  
Lola Brooks, Vice President  
Irene Bustamante Adams, Clerk  
Linda P. Cavazos, Member  
Lisa Guzmán, Member  
Katie Williams, Member  
Brenda Zamora, Member

Jesus F. Jara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Also present were: Nicole Malich, Board Counsel, District Attorney's Office;  
Dr. Brenda Larsen-Mitchell, Deputy Superintendent, Office of the Deputy Superintendent;  
Tracy Murphy, Director II, Demographics, Zoning, and GIS, Facilities Services Unit;  
Cindy Krohn, Director, Board Office; and Denise Zagby, Administrative Secretary II, Board Office.

**Announcements**

Trustee Garcia Morales acknowledged that the land on which they are gathered is the territorial homelands of the Nuwu-the Moapa Band of Paiutes and the Las Vegas Band of Paiutes.

**Flag Salute**

Trustee Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

*Adopt agenda.*

*Motion: Williams Second: Cavazos Vote: Unanimous*

*Trustee Zamora was not present for the vote.*

**Board Member Arrives**

Trustee Zamora arrived at the Board meeting at 5:03 p.m.

**Approve School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year from Robert and Sandy Ellis Elementary School to Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School**

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign students in Grades K-5, living in the areas as described, from Robert and Sandy Ellis Elementary School to Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School, beginning the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended in Reference 2.01.

Ms. Murphy presented the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission's (AZAC's) recommended changes to school attendance boundaries, as shown in Reference 2.01.

Trustee Guzmán asked if fourth-grade students would be grandfathered in.

Ms. Murphy stated there was not an AZAC recommendation to grandfather fourth-grade students to remain at Robert and Sandy Ellis Elementary School.

Trustee Guzmán asked if transportation was the reason for that.

Ms. Murphy said it is not standard practice to grandfather fourth-grade students into fifth grade.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Williams      Second: Guzmán*

Ms. Malich disclosed for the record that Trustee Zamora has a non-familial relationship with AZAC member Rudy Zamora. She stated there is no conflict of interest.

*Vote on Trustee Williams's motion was unanimous.*

**Approve School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year from Coronado High School to Green Valley High School**

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to allow Grandfathering of 9th-, 10th-, and 11th-grade students currently enrolled within the reassigned areas with transportation and to reassign incoming 9th-grade students each year and newly enrolled students in the areas as described, from Coronado High School to Green Valley High School, beginning with grade 9 for the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended in Reference 2.02.

Ms. Murphy presented AZAC's recommended changes to school attendance boundaries, as shown in Reference 2.02.

Trustee Guzmán said they have received emails from a parent requesting that her eighth-grade student be allowed to attend the same school as their sibling. She asked Ms. Murphy to explain why that student must attend Green Valley High School instead of Coronado High School with their sibling.

**Approve School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year from Coronado High School to Green Valley High School (continued)**

Ms. Murphy said they did receive the emails from a parent whose goal was to keep both siblings together at Coronado High School once her eighth grader entered ninth grade. She stated this would be a precedent to reassign students from eighth grade into nine grade. She said there are other options which may be available to this family to have both siblings attend another school together.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Cavazos      Second: Guzmán*

Anna Binder, Member, AZAC, stated that during this process she heavily encouraged District staff to work with the District's Change of School Assignment (COSA) office when it came to siblings.

*Vote on Trustee Cavazos's motion was unanimous.*

**Approve School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year from Indian Springs Elementary School to James H. Bilbray Elementary and William and Mary Scherkenbach Elementary School**

Approval or modification of the re commendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to reassign students in Grades K-5, living in the area as described, from Indian Springs Elementary School to James H. Bilbray and William and Mary Scherkenbach Elementary Schools, beginning the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended in Reference 2.03.

Ms. Murphy presented AZAC's recommended changes to school attendance boundaries, as shown in Reference 2.03.

**Public Hearing**

Misha Ray expressed support of this item for future homebuyers on behalf of home builders KB Homes and Tri Pointe.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Williams      Second: Cavazos      Vote: Unanimous*

**Approve School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year from Indian Springs Middle School to Edmundo "Eddie" Escobedo Sr. Middle School**

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to allow Grandfathering of 5th-, 6th-, and 7th-grade students currently enrolled within the reassigned areas as described, with transportation included as long as there are empty seats on the bus from Mount Charleston to Indian Springs, from Indian Springs Middle School to Edmundo "Eddie" Escobedo Sr. Middle School, for the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended in Reference 2.04.

**Approve School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year from Indian Springs Middle School to Edmundo “Eddie” Escobedo Sr. Middle School (continued)**

Ms. Murphy presented AZAC’s recommended changes to school attendance boundaries, as shown in Reference 2.04.

Trustee Brooks asked about the reasoning behind the recommendation to offer transportation based on availability.

Nicholas Fedei, Member, AZAC, stated this is a unique area in that it is more rural and said they put the transportation recommendation forward because transportation from Mt. Charleston to Indian Springs would occur anyway, which would mean no additional impact or cost to the District.

Trustee Brooks said she was concerned with the language, “if available.”

Mr. Fedei stated that it is AZAC’s understanding that transportation is not generally included with grandfathering, so they wanted to make the transportation optional.

Ms. Murphy said staff received a point of clarification that grandfathering includes transportation because if students are rezoned, they would be provided transportation.

Lydia Ruiz, Member, AZAC, added that AZAC wanted to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and did not want to force the District to assign another bus to that area if there were no students using that bus route.

**Public Hearing**

Alex McGurk commented on Items 2.03 and 2.04 and said there are families that live in the rural community because they wanted their children to attend Indian Springs schools. She said although there are grades being grandfathered in, the grandfathering does not extend from elementary to middle school, for instance. She asked why that small number of students cannot all just be grandfathered in through high school.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Williams*

Trustee Williams expressed confidence in AZAC and District staff and in the work that they have done.

Trustee Brooks asked if Trustee Williams’s motion was to approve staff’s recommendation.

Trustee Williams said that it was.

*Trustee Brooks seconded the motion.*

*Vote on Trustee Williams’s motion was unanimous.*

**Approve School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year Staff Recommendation from Indian Springs Middle School to Edmundo “Eddie” Escobedo Sr. Middle School**

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the staff to allow Grandfathering of currently-enrolled 6th- and 7th-grade students at the assigned schools from within the reassigned areas with transportation and to reassign incoming 6th-grade students each year and newly-enrolled students in the area as described, from Indian Springs Middle School to Edmundo “Eddie” Escobedo Sr. Middle School, for the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended in Reference 2.05.

Ms. Murphy presented staff’s recommended changes to school attendance boundaries, as shown in Reference 2.05.

Trustee Brooks stated she did not believe Trustee Williams intended to motion to approve staff’s recommendation in Item 2.04.

**Approve School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year from Indian Springs Middle School to Edmundo “Eddie” Escobedo Sr. Middle School (continued)**

*Motion to reconsider the vote on Item 2.04.*

*Motion: Williams    Second: Brooks    Vote: Unanimous*

No further action was taken on Item 2.04.

**Approve School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year Staff Recommendation from Indian Springs Middle School to Edmundo “Eddie” Escobedo Sr. Middle School (continued)**

Ms. Ruiz noted that AZAC specifically included grade 5 in their recommendation in Item 2.04 because community members in that area had a fifth-grade student.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Williams    Second: Brooks*

Trustee Brooks stated that she appreciates AZAC’s work and clarified that it is not standard practice to grandfather in fifth-grade students as they are not technically in middle school yet.

*Vote on Trustee Williams’s motion was unanimous.*

Matthew Tramp, Chair, AZAC, asked for clarification that Item 2.04 died, and the Board passed Item 2.05 as presented.

Trustee Garcia Morales said that was correct.

### **Approve School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year from Indian Springs High School to Centennial High School**

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to allow Grandfathering of 6th-, 7th-, 8th-, 9th-, 10th-, and 11th-grade students currently enrolled within the reassigned areas with transportation provided and to reassign newly enrolled students in the area each year as described from Indian Springs High School to Centennial High School for the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended in Reference 2.06.

Ms. Murphy presented AZAC's recommended changes to school attendance boundaries, as shown in Reference 2.06.

Ms. Ruiz reiterated the work that AZAC did in bringing these recommendations forward, including talking to the community and the Transportation Department while trying to balance being good stewards of taxpayer dollars and trying to accommodate the community.

Trustee Brooks asked if staff did not accept this AZAC recommendation for the same reasons as the previous item, being that it is not standard practice for AZAC, and staff does not want to set a precedent and that the District would have to provide transportation.

Ms. Murphy said there is no staff recommendation regarding Item 2.06 at this time. She acknowledged that this is a unique recommendation from AZAC and said staff did not put forth a recommendation because of the unique situation, which they understand.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Williams    Second: Brooks    Vote: Unanimous*

### **School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year from Arbor View High School to Centennial High School**

Discussion and possible action on approval or modification of the recommendation from the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission to allow Grandfathering of 9th-, 10th-, and 11th-grade students currently enrolled within the reassigned areas without transportation and to reassign incoming ninth grade students each year and newly enrolled students to the area as described, from Arbor View High School to Centennial High School, beginning with grade nine for the 2023-2024 school year, is recommended.

Ms. Murphy presented AZAC's recommended changes to school attendance boundaries, as shown in Reference 2.07.

Trustee Williams asked for clarification of the difference between Item 2.07 and Item 2.08.

Ms. Murphy stated that Item 2.07 is without transportation but said with the point of clarification from staff that grandfathering includes transportation, staff provided Item 2.08, which simply confirms that transportation is included in the recommendation.

**School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year from Arbor View High School to Centennial High School** (continued)

Public Hearing

Alex McGurk expressed disappointment that the Board does not take AZAC's recommendations. She said the students from Arbor View High School should be provided transportation.

Ms. Ruiz spoke about AZAC's reasons for recommending the rezoning of students from Arbor View High School to Centennial High School. She said they did not speak to the Transportation Department regarding transportation for that area.

No action was taken on this item.

**Approve School Zoning for the 2023-2024 School Year Staff Recommendation from Arbor View High School to Centennial High School**

Approval or modification of the recommendation from the staff to allow Grandfathering of currently-enrolled 9th, 10th, and 11th grades within the reassigned area be Grandfathered to Arbor View High School for the duration of their high school career with transportation and to reassign incoming 9th-grade students and newly-enrolled students to the area each year beginning with grade nine for the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended in Reference 2.08.

Ms. Murphy presented staff's recommended changes to school attendance boundaries, as shown in Reference 2.08.

Public Hearing

Kevin Dennison said his family purchased their home in the area they did so their children would be zoned for Arbor View High School. He said his son and his daughter would be separated, and he would have gone through COSA, but the cutoff date for that was January 10, 2023. He said the Board would also just be moving the problem from Arbor View High School to Centennial High School.

*Motion to approve.*

*Motion: Williams    Second: Guzmán    Vote: Unanimous*

**Upcoming Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 4:00 p.m.**

Trustee Garcia Morales stated the upcoming meeting of the Board of Trustees was scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the boardroom.

**Public Comment on Items Not Listed as Action Items on the Agenda**

Anna Binder talked about the work that AZAC does and what goes into bringing their recommendations forward, and she expressed disappointment over the decisions that were made during this meeting.

**Adjourn:** 5:56 p.m.

*Motion: Guzmán    Second: Williams    Vote: Unanimous*