MINUTES - AS PRESENTED 3/5/24 CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION FACILITIES SERVICES CENTER, EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM 1180 MILITARY TRIBUTE PLACE, HENDERSON, NV 89074

January 16, 2024

9:31 a.m.

Roll Call:

<u>Members Present</u> Matthew Tramp, Chair Dave Flatt, Vice Chair Anna Binder, Member Lydia Dominguez, Member Diane Kinsel, Member Noé Orosco, Member John Shea, Member (arrived at 9:38 a.m.) Tim Vicario, Member (via phone conference) Members Absent Nicholas Fedei, Member Rudy Zamora, Member

Tracy Murphy, Director II, Demographics, Zoning, and GIS Steve Burda, Coordinator IV, Demographics, Zoning, and GIS Josh Gelman, GIS Senior Analyst, Demographics, Zoning, and GIS Flavio Mercado, GIS Analyst, Demographics, Zoning, and GIS

Michael Demers, Coordinator IV, Transportation Cameron Hasse, GIS Transportation Technician II, Transportation

David Hall, Assistant General Counsel/Chief Negotiator, Office of the General Counsel (via phone conference)

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda for January 16, 2024. Motion: Flatt Second: Kinsel Vote: Unanimous Fedei and Zamora were not present to vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for November 7, 2023. Motion: Flatt Second: Orosco Vote: Unanimous Fedei and Zamora were not present to vote.

REPORTS

Tracy Murphy thanked everyone for attending the Public Input Meetings which are to present proposals, consider public comment, and formulate final attendance recommendations. She reviewed AZAC Bylaws

and Regulations in regards to recommendations. Ms. Murphy stated that the Joint Meeting with the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT TO ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES FOR MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Ms. Murphy stated that one proposal was forwarded for public comment at the January 10, 2024, Public Input Meeting at Green Valley High School for the area identified as M1. The primary reason for evaluating this rezoning is due to a \$15 million grant that the Clark County School District received from the Magnet Schools Assistance Program to implement new Environmental Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Magnet Programs at Carroll M. Johnston and Lyal Burkholder Middle Schools beginning the 2024–2025 school year. This results in the need to dissolve the current Burkholder Middle School attendance zone. Ms. Murphy stated that, with the zoning recommendation, AZAC may choose to recommend grandfathering of students currently enrolled in Grades 6 and 7 within the reassigned areas; therefore, only incoming Grade 6 students and newly enrolled students to the area would be reassigned each year. She said the Burkholder Magnet will draw from the area, thereby decreasing enrollments at the other schools so any concerns about overcrowding at B. Mahlon Brown Academy of International Studies, Jack and Terry Mannion Middle School, and Barbara and Hank Greenspun Junior High School were taken into account.

Anna Binder stated that this proposal was the best scenario after looking at the data. She said there was some community concern about middle/high school feeder alignment but there is excitement about a magnet middle school in the Henderson area.

Noé Orosco said he was in agreement with Ms. Binder, they looked at some alternative aligning and this proposal is the best scenario.

Tracy Murphy, in response to feeder school alignment, said that 100 percent of Lorna J. Kesterson Elementary School will be attending Greenspun Junior High school; 100 percent of Edna F. Hinman and Robert L. Taylor Elementary Schools will be attending Brown Academy; and 100 percent of Ulis Newton Elementary School will be attending Mannion Middle School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 1, Focus Area M1 (Brown and Greenspun Junior High Schools, Burkholder and Mannion Middle Schools) to include grandfathering of students currently enrolled in Grades 6 and 7 within the reassigned areas. Only incoming Grade 6 students and newly enrolled students to the area would be reassigned each year. Motion: Binder Second: Orosco Vote: Unanimous Fedei and Zamora were not present to vote. The motion passed.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT TO ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Ms. Murphy stated that one proposal was forwarded for public comment at the January 8, 2024, Public Input Meeting at Mojave High School for the area identified as M2. The primary reason for evaluating this rezoning is due to a \$15 million grant that the Clark County School District received from the Magnet Schools Assistance Program to implement new Environmental Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Magnet Programs at Carroll M. Johnston and Lyal Burkholder Middle Schools beginning the 2024–2025 school year. This results in the need to dissolve the current Johnston Middle School attendance zone. Ms. Murphy stated that, with the zoning recommendation, AZAC may choose to recommend grandfathering of students currently enrolled in Grades 6 and 7 within the reassigned areas; therefore, only incoming Grade 6 students and newly enrolled students to the area would be reassigned each year. She said the Johnston Magnet will draw students from the area, thereby decreasing enrollment at Brian and Teri Cram, Clifford O. Findlay, and Anthony Saville Middle Schools and making sure there is no overcrowding. Ms. Murphy also reported that this rezoning improves elementary school feeder alignment.

Lydia Dominguez stated the community supported this rezoning but was worried about currently enrolled students having to leave Johnston Middle School.

Tracy Murphy stated that current Johnston Middle School students in the recommended area, who will be in Grades 7 and 8 next year, may remain at Johnston Middle School or can choose to attend their new zoned school.

Anna Binder wanted to thank the two principals that attended the Public Input Meetings and gave great feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 1, Focus Area M2 (Cram, Findlay, Johnston, and Saville Middle Schools) to include grandfathering of students currently enrolled in Grades 6 and 7 within the reassigned areas. Only incoming Grade 6 students and newly enrolled students to the area would be reassigned each year.

Motion: Dominguez Second: Binder Vote: Unanimous Fedei and Zamora were not present to vote. The motion passed.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT TO ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Ms. Murphy stated that one proposal was forwarded for public comment at the January 10, 2024, Public Input Meeting at Green Valley High School for the area identified as H1. The primary reason for this zoning evaluation is the significant growth in the area. Basic High School is at 118.39 percent of program capacity and Chaparral High School is at 88.97 percent. Reassigning this area to Chaparral High School would provide enrollment relief to Basic Academy of International Studies. Basic High School students residing north of Russell Road and west of the Precinct Boundary must travel southeast, more than seven miles to school. Chaparral High School is less than two miles from these neighborhoods, potentially providing a safer route to school. Ms. Murphy stated due to the percent change numbers and numerous options available to secondary students, overcrowding at Chaparral High School is not anticipated.

Anna Binder asked about timing in regards to anticipated future enrollment.

Tracy Murphy stated that future enrollment is based on active units in one to three years but it can vary significantly based on factors such as mortgage interest rates, developers inventory, and charter schools in the area.

Anna Binder stated that other boundaries were looked at but they would all put Chaparral High School over capacity.

Diane Kinsel stated she is in favor of this proposal as it puts students closer to Chaparral High School and they will be able to attend after school activities.

Noé Orosco wanted to thank Basic High School for the support and also Ms. Murphy and her team.

Anna Binder stated that Chaparral High School's principal embraced the change.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 1, Focus Area H1 (Basic and Chaparral High Schools) to include grandfathering of students currently enrolled in Grades 9, 10, and 11 within the reassigned areas. Only incoming Grade 9 students and newly enrolled students to the area would be reassigned each year.

Motion: Binder Second: Kinsel Vote: Unanimous Fedei and Zamora were not present to vote. The motion passed.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT TO ADJUST ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES FOR JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Ms. Murphy stated that one proposal was forwarded for public comment at the January 9, 2024, Public Input Meeting at the Searchlight Community Center for the area identified as C1. She said students residing in the Searchlight community are assigned and transported to Garrett Junior High School and Boulder City High School. This area is being considered for rezoning to Laughlin Junior and Senior High School. Ms. Murphy also stated there is capacity at all of the schools.

Anna Binder wanted to thank all of the community members who reached out. She reminded the other AZAC members that rezoning is to establish an attendance zone for a new school or to relieve overcrowding at an existing school and neither of these apply to this scenario.

Noé Orosco said the rezoning seemed like a decent idea in theory but after reviewing all of the information, he agrees with Ms. Binder.

Diane Kinsel stated that she has been an AZAC member for 10 years and this is the first time a situation that does not involve a new school or overcrowding has come before the commission and does not see a reason to move the proposal forward.

Dave Flatt asked Transportation if there was a difference in costs from sending students to Laughlin as compared to Boulder City.

Michael Demers stated there would be an increase of \$79,562.00 per year for driver and driver benefits, fuel, maintenance, and support; this does not include outfitting a specialized vehicle, including tires and chains, recommended for that route.

Lydia Dominguez thanked the two Trustees who came to the Public Input Meeting and said that the community does not want the rezoning and she supports them in this decision.

Ms. Binder stated that many of the issues brought forward are not AZAC's jurisdiction so she has put a Town Advisory Board in communication with the community and in conjunction with Commissioner Michael Naft, to help to create a community education advisory board. She said that she has also put them in contact with another community member who can help with school organizational team issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

NONE.

Motion to not move the Proposal to recommendation to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 1, Focus Area C1 (Garrett and Laughlin Junior High Schools and Boulder City and Laughlin High Schools)

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Binder Second: Orosco Fedei and Zamora were not present to vote. The motion passed.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

Next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED AS ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Caren Rasmussen questioned feeder school alignment percentages.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m. Motion: Flatt Second: Dominguez Vote: Unanimous Fedei and Zamora were not present to vote.