

MINUTES - **AS PRESENTED 3/8/22**
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION
A. ~~GREEN~~ EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

January 25, 2022

9:31 a.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present

Dave Flatt, Vice Chair
Anna Binder, Member (via phone conference)
Albert Delgado, Member
Diane Kinsel, Member (via phone conference)
John Shea, Member
Matthew Tramp, Member
Colleen Wilson-Pappa, Member

Tracy Murphy, Coordinator IV
Steve Burda, GIS Coordinator III
Josh Gelman, GIS Analyst

Cameron Hasse, GIS Transportation Technician II, Transportation
Shawnique Van Alen, GIS Transportation Technician II, Transportation

Luke Puschnig, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

Members Absent

Becky Nielson, Chair
Mallory Levins, Member
Lois Mack, Member
Rudy Zamora, Member

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda for January 25, 2022

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: Colleen Wilson-Pappa Vote: Unanimous

Becky Nielson, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Rudy Zamora were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes for October 19, 2021.

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: John Shea Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - Abstain

Becky Nielson, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Rudy Zamora were not present to vote.

Motion to approve the minutes for November 9, 2021.

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: John Shea Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - Abstain
Becky Nielson, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Rudy Zamora were not present to vote.

Motion to approve the minutes for January 11, 2022.

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: John Shea Vote: Unanimous
Becky Nielson, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Rudy Zamora were not present to vote.

Motion to approve the minutes for January 12, 2022.

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: John Shea Vote: Unanimous
Becky Nielson, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Rudy Zamora were not present to vote.

REPORTS

Tracy Murphy stated that the January Enrollment Reports are posted on the AZAC website.

Tracy Murphy informed AZAC that the Census and Redistricting of the Clark County School District's Board of School Trustee Districts was completed. The changes of Board of School Trustee boundaries went into effect on January 5, 2022. Therefore some changes occurred moving two AZAC members out of their representing districts. Becky Nielson moved from District D (Trustee Cepeda) to Trustee District G (Trustee Cavazos) and Dr. Greta Peay moved from District F (Trustee Ford) to District E (Trustee Brooks). Ms. Murphy stated that due to a vacancy in District G, Becky Nielson was appointed by Trustee Cavazos. She stated that Trustee Brooks has two appointees for her district and was not able to appoint Dr. Greta Peay.

Tracy Murphy publicly thanked Dr. Greta Peay for serving on the Commission.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT TO ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - FOCUS AREA E1

Tracy Murphy stated that the reason for this rezoning evaluation is students are currently traveling south on Jones Boulevard under the US-95 to get to Red Rock Elementary School. In recent years, both Paul E. Culley and J. T. McWilliams Elementary Schools received building additions, providing available classroom space and also these schools are less than a mile from these neighborhoods, potentially providing a safer route to school for this area. She said Red Rock Elementary School is over capacity with a new apartment complex under construction down the street from the school, which could yield 100 plus additional elementary school students.

Tracy Murphy stated there were two proposals forwarded to the Public Input Meeting. She said there were no public comments or input at the Public Input meeting for this Focus Area on January 12, 2022.

Colleen Wilson-Pappa requested that AZAC recommend grandfathering current 4th grade students being rezoned for the 2022-2023 school year to remain at the current school. Due to the Change of School Assignment (COSA) allowing current students on a Zone Variance stay to stay at their school for the 2022-2023 school year.

Tracy Murphy stated that COSA currently reads “students who are currently attending a school on a zone variance in Grades 4, 7,9, 10, or 11 during the 2021-2022 school year will grandfathered at the school they are currently attending and will be allow to remain at the school until the final grade offered at the designed school is completed.”

Albert Delgado asked what the intent was behind grandfathering 4th grade since it has not been done in the past.

Tracy Murphy stated that the COSA was a significant change to Open Enrollment as well as Zone Variances and since it affects a number of schools, the grandfathering was implemented.

AZAC members continued to discuss grandfathering current 4th grade students. Some concerns were raised over setting precedent, transportation, and possible requests for sibling grandfathering.

Albert Delgado stated that he wanted to caution the Commission of setting a precedent for elementary schools.

Matthew Tramp asked for the current enrollment numbers for both proposals for Culley and McWilliams Elementary Schools.

Tracy Murphy provided the enrollment numbers and capacity for both proposals.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 1, Focus Area E1 (Culley, McWilliams, and Red Rock Elementary Schools)

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: Anna Binder Vote: Unanimous
Becky Nielson, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Rudy Zamora were not present to vote.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT TO ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - FOCUS AREA E2

Tracy Murphy stated the reason for the rezoning evaluation is that a master plan residential development is under construction west of Marshall C. Darnell and Kenneth Divich Elementary Schools, however, it is currently zoned to Indian Springs Elementary School which is 32 miles north. The idea is to utilize available capacity at Darnell Elementary School, reassign that area to a closer school, and provide enrollment relief to Divich Elementary School.

Albert Delgado asked for Transportation’s input on the proposal.

Cameron Hasse stated that the students south of Elkhorn Road are currently being transported to Divich Elementary School and will continue to be transported if reassigned to Darnell Elementary School.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 1, Focus Area E2 (Darnell, Divich, and Indian Springs Elementary Schools)

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: John Shea Vote: Unanimous
Becky Nielson, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Rudy Zamora were not present to vote.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT TO ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - FOCUS AREA E3

Tracy Murphy stated the reason for the rezoning evaluation was due to a large amount of new residential development under construction in the area. Howard E. Heckethorn Elementary School has seen an increase in students due to steady growth. The idea is to utilize available capacity at Vincent L. Triggs Elementary School to provide Heckethorn some enrollment relief.

Tracy Murphy stated that the area zoned for Don E. Hayden/Ruby Duncan Elementary Schools, north of the CC-215, has no current students. It is a preemptive plan to accommodate the very large Tule Springs Masterplan Development until a new school is sited in the area.

Albert Delgado asked for the Heckethorn Elementary School development numbers for proposals 1 and 2.

Steve Burda stated that there are 195 single family expected remaining student yield and 127 multi family expected remaining student yield in the Heckethorn Elementary School developments area.

Albert Delgado stated that he is not sure if the proposals will move enough students out of Heckethorn Elementary School.

Colleen Wilson-Pappa stated that she is confident that both proposals are viable.

Albert Delgado asked how many portables are at Heckethorn and Triggs Elementary Schools.

Tracy Murphy stated that there are four portable classrooms at Heckethorn Elementary School, four at Triggs Elementary School, four at Hayden Elementary School, and zero at Duncan Elementary School.

Albert Delgado stated that all of the schools will be over capacity in the future and will need additional buildings.

Colleen Wilson-Pappa agreed with Mr. Delgado. She thanked the parents for their letters and being engaged. She agrees that social issues will affect the students in the area but this change needs to be done.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees Proposal 2, Focus Area E3 (Heckethorn, Hayden/Duncan, and Triggs Elementary Schools)

Motion: Colleen Wilson-Pappa Second: Matthew Tramp Vote: Unanimous
Becky Nielson, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Rudy Zamora were not present to vote.

REVIEW OF PUBLIC INPUT TO ADJUST THE ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS - FOCUS AREA M1

Tracy Murphy stated the purpose of the focus area was to evaluate the existing attendance boundaries for John C. Fremont, Roy W. Martin, and J. D. Smith Middle Schools. Fremont Middle School will become an Academy of Medical Sciences Magnet starting in the 2022-2023 school year. Incoming 6th grade students will need to apply for the magnet program. This results in the need to dissolve the current Fremont Middle School's attendance boundaries.

Anna Binder asked how many students in the area applied during the open magnet application period.

Tracy Murphy stated that there were 153 first choice applications for 6th grade and 319 total applications for 6th grade for Fremont Middle School Academy of Medical Sciences.

Motion to recommend to the Board of School Trustees, Proposal 1 for Focus Area M1 (Fremont, Martin, and Smith Middle Schools)

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: Anna Binder Vote: Unanimous
Becky Nielson, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Rudy Zamora were not present to vote.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

AZAC discussed upcoming meetings.

Tracy Murphy stated that the Special Joint Meeting with the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2022, at the Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room, at 5:00 p.m. and the next AZAC meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2022, at the Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room, at 10:30 a.m.

Anna Binder stated that she wanted to discuss grandfathering at a possible meeting on February 1, 2022. She asked Ms. Wilson-Pappa for clarification on which elementary schools would be addressed.

Colleen Wilson-Pappa stated that she recognizes that this would be a topic to be discussed with the Board of School Trustees.

Anna Binder asked if a motion could be made to recommend it as a discussion item at the joint meeting.

Tracy Murphy stated that it could be an agenda item for discussion at the joint meeting. She said that the Board of School Trustees would need to add it to their agenda. She said she recommended the AZAC members discuss the issue of grandfathering with their Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Colleen Wilson-Pappa stated that consideration should be given to 4th grade students to remain at their current school if they are being rezoned in their last year.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Motion: Matthew Tramp Second: Albert Delgado Vote: Unanimous
Becky Nielson, Mallory Levins, Lois Mack, and Rudy Zamora were not present to vote.