



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.
WCSD Administration Building,
425 East 9th Street, Board Room
Reno, Nevada 89512

MINUTES

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

1.02 Roll Call

Members Polly Boardman, Lorraine Toole, Beth Smith, Theresa Birchfield, Stephanie Hanna, Sierra Clark, Jennifer Peterson, Adam Carpenter and Jason Shipman were present. Christina Pearson was delayed and left at 6:30 p.m. Araceli Martinez, Dana Galvin and Melissa Boesen were absent.

1.03 Public Comment

No public comment was made.

1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda (For Possible Action)

Polly Boardman moved to adopt the agenda as written, Jennifer Peterson second. The vote was unanimous to adopt the agenda as written.

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION

2.01 Introduction of New Committee Members (For Discussion Only)

Jason Shipman, Assistant Principal at Taylor Elementary School and Christina Pearson, Parent of a student at Brown Elementary School were introduced.

2.02 Discussion and Possible Action to Select a Committee Chair for the 2018-19 committee year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 from the current membership: Christina Pearson, Polly Boardman, Lorraine Toole, Beth Smith, Araceli Martinez, Theresa Birchfield, Stephanie Hanna, Sierra Clark, Jennifer Peterson, Adam Carpenter, Jason Shipman, Dana Galvin, and Melissa Boesen (For Possible Action)

Theresa Birchfield motioned to select Beth Smith as the Committee Chair for the 2018-2019 committee year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Stephanie Hanna seconded. The vote was unanimous to select Beth Smith as the Committee Chair for the 2018-2019 committee year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

2.03 Discussion and Possible Action to Select a Committee Vice-Chair for the 2018-19 committee year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 from the current membership: Christina Pearson, Polly Boardman, Lorraine Toole, Beth Smith, Araceli Martinez, Theresa Birchfield, Stephanie Hanna, Sierra Clark, Jennifer Peterson, Adam Carpenter, Jason Shipman, Dana Galvin, and Melissa Boesen (For Possible Action)

Sierra Clark nominates Stephanie Hanna as the Committee Vice-Chair for the 2018-2019 committee year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Theresa Birchfield seconded. The vote was unanimous to select Stephanie Hanna as the Committee Vice-Chair for the 2018-2019 committee year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

2.04 Presentation and Discussion of Nevada's Open Meeting Law requirements (For Discussion Only)

Neil A. Rombardo, Esq., Chief General Counsel, Explained the Open Meeting Law to the committee and asked the committee members to familiarize themselves with Regulation 7107 in particular sub section 4. Sub section 4 lays out what to consider and look at when making decisions or recommendations regarding zoning. Chief Rombardo explained the information on the Overview and Open Meeting Law Memo.

2.05 Presentation and Discussion about the Responsibilities of the Zoning Advisory Committee, which could include a discussion of the Committee Bylaws and Board Policy 7105 (School Capacity Management and Attendance Areas) (For Discussion Only)

Samantha Fredrickson, Board Services Department, went over the roles and responsibilities of the committee members. The mission; the purpose of this committee is to make recommendations on school attendance zones to the Board. Ms. Fredrickson asked the committee to review three governing documents; The Administrative Regulation; Board Policy and Bylaws, guide what the committee does. The board policy discusses some of the things to keep in mind when making decisions. As a reminder: safety is an issue, proximity to the school, what kind of space issues at the school, transportation issues, impact of growth, timing of new facilities, capacity and enrollment. These are some things to keep in mind when making decisions.

2.06 Presentation and Discussion of the Recommendations Made by the Zoning Advisory Committee during the 2017-2018 school year, which included zoning changes in Sun Valley, Spanish Springs, and South Reno, and a Presentation of the Committee's Upcoming Work Plan for the 2018-19 School Year, which could include changes stemming from the construction of a new middle school in the Arrowcreek area, changes in the Spanish Springs area associated with a new Elementary School, and potential changes based on the construction of Desert Skies Middle School and Sky Ranch Middle School. Other areas may be addressed based on Board of Trustee and/or administrative direction throughout the year. (For Discussion Only)

Dr. Paul M. LaMarca, Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Officer, walked the committee through on what was done las year. He said a series of meetings were held throughout the year some meetings where held at the schools where the community was going to feel the impact. Dr. LaMarca said that at those meetings Randy Baxley and Mr. Searcy brought data and maps to understand where lines existed; where lines were going to change and impacts in terms of numbers of students.

Dr. Paul M. LaMarca, Chief Ombudsman & Strategies Office and Adam Searcy, Chief Facilities Management Officer presented the ZAC 2017-2018 Summary 2018-2019 Forecast power point. Dr. LaMarca informed the committee that the Board accepted every recommendation that this committee made, with the exception of one. Dr. LaMarca said that upcoming work in terms of order would probably begin on what the chair directs. The Board has directed to take a closer look at Spanish Springs. Verdi is also going to be looked at; there may be no changes it is going to be driven by numbers. If changes were to be made it would likely be for 19-20. Arrowcreek may take more time. The committee needs to plan; the meetings will probably be out in the community and we do not know exactly where those locations are.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, October 18, 2018, WCSD Administrative Building, 425 East 9th Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada 89512.

3.02 Public Comment

Karim Shabazz expressed his concern about the idea of neighborhood schools; neighborhood schooling; this new way of doing things. He said he understands that split feeding is a bad thing. He is the product of split feeding. Split feeding provided for diverse population with in each school. Makes better citizens. With this neighborhood concept, you will have people who grow up and never step out of their comfort zone; they never get a chance to see the full community. We are becoming more and more diverse as a community every day, but this idea may stop that. In fact, in many cases, in many other communities it has. It is been the engine for segregation. He asked the committee that within the next couple of years, they address whether or not this has been a good thing for our schools.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.