



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT - Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2018

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:32 pm in Board Room at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 E. 9th Street, Reno NV 89512.

1.02 Roll Call

Members: Joanne Mazzo, Polly Boardman, Lorraine Toole, Beth Smith, Araceli Martinez, Theresa Birchfield, Stephanie Hanna, Sierra Clark, Adam Carpenter, Joel Peixoto, Dana Galvin were present. Michael Thomas and Judith Harrington were absent. Staff also attended the meeting.

1.03 Public Comment

- There was no public comment

1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda (For Possible Action)

Beth Smith moved to accept the agenda as written. Polly Boardman seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda as written.

2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION

2.01 Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the November 16, 2017 Zoning Advisory Committee meeting (For Possible Action)

Joe Peixoto moved to accept the November 16th minutes as written. Stephanie Hanna seconded. There was no discussion. The committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

2.02 Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the December 14, 2017 Zoning Advisory Committee meeting (For Possible Action)

Polly Boardman moved to approve the minutes as written, Joanne Mazzo seconded. The committee voted unanimously to approve. There was a comment made that the minutes did not have the date at the top. Neil Rombardo, Legal Counsel, stated that since the date was on the second page, the date could be added without taking another vote.

2.03 General Overview of the Topics the Committee Has Covered and Action it Has Taken in the Last Several Month Related to the Building of a Middle School in Sun Valley (For Discussion Only)

Adam Searcy, Deputy Facilities Manager, reviewed the presentation and the actions the committee took in the past several months regarding the new middle school in Sun Valley.

There were no questions about the presentation. The official action, taken in December, was to get official approval to move the students from the four existing elementary schools to the new Sun Valley MS when it is built.

Stephanie Hanna asked if the elevation of 6th grade to middle schools was a responsibility of the committee. Paul LaMarca stated that the committee can make the assumption that this elevation would take place but it would not be brought back to the committee as it was an administrative decision.

There was no public comment at this time.

2.04 Discussion of Changing Conditions Affecting Verdi Elementary School and the Implications That May Have for Zone Boundary Changes. (For Discussion Only)

Adam Searcy talked about the two new additions that were going to be built at Verdi by the developers of the new subdivision. He stated that the committee may want to revisit this item at a later date rather than deciding on anything now. Polly Boardman and Stephanie Hanna were concerned about the numbers at Billingshurst. Adam stated the additional students wouldn't affect Billingshurst that much. Stephanie Hanna stated she talked to the principal of Verdi and was concerned that the numbers in the student projections were off as Verdi had already lost one classroom and was going to lose their music room. She was concerned that the 2 additional classrooms might not be enough. Adam suggested they bring this item back later to answer these questions.

Sierra Clark asked if there were any regulations about the playground space and number of students. Adam stated he didn't know of any that covered this. Several committee members expressed concern about elevating 6th graders to Billingshurst and Randy Baxley responded that the Billingshurst student enrollment numbers changed a lot over time. Beth Smith asked when the elevation of the 6th graders would occur and Paul LaMarca stated it would be in the 2019-2020 school year. Lorraine Toole asked how many students would be leaving the day treatment program at Winnemucca. Kristen McNeill, Deputy Superintendent, stated at this point the exact numbers were not known but they estimated that approximately 15 students will leave with some going to middle school. She also stated this would free up 3 classrooms in Winnemucca.

Stephanie Hanna suggested that the committee revisit the Verdi and Billingshurst numbers after the 6th grade student numbers were recalculated for the elevation of the 6th graders. She also stated she would like principal input. Beth Smith suggested this issue be reviewed further at a later time with additional information on the rezoning of students from Verdi to either Warner or Gomm. Sierra Clark stated she would like to have a better understanding of the Gomm enrollment and the number of variances there were at the school. Paul LaMarca stated that it would be better to bring back this item at the March agenda rather than the February one.

2.05 Approval of the Recommendation to Modify the Zoning Boundaries of Clayton MS and Traner MS, Moving Students Who Attend Lemmelson ES from Clayton MS to Traner MS (for Possible Action).

Adam Searcy reviewed the boundaries that were discussed at previous meetings. There was no discussion. Beth Smith moved to modify the Zoning Boundaries of Clayton MS and Traner MS, moving students who attend Lemmelson ES from Clayton MS to Traner MS. Polly Boardman seconded. The committee voted unanimously to approve.

2.06 Approval of the Recommendation to Modify the Zoning Boundaries of Westergard ES and Melton ES, Moving a Segment of Students who attend Westergard ES to Melton ES (for Possible Action).

Adam Searcy reviewed the boundary changes that were discussed at previous meetings and stated about 75 students would move from Melton to Westergard. Joe Peixoto moved to approve the recommendation. Stephanie Hanna seconded. There was no discussion. The committee voted unanimously to approve.

2.07 Approval of the Recommendation to Modify the Zoning Boundaries of Westergard ES and Winnemucca ES, Moving a Segment of Students who Attend Westergard ES to Winnemucca ES. (for Possible Action).

Adam Searcy reviewed the boundary changes that were discussed at previous meetings and stated about 75 student would move from Westergard to Winnemucca similarly to 2.06. Stephanie Hanna stated she went to Winnemucca and saw that they needed relief. Sierra Clark moved to accept the recommendation, Stephanie Hanna seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

2.08 Approval of the Recommendation to Modify the Zoning Boundaries of Dilworth MS and Sparks MS, Moving Students who Attend Kate Smith ES and Mitchell ES from Dilworth MS to Sparks MS (For Possible Action).

Adam Searcy reviewed the boundary changes that were discussed at the December meeting and stated this move helped with neighborhood schools. He also stated that Pyramid and Oddie were not good streets to have children cross. Joe Peixoto asked if the district was considering moving any 6th graders out of these schools. Adam replied that Risley and Maxwell already moved their 6th graders. Randy Baxley stated that all four elementary schools in this area would have their 6th graders elevated at Sparks MS. Dana Ryan moved to accept the recommendation, Polly Boardman seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

2.09 Approval of the Recommendation to Modify the Zoning Boundaries of Mitchell ES and Dilworth MS, Moving a segment of Students who attend Mitchell ES and Dilworth ES to Hidden Valley ES and Vaughn MS, Respectively (For Possible Action).

Adam Searcy reviewed the boundary changes that had been discussed in earlier meetings and stated this was more of a cleanup.

There was one public comment from Pablo Nova Duran who stated there were no statistics on this move and asked if Hidden Valley and Vaughn would be overcrowded.

Polly Boardman asked if there was any bussing done in this area. Randy Baxley stated that there was not a lot but some in the west. Araceli Martinez asked if the trailer park was in this area, but it is not. Randy Baxley stated that this move would not affect any students and it was a cleanup item only. Joe Peixoto moved to approve the recommendation, Araceli Martinez seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

2.10 Approval of the Recommendation to Modify the Zoning Boundaries of Kate Smith ES, Mitchell ES, and Risley ES, Moving Segments of Students who Attend Kate Smith ES and Mitchell Es to Risley ES (For Possible Action).

Adam Searcy reviewed the boundary changes that had been discussed in earlier meetings and stated they wanted to make a slight change to the original boundary. He described option 1 and option 2 and stated that option 2 was closer to the original enrollment numbers they looked at previously. Beth Smith asked how many students were in the option area. It was stated that there were 16. Lorraine Toole asked how many were on a variance. Teresa Birchfield asked if the enrollment was steady. Randy Baxley stated that the area was fully developed and there were not a lot of students. Beth asked if the 6th graders were already going to middle school. Paul LaMarca stated that the Mitchell 6th graders had been elevated to middle school. He also stated that Kate Smith was the focus as it was a small school. Stephanie Hanna asked if there was any relief for Kate Smith from WC-1. Adam Searcy stated there was only one line item for core school investments but that nothing was currently in the works for Kate Smith. Teresa Birchfield stated she thought option two was the better choice. Araceli Martinez asked about the development between Oddie and Sullivan. Adam Searcy stated that those numbers were included in the figures. Joe Peixoto moved that the recommendation be approved with the option 2 as a boundary line. Joanne Mazzo seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

2.11 Approval of the Recommendation to Modify the Zoning Boundaries of Juniper ES and Maxwell ES, Moving a Segment of Students who Attend Juniper ES to Maxwell ES (For Possible Action).

Adam Searcy reviewed the boundary changes and stated that Juniper was a split boundary school. In order to eliminate the split boundary, the boundary was redrawn along Pyramid Way. There was no discussion. Sierra Clark moved to approve the recommendation, Beth Smith seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

2.12 Approval of the Recommendation to Modify the Zoning boundaries of Moss ES, Dunn ES, Mendive MS and Dilworth MS, Moving a Segment of Students who Attend Moss ES and Mendive MS to Dunn ES and Dilworth MS, Respectively (For Possible Action).

Adam Searcy reviewed the notch in the Dunn boundary which if moved would relieve Moss. Lorraine Toole asked why Dunn kids go to Dilworth MS and then to Reed HS. Randy Baxley stated that this issue is an old one and there is no room in Mendive MS for them to move to. Paul LaMarca stated that this committee could not fix all the issues but that they could consider this issue in coming years. Sierra Clark asked how far out the zoning changes would last and Paul reminded everyone that one of the guiding principles was that there wouldn't be any changes between 3-5 years. Stephanie Hanna moved to approve the recommendation, Joe Peixoto seconded and the committee unanimously approve the recommendation.

2.13 Approval of the Recommendation to Modify the Zoning Boundaries of Moss ES and Lincoln Park ES, Moving a Segment of Students who Attend Moss ES to Lincoln Park ES (For Possible Action).

Adam Searcy reviewed the boundary changes that were discussed at earlier meetings and pointed to the statistics on pages 47 and 48 of the presentation. This was a recommendation from the December meeting. The 6th graders at Lincoln Park ES would elevate to Dilworth MS and this would eliminate the split feeder. There was no discussion. Dana Galvin moved to approve the recommendation, Sierra Clark seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

2.14 Approval of the Recommendation to Modify the Zoning Boundaries of Mendive MS and Dilworth MS, Moving a Segment of Students who Attend Dilworth MS to Mendive MS (For Possible Action).

Adam Searcy discussed the need to clean up Mendive MS zoning. The numbers are the same as the previous recommendation. Stephanie Hanna asked if Mendive would be relieved by the new Spanish Springs MS. Adam stated that this was correct. Beth Smith moved to approve the recommendation, Adam Carpenter seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

2.15 Approval of the Recommendation to Modify the Zoning Boundaries of Whitehead ES and Moss ES, Moving a segment of Students who Attend Whitehead ES to Moss ES (For Possible Action).

Adam Searcy reviewed the recommendation and stated that it remained the same as last month. This boundary change would help Whitehead ES and there would be no net change for Mendive MS. Polly Boardman stated she thought the change was good and asked if the enrollment numbers reflected the new Copper Canyon development. She also asked if the new MS would take care of overcrowding. Randy Baxley stated the Copper Canyon enrollment figures were accounted for a number of years down the road and that the new middle school would help. Polly Boardman moved to accept the recommendation, Joe Peixoto seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

3.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting – Thursday, February 15, 2018, Location to be Determined

Teresa Birchfield announced the next meeting would be Thursday, February 15, 2018 at a location to be determined later. Paul LaMarca stated the location would be either Sepulveda or Lazy 5 Park, but it would be posted on the next agenda.

3.02 Public Comment

Pablo Nava-Duran spoke about the Wildcreek HS and wondered if this new HS would relieve Sun Valley.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

Teresa Birchfield adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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