

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

January 19, 2011
Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Public Hearing
(First Reading - School Boundaries for 2011-2012 School Year)

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in special session at 5:44 p.m., Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at Plantation High School Auditorium, 6901 Northwest 16th Street, Plantation, Florida. Present were: Chair Benjamin J. Williams; Vice Chair Ann Murray; Members, Robin Bartleman, Maureen S. Dinnen, Patricia Good, Jennifer Leonard Gottlieb, Laurie Rich Levinson, Nora Rupert, David Thomas; (Superintendent James F. Notter was absent); Chief Operations Officer Donnie Carter, and Marylin Batista-McNamara, Esq.

Call to Order The call to order was announced by the Chair, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Close Agenda Upon motion by Ms. Dinnen, seconded by Ms. Murray and carried, the Agenda was approved and declared closed. (9-0 vote)

Purpose of Meeting Public Hearing and First Reading of School Usage and School Attendance Areas/Boundaries for Elementary, Middle, High School and Combination Schools for the 2011-12 School Year.

Statement by Chair

Chair Williams welcomed the assembly to the first public hearing on the Superintendent of Schools' recommendations on school boundaries. The School Board will vote on the school boundaries for all district Elementary, Middle, High and Combination schools for the 2011-2012 school year. Persons desiring to speak at tonight's meeting must register at one of the tables located in the lobby of this auditorium.

Mr. Williams informed that the School Board has had several opportunities to study and review the recommended school attendance areas. The School Board Members have asked questions, reviewed statistics, and considered all of the information that has been presented. Prior to this public hearing, the School Board has met to discuss the school boundary process and/or individual proposals with staff on: June 22, 2010, September 2, 2010, October 26, 2010, and December 14, 2010.

Since the release of the Superintendent of Schools' 2011-2012 School Boundary recommendations, the School Board Members have received comments from the public. Tonight, the School Board will have another opportunity to receive your questions and comments, and consider them before making decisions.

Statement by Chief Operations Officer

Mr. Carter welcomed the assembly to the first public hearing on recommendations for school attendance areas and school boundaries for the 2011-2012 school year.

Florida law requires the Superintendent to recommend schools and attendance areas to provide adequate educational opportunities for all children in the district. In addition, School Board Policy 5000 provides that the Superintendent shall, no later than the second week in March, submit to the School Board recommendations for the establishment, organization, and operation of educational facilities. The recommended school boundaries for the 2011-2012 school year meet these state and local requirements.

The public has been provided several opportunities to meet with staff and to provide feedback during the school boundary process, including community orientations, school boundary community conferences, e-mails, telephone calls, and submittal of comment forms.

Mr. Carter stated that an analysis of current 2010-2011 school boundaries has resulted in no recommended Elementary, Middle, High or Combination school boundary changes for the 2011-2012 school year. All school boundaries will remain the same in 2011-2012 as they were in 2010-2011 and follow previously approved grade phase-ins.

The recommended school boundaries, supporting documentation and maps, as well as an economic impact statement were transmitted to the School Board on Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

Procedures for Meeting

Mr. Williams informed that individuals wishing to speak should use the microphone located in the front of the auditorium, and they will be called to the microphone by name. Speakers are requested to state their names and addresses before beginning their comments. Speakers will not be allowed to speak more than three minutes, and each speaker will be advised when one minute remains. When the time limit has been reached, speakers will be notified by the Chair to complete their comments.

The Chair requested that speakers avoid repeating statements that have already been made. A person may relinquish their time to another speaker for a total of no more than six minutes per speaker per item. Speakers are asked to address the issue at hand and to refrain from the use of inappropriate language and/or behavior. Mr. Williams requested that speakers model the district's eight character traits: cooperation, responsibility, citizenship, kindness, respect, honesty, self-control, and tolerance.

As posted in the lobby, placards, signs, and posters are not permitted in this auditorium tonight. However, those speakers who have brought maps or charts to illustrate their points while speaking will be permitted to bring their display to the front of the auditorium at that time. Speakers and members of the audience were asked to extend every courtesy to each other and to the members of the School Board, and the same will be extended to them.

The Chair thanked the assembly for their support of Broward County public schools and for attending tonight's meeting.

Superintendent's Recommendations

School Attendance Areas/Boundaries and School Usage for 2011-2012 School Year

1. **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** (Approved)

Motion was made by Mrs. Gottlieb, seconded by Ms. Dinnen and carried, to approve the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for all elementary school usage and school attendance areas/boundaries for the 2011-12 school year at this public hearing. (9-0 vote)

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

2. **MIDDLE SCHOOLS** (Approved)

Motion was made by Ms. Dinnen, seconded by Mrs. Good and carried, to approve the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for all middle school usage and school attendance areas/boundaries for the 2011-12 school year at this public hearing. (9-0 vote)

The following individual addressed this item:

Lanette Ulrich (Central Park Elementary School/Plantation Middle School)

Commending the speaker for bringing this issue to the Board, Ms. Dinnen stated that the issue will be discussed thoroughly this year with the community. Ms. Dinnen stated that the Board did not want to address the issue as a permanent solution tonight but it is assured for next year. She stated that during this time it will enable the Board to get a permanent-type of solution.

A vote was taken on the item.

3. **HIGH SCHOOLS** (Approved)

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Bartleman and carried, to approve the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for all high school usage and school attendance areas/boundaries for the 2011-2012 school year at this public hearing. (9-0 vote)

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

4. **COMBINATION SCHOOLS** (Approved)

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Bartleman and carried, to approve the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for all combination schools usage and school attendance areas/boundaries for the 2011-12 school year at this public hearing.

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

Adjournment This meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. by way of motion by Mrs. Good and seconded by Mrs. Gottlieb. (No vote taken)

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