

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

February 29, 2012
Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Public Hearing
(First Reading - School Boundaries for 2012-2013 School Year)

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in special session at 5:38 p.m., Wednesday, February 29, 2012, at Plantation High School Auditorium, 6901 Northwest 16th Street, Plantation, Florida. Present were: Chair Ann Murray; Vice Chair Laurie Rich Levinson; Members Robin Bartleman, Maureen S. Dinnen, Patricia Good, Donna P. Korn, Katherine M. Leach, Nora Rupert, Benjamin J. Williams; (Superintendent Robert W. Runcie was absent), Jeff Moquin (Superintendent's Designee); and J. Paul Carland, II., 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 Mrs. Leach, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, the Agenda was approved and declared closed. Mrs. Korn was absent for the vote. (8-0 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 2012- 2013 School Year.

Statement by Chair

Chair Murray 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 2012-2013 school year. Persons desiring to speak at tonight's meeting must register at one of the tables located in the lobby of this auditorium.

Ms. Murray informed that prior to this public hearing, the School Board has had several opportunities to study the school boundaries process and/or individual proposals with staff on: April 12, 2011, October 25, 2011, November 28, 2011, and January 23, 2012.

Since the release of the Superintendent of Schools' 2012-2013 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 Superintendent's Designee

Mr. Moquin welcomed the assembly to the first public hearing on recommendations for school attendance areas and school boundaries for the 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 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 web-based comments.

Mr. Moquin stated that an analysis of current 2012-2013 school boundaries has resulted in three recommended elementary and four middle School boundary changes for the 2012-2013 school year. All other school boundaries will remain the same in 2012-2013 as they were in 2011-2012.

The recommended school boundaries, supporting documentation and maps, as well as an economic impact statement were transmitted to the School Board on Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

Procedures for Meeting

Ms. Murray 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. Ms. Murray 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 2012-2013 School Year

1. ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (Approved)

Motion was made by Ms. Dinnen, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for all elementary school usage and school attendance areas/boundaries for the 2012-13 school year at this public hearing. Mrs. Korn was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

Recommendation E-1: (Approved)

Expand the 150-seat choice area for Virginia Shuman Young Elementary School to include all of Victoria Park neighborhood, including the south side of Sunrise Key Boulevard and North Gordon Road. (8-0 vote)

Number of Students potentially impacted in 2011-12: 6

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

A vote was taken on this recommendation.

Recommendation E-2: (Approved)

Assign elementary school students living in the Conservation Area, from the Miami-Dade County line to Interstate 75, currently assigned to Country Isles Elementary School, to Chapel Trail Elementary School. (8-0 vote)

Number of elementary students in 2011-12: 2

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

A vote was taken on this recommendation.

Recommendation E-3: (Approved)

Phase-out the existing school boundary choice area which allows 100 students living in the Margate Elementary School boundary choice to attend Park Springs Elementary School. Students utilizing this choice to attend Park Springs Elementary School in 2011-12 will be allowed to remain at Park Springs Elementary School until they matriculate to middle school. (8-0 vote)

Number of students currently utilizing this school boundary choice area in 2011-12: 26

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

A vote was taken on this recommendation.

Vote to Approve Elementary Schools (Carried)

There was a unanimous vote to approve the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for all elementary school usage and school attendance areas/boundaries for the 2012-2013 school year at this public hearing and first reading. Mrs. Korn was absent on the vote. (8-0 vote)

2. MIDDLE SCHOOLS (Approved)

Motion was made by Ms. Dinnen, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for all middle school usage and school attendance areas/boundaries for the 2012-13 school year at this public hearing. (9-0 vote)

Recommendation M-1: (Approved)

Phase-in portion of Falcon Cove Middle School to Silver Trail Middle School. Incoming sixth grade students residing in TAZ numbers 598, 599, 814, and 815 attending Falcon Cove Middle School in 2011-12 will attend Silver Trail Middle School in 2012-13. Incoming sixth and seventh grade students residing in this area will attend Silver Trail Middle School in 2013-14, and incoming sixth, seventh and eighth grade students residing in this area will attend Silver Trail Middle School in 2014-15. (Mrs. Korn was absent for the vote). (8-0 vote)

Number of middle school students in recommended boundary change area 2011-12: 202

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

A vote was taken on this recommendation.

Recommendation M-2: (Approved)

Assign middle school students living in the Conservation Area, from the Miami-Dade County line to Interstate 75, currently assigned to Walter C. Young Middle School, to Silver Trail Middle School. (9-0 vote)

Number of middle school students in 2011-12: 2

Approved in Open Board Meeting, March 20, 2012

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

A vote was taken on this recommendation.

Recommendation M-3:

(Approved)

Remove the existing school boundary choice area which allows 100 students living in the Margate Elementary School boundary choice to attend Park Springs Elementary School, and to attend middle school at Forest Glen Middle School. Students utilizing choice seats at Forest Glen Middle School in 2011-12 may remain at Forest Glen Middle School until they matriculate to high school. Students utilizing choice seats at Park Springs Elementary School in 2011-12 may also attend Forest Glen Middle School until they matriculate to high school. (9-0 vote)

Number of students currently utilizing this school boundary choice area in 2011-12: 9

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

A vote was taken on this recommendation.

Recommendation M-4:

(Approved)

Provide bus transportation to students residing within the Plantation/Seminole Middle School boundary choice area who choose to attend Plantation Middle School through the 2012-13 school year. (9-0 vote)

Number of students currently utilizing this school boundary choice area in 2011-12: 20

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

A vote was taken on this recommendation.

Vote to Approve Middle Schools (Carried)

There was a unanimous vote to approve the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for all middle school usage and school attendance areas/boundaries for the 2012-2013 school year at this public hearing and first reading. (9-0 vote)

3. **HIGH SCHOOLS** (Approved)

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for all high school usage and school attendance areas/boundaries for the 2012-13 school year at this public hearing. (9-0 vote)

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

A vote was taken on this recommendation.

4. **COMBINATION SCHOOLS** (Approved)

Motion was made by Ms. Dinnen, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the Superintendent of Schools' recommendation for all combination schools usage and school attendance areas/boundaries for the 2012-13 school year at this public hearing. (9-0 vote)

No discussion was held on this recommendation.

A vote was taken on this recommendation.

Adjournment This meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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