

School Attendance Zone Advisory Committee

May 23, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Committee Chair, Lynn Morris, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm at 75 N. Pace Blvd. in the HR Conference Room. A quorum of at least 5 voting members was met.

Attendance: Paul Fetsko, Brittney Cruise, Lynn Morris, Pam Thompson, Pete Wright, Michael McCormack, Shawn Dennis, Chris McFarland, Paul Combes, Vicki Gibowski, Joel Hollon

Minutes: May 9 Minutes approved.

Handouts: Beulah Middle RW-5, Beulah Middle RW-6, Kingsfield Elementary RW-1, Copy of SAZAC notice for public input.

Review: Recommendation worksheets were reviewed graphically and discussed.

Discussion of Beulah Middle Worksheets: It was discussed that study areas (as shown in RW-5) that contain Marcus Pointe subdivision were not ideal for transportation purposes to send to Beulah Middle School. The group agreed that RW-6 was a better option for transportation. Paul Combes suggested splitting Study area 130 into two parts as 130 and 130(A) to make transportation with zoning more ideal. Splitting this study area and sending half to Beulah Middle and half to Bellview will also help with balancing the minority numbers at Beulah. **Review Kingsfield Elementary RW-1:** The group viewed and discussed.

Lincoln Park Elementary: Discussion about grades 4 and 5 at Lincoln Park Elementary. Mr. Dennis recommended re-adopting the original zone for 4th and 5th grades to make it a K-5 school again. He will draft a narrative for the committee to propose to the school board regarding this instead of going through drafting recommendation worksheets and rezoning. The current zoning will remain but the school will just incorporate grades 4 & 5 back in permanently.

Open Discussion: Vicki Gibowski said that it was in best interest to put most large career academies that are currently at Woodham at the new Beulah Middle. This will help keep attendance numbers at schools balanced due to academies in high demand. Shawn Dennis explained that with the closing of Woodham Middle School that it will remain vacant for one year for renovations before re-opening to become West Florida High School. This makes more sense than moving students more than once. Chris McFarland mentioned School Choice Expo for the 2018-19 school year is on November 14. It would be ideal to have the plans by August 2017 to have brochures and information accurate and up to date.

Next Steps: Mr. Dennis will draft a work product and narrative for recommendation with amendments discussed for the committee to present to the school board.

Next Meeting: June 13 at 5:00 in Superintendent's Conference Room; Following Meetings: June 27, July 11

Adjourned: 6:00