



Internal Attendance Boundary Committee Nov. 6, 2019 Meeting Summary

Call to Order

The 13th meeting of the Internal Attendance Boundary Committee was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

Committee members present: Alejandra Adame Barcenas, Cecilie Ballard, Carrie Brooker, Jennay Boyd, Gretchen Collins, Kathleen Franzen, David Goeddel, Julie Johnson, Elizabeth Kemp, Meghna Kuckreja, Allison La Tarte, Katherine McCallum, Scott Neville, Kathy Nieber-Lathrop, Debra Pickett, Marina Probasco, Brian Shaw, Tami Shaw, Ryan Sippel, Kim Sloan, Justine Wegner, Julie Winkleman.

Committee members not present: Julie Colmar-Davis, Joanna Cree, Lisa Labissoniere.

Others present: Drew Howick, Mark Roffers, Colette Spranger, Sherri Cyra, Lori Ames, Dana Monogue, Annette Ashley, Bob Green, Minza Karim, Perry Hibner.

Welcome and Orientation

Facilitator Drew Howick welcomed members and others in attendance. He thanked the members for their efforts over the past few months. "It's dedication, which is what this committee is all about," he said.

Howick reminded the members their last meeting was Oct. 7. He briefly reviewed the agenda for the meeting, noting the committee will review, finalize, rank and select the elementary options to forward to the School Board.

Howick briefly reviewed the results from the last meeting. He reminded members they reviewed the remaining options and previewed preliminary middle school scenarios. He noted they voted to remove Option D2.1 from further consideration and after more discussion and review, voted to advance Options A1, D3.1 and D3.7 to the community forums to get resident feedback.

Director of Communications Perry Hibner briefly reviewed the community feedback, including information shared at the two community forums, since the last round was sent out on Oct. 16. He reminded members that they received the feedback from the forums, along with a summary spreadsheet of the responses, last week so that they would have time to review in advance of tonight's meeting.

Hibner also noted the District has received about 120 online responses since mid-October, with close to half coming from Neighborhoods 68-69 in response to Option D3.7. He also noted Neighborhood 26N reached out for the first time wondering why it wasn't assigned to Pope Farm with so few students in the area and it being only a mile from the new elementary school. Finally, he noted some of the neighborhoods with fewer students have expressed concern that their ideas won't carry the same weight as larger neighborhoods providing more feedback.

Board president Bob Green then addressed a postcard from a resident that had been sent to committee members and District officials. He noted the District has latitude on determining whether it does a request

for proposal for professional services. He also addressed other points brought up on the postcard and thanked the committee for all of their hard work.

Members were given 10 minutes to discuss at their tables what they learned from the community forums and the feedback submitted. They then shared how the information has influenced their thinking. A spokesperson from each table then provided a summary of their table discussion to the larger group. A couple of members then shared their individual thoughts regarding the feedback.

Remaining Elementary Options

Consultant Mark Roffers reviewed why there are shifts associated with Sauk Trail in all three options. He also reviewed why there are shifts between Sunset Ridge and Park in all three options. This information was also covered at the second community forum.

He noted that each option would shift other neighborhoods to Sunset Ridge to at least partially replace the 130 or so students in Blackhawk who would move to Pope Farm. One of the ideas was to move neighborhoods adjacent to the current Sunset Ridge attendance area who go to Park, but that school hasn't yet experienced the bump in enrollment that had been projected so that may be problematic.

Deputy Superintendent Sherri Cyra noted Park's enrollment dropped from 311 in 2018-19 to 282 this year. It also has a fourth-grade class of 69 students and a kindergarten class of 46 so another drop is expected next year. She reminded members residential development is still expected in Cross Plains but it is not happening as quickly as originally predicted so numbers may take longer to increase.

Roffers then reviewed Option A1, including changes, map, enrollment and other statistics. He showed a detail map of Neighborhoods 55-58 and explained why it was split into four areas rather than one big area. In January 2019, there were more than 130 elementary students in that area, which would have made it the neighborhood with the most elementary students in the District. He also noted that number isn't expected to change much through 2025.

He then reviewed Option D3.1, including changes, map, enrollment and other statistics. He showed a detail map and noted Neighborhoods 7-8 share a park and are contiguous to one another but connected by only one street. On other sides, Neighborhood 7 is bounded by Highway Q, lands to the north and east in the Waunakee Community School District, and the Pheasant Branch Conservancy to the west.

He then reviewed Option D3.7, including changes, map, enrollment and other statistics. He then showed a detail map of Neighborhoods 67-70, noting that this area is completely surrounded by lands within the Madison Metropolitan School District.

One member wondered if there is projected growth in the Sunset Ridge attendance area. Roffers noted there is some projected growth near the Airport Road area. There was also a question if there is much multi-family housing in the Sunset Ridge attendance area and Roffers noted there isn't, outside of the Greenway Center area.

Members were asked to explore potential modifications. Potential modifications were then discussed and voted on. If the modification was approved, it became the option used for further modifications.

Their first modification (A1.1) would send Neighborhood 26N from Sunset Ridge to Pope Farm. The committee voted for that change. Their second modification (A1.2) would send Neighborhood 16E to Elm Lawn, 16W to Northside and 7 to Sauk Trail. The committee voted for that change.

Their third modification (A1.3) would shift Neighborhoods 38-39 back to Park instead of moving to Sunset Ridge, which would have put Park over capacity by about 15 students in 2025. The committee voted for that change. One member wanted to see the results were a fourth modification offered to shift 16W back to Elm Lawn. Roffers noted doing so would drop Northside's projected enrollment to 357 in 2025, while the school's capacity is 466. Northside's projected enrollment was 401 after A1.3 was approved. The committee decided not to vote on that change. A new modification (A1.4) would send Neighborhood 37E to Northside instead of Sunset Ridge. The committee voted for that change.

Finally, a fifth modification (A1.5) would keep Neighborhood 39 at Park, while 38 would go to Sunset Ridge. That would have resulted in Park's projected enrollment to be just under capacity in 2025. The committee voted against that change, meaning Option A1.4 was their preferred variation to A1.

Modifications were then suggested for Option D3.1. The first modification (D3.1.1) would send Neighborhood 26N from Sunset Ridge to Pope Farm. The committee voted for that change. The second modification (D3.1.2) would send Neighborhoods 38-39 back to Park instead of moving to Sunset Ridge, which would put Park about 20 students over capacity in 2025. The committee voted for that change. The third modification (D3.1.3) would send Neighborhood 38 to Sunset Ridge and 39 to Park, resulting in Park's projected enrollment in 2025 being right at capacity. The committee voted for that change.

Modifications were then proposed for Option D3.7. The first modification (D3.7.1) would send Neighborhood 26N from Sunset Ridge to Pope Farm. The committee voted for that change. The second modification (D3.7.2) would send Neighborhood 39 back to Park instead of moving to Sunset Ridge. The committee voted for that change.

After modifications were completed, the committee individually ranked the remaining three modified options. Members were reminded to rank the option they liked best 1. The results were:

Option D3.1.3: 1.77 average and a 0.67 standard deviation

Option D3.7.2: 1.82 average and a 0.78 standard deviation

Option A1.4: 2.41 average and a 0.83 standard deviation

Members then had a chance to address the entire committee about whether to send one, two or all three options to the School Board for consideration. In the initial vote, none of the options received a majority so a second vote was held. The committee voted 17-4 to advance D3.1.3 and 13-8 to advance two options with D3.7.2 also advancing. The committee voted against advancing all three options.

Some members then asked for one more vote to see if a single option should be forwarded. The committee voted 12-9 to advance two options to the School Board.

Here is a brief explanation of the two options being forwarded:

Option D3.1.3: Establishes a Pope Farm attendance area made up of Neighborhoods 24, 25, 26S, 26N (a change from D3.1), 62, 63W, 63E, 64, and 65N (except Brassington plat). Option D3.1.3 would also shift Neighborhoods 7, 10 and 11 from Northside to Sauk Trail, 16W from Elm Lawn to Northside, 37E from Sunset Ridge to Northside, and 38 from Park to Sunset Ridge. Option D3.1.3 has no other neighborhood changes from current elementary school assignments.

Option D3.7.2: Establishes the same Pope Farm attendance area as Option D3.1.3, described above. Option D3.7.2 would also shift Neighborhoods 68 and 69 from Elm Lawn to Sauk Trail, 37E from Sunset

Ridge to Northside, and 38 from Park to Sunset Ridge. Option D3.7.2 has no other neighborhood changes from current elementary school assignments.

Roffers noted due to the lateness of the meeting there wasn't time to discuss middle school scenarios. He asked members if there was any information they wanted to share with him to do so before leaving. Members were also given the option of sharing their thoughts on the middle school with Hibner via e-mail after the meeting. Howick reminded members to fill out the meeting evaluation form before leaving.

The meeting adjourned was at 8:37 p.m.