



Boundary Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Carruth Administration Center

Board Auditorium

Purpose and Responsibilities:

The purpose of the Boundary Advisory Committee (BAC) is to assist in developing recommendations for the creation of, and adjustment to, school attendance zone boundaries.

To accomplish its purpose, the BAC shall advise the Superintendent who will develop a recommendation to the Board on the following boundary-related activities which may include, but are not limited to:

1. Developing the criteria for evaluating boundary proposals.
2. Creating attendance zones for new school facilities.
3. Reviewing and advising the administration on the development of facility-related contingency plans due to school performance issues.
4. Repurposing or consolidation of existing school facilities.
5. Providing advisory input, as appropriate, during the preparation and a bi-annual review of the Facility Master Plan with the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent.
6. Planning and conducting stakeholder engagement activities, and gathering and assessing stakeholder input.
7. Providing progress reports and formal recommendations to the Superintendent.
8. Completing other projects as assigned by the Superintendent or raised by the Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee.

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter	Strategic Plan Commitments (If Applicable)
6:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and Introductions• Open Meeting• Recognition of Visitors• Review Agenda and Meeting Goals	Co-Chairs	
6:05	Citizens' Communication	Citizens	9
6:15	Approval of Minutes (2/9/16)	Co-Chairs	
6:20	Review Requests for Information	Melissa Laursen	
6:25	Update on Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee	Jennifer Littlefield and Joe Siedlecki	9, 10
6:35	Discussion on Potential Strategies to Address Under-enrolled and Overcrowded Schools, including, but not limited to: Northwest and Southeast Regions	Beth Wilson	8, 9
7:55	Requests for Information and Future Agenda Items	Co-Chairs	
8:00	Adjourn	Co-Chairs	

Note: Strategic Plan can be viewed on the district's website at: <http://www.austinisd.org/strategicplan>

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Boundary Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Summary

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Committee Members in Attendance

Andy Anderson
Chris Farley
Mike Geeslin
Hollie Jenkins
Kathleen Legrand
Jennifer Littlefield
Jennifer Pace
John Rocha
Joe Siedlecki
Valerie Tyler

Staff Members in Attendance

Melissa Laursen
Paul Turner
Beth Wilson

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - Welcome and introductions
 - Open meeting
 - Recognition of visitors
 - Review agenda and meeting goals
- II. Citizens' Communication
- III. Approval of Minutes (1/12/16)
- IV. Review Requests for Information
- V. Update on Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee
- VI. Discussion on Potential Strategies to Address Under-enrolled and Overcrowded Elementary Schools, including, but not limited to: Baranoff, Blazier, Doss, Hill and Winn
- VII. Requests for Information and Future Agenda Items
- VIII. Adjourn

I. Call to Order

Andy Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. One visitor was in attendance. The agenda was reviewed with the committee.

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II. Citizens' Communication

A parent spoke about the proposed Austin Oaks Planned Unit Development, and the potential impacts it may have on student enrollment at Doss Elementary and Murchison Middle School which are currently overcrowded.

III. Approval of Minutes (1/12/16)

The January 12, 2016 minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Review Requests for Information

- Cost of bus transportation to and from Linder ES to Uphaus ECC (provided)
- Cost of bus transportation to and from Blazier ES to Uphaus ESS (provided)
- Enrollment history for Winn (enrollment history of all schools from SY1999-2000 through SY2015-16 was provided)
- Number and capacity of charter schools, including historical information (provided)
- Enrollment trends of surrounding school districts (provided)

V. Update on Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee

Jennifer Littlefield (FABPAC member) provided a summary of the January 14, 2016 meeting. One of the FABPAC's main priorities for this year is to work on updating the 2014 Facility Master Plan. Paul Turner, Executive Director of Facilities, commented that the FMP update is proposed to be a 20-25 year plan and will include an implementation plan for several bond cycles.

In addition, the committee discussed the bond election timing recommendation for the Board of Trustees (November 2016 or May 2017). The FABPAC reached consensus to work towards a May 2017 bond election.

VI. Discussion on Potential Strategies to Address Under-enrolled and Overcrowded Elementary Schools, including, but not limited to: Baranoff, Blazier, Doss, Hill and Winn

Beth Wilson presented the capacity, student population projections, and enrollment data for each school, grouped into eight regions of the district. This information was provided as a starting point for the BAC to determine if boundary changes could be a potential strategy for overcrowded and under-enrolled elementary schools. The Boundary Advisory Committee's primary criterion is to balance student enrollments within the target range of 75-115% of permanent capacity.

The BAC discussed the following:

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Northwest Region elementary schools: Davis, Doss, Highland Park, Hill, and Summitt.

The percent of permanent capacity by enrollment for two elementary schools, Doss (162%) and Hill (140%) are significantly above the target range for the current school year. Five year projections (SY2020-21) indicate all five elementary schools in the region will have enrollment exceeding 100% of capacity, with the following four schools above the target range of 75-115%: Davis (123%), Doss (175%), Hill (166%) and Summitt (119%). Highland Park is projected to be at 105%, which is within the target range, but does not have available capacity to offer relief.

BAC Recommendation for Doss Elementary School and Hill Elementary School

Due to the deficiency of 798 elementary seats in the Northwest Region currently, and a projected deficiency to increase to 1,190 seats, the Boundary Advisory Committee is in agreement that there is no viable boundary solution within the region to relieve overcrowding at Doss and Hill elementary schools. The BAC recommends the Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee consider additional capacity in this region through classroom additions and/or a new relief school. Furthermore, the cafeteria, gymnasium and library sizes should be assessed with any classroom additions as to not overburden these core spaces.

Staff will draft a letter to reflect the above recommendation for the FABPAC's consideration.

Southeast Region elementary schools: Blazier, Houston, Langford, Linder, Palm, Perez, Rodriguez, Uphaus ECC, and Widen

The percent of permanent capacity by enrollment for two elementary schools, Blazier (142%) and Perez (122%) are above the target range for the current school year. Five year projections (SY2020-21) indicate that enrollment for Blazier will continue to increase with a projected percent of capacity of 171%.

After a review of the current and projected capacity for the Southeast Region, the BAC would like to further investigate the possibility of boundary changes between schools to provide some overcrowding relief to Blazier. The BAC discussed that a potential boundary change may not eliminate the need for additional capacity through classroom additions and/or a new southeast elementary school.

Winn ES and Jordan ES (Northeast Region)

The BAC continued a discussion from the January 12th meeting on the possibility of a boundary change between Winn ES and Jordan ES. In SY2015-16, the percent of permanent capacity by enrollment at Winn is 58% and Jordan is 102%. The five year projections indicate a percent of permanent capacity of 45% at Winn and 98% at Jordan. The Winn Campus Advisory Council is currently discussing strategies to increase enrollment, including the possible addition of a 3-year old Pre-K, tuition-based Pre-K, and new specialized academic programming.

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BAC Recommendation for Winn ES and Jordan ES

The BAC does not recommend a boundary change between Winn ES and Jordan ES at this time because Jordan is within the target range of permanent capacity and efforts are underway for Imagine Northeast Austin, which may affect schools in the Northeast Region.

VII. Requests for Information and Future Agenda Items

Requests for Information

- None

Future Agenda items

- Continue to discuss potential solutions for Blazier Elementary, including possible boundary changes in the region.

VIII. Adjourn

Andy Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Population History and Projections

