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APS Redistricting Committee

Thursday, November 3, 2011

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Cibola High School Performing Arts
Center, 1510 Ellison Drive NW

Minutes

A Redistricting Community Meeting of the Board of Education of Albuquerque Public Schools was held Thursday, November 3, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Cibola High School Performing Arts Center, 1510 Ellison Drive NW.

I. Purpose of the meeting

This meeting is to discuss redistricting APS Board of Education voting districts based on the 2010 federal census. It does not relate in any way to school attendance boundaries.

Welcome and Introductions

Committee members present: Esther Rivera (District 1), Mike Chavez (District 1), April Arviso (District 2), John Herrera (District 2), Emma Sandoval (District 3), Clay Campbell (District 4), Arturo Archuleta (District 4), Zoe Otero-Martinez (District 5), Chuck McMillian (District 6), Dan Salzwedel (District 6), Martha Nail (District 7), and Dave Marsh (District 7).

Committee members absent: Richard Asenap (District 3) and Susan Wrons (District 5)

Vice Chairman Emma Sandoval explained that this meeting is the third of four meetings to discuss the districts from which the board members are elected and complete redistricting information is available on the APS website.

APS Board of Education members Lorenzo Garcia and Kathy Korte were recognized the committee. Michael Sharp, vice president of Research and Polling, Inc. presented the redistricting process, briefly covering why population changes discovered during the 2010 census require redistricting. He explained that the committee helps show the plans, gather public input and suggest changes so that members of the APS Board of Education can make a decision about redrawing the districts that will affect the 2013 election process. The redistricting process is based on the principles of districting: equal population, minority voting rights, compactness, contiguity and communities of interest.

Mr. Sharp reviewed the plans and requests for changes to plans:

- Plan A was created to reflect a plan that is similar to the current plan
- Plan B was created to reflect a new district on the west side of the river
- Plan B-1 is identical to Plan B except districts 4 and 5 are switched considering the election calendar
- Plan C reviews districts by high school attendance boundaries
- Plan D was created to reflect Corrales with a west side district

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- Plan D-1 is identical to Plan D except districts 4 and 5 are switched considering the election calendar
- Plan E was created to reflect high school attendance boundaries with different groupings of high schools
- Plan F was created to move District 4 south of Lomas
- Plan G was created to put the Atrisco High School back into District 1 and District 4 goes south to Isleta and north to Montgomery
- Plan H was based on Plan G, but keeps District 4 south of Interstate 40
- Plan I was based on trying to make every district as equal population (+ or – 1 percent deviation)
- Plan J was based on Plan E to keep District 4 south of Interstate 40
- Plan K was based on west side of Plan E and east side from Plan C
- Plan L was based on Plan E, but made districts 3 and 7 close to equal in population

II. Public input

Board members Lorenzo Garcia and Kathy Korte requested information about the assumptions of the makeup of the precincts and expressed concerns about the demographic makeup of the precincts.

Members of the community are invited to share their comments with the APS Redistricting Committee. Vice Chair Sandoval advised that public input can be given by emailing boarded@aps.edu, speaking at the meeting during public forum, or completing input cards that are available at the meetings. Speakers are requested to sign in to speak and each person has a two-minute speaking limit.

Topics of the public forum included:

- Support for districts based on the voting cycle, such as all east side districts are up for election together and then all of the west side districts are up for election together
- Support for the river as the natural boundary
- Support for additional representation for the west side of Albuquerque

III. APS Redistricting Committee Discussion

The APS Redistricting Committee discussed the following concepts of, and impacts on, board member voting district line movement:

- Request from each of the committee members to state which plan he or she prefers so a possible consensus can be drawn before
- Support for waiting for all of the community input before the committee begins consideration of the plans
- Support for the west side to have another district
- Support for more time to review plans before stating preference for a plan

The meeting concluded at 7:00 p.m.

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