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APS Redistricting Committee

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Rio Grande High School Performing
Arts Center, 2300 Arenal Road SW

Minutes

A Redistricting Committee Meeting of the Albuquerque Public Schools voting districts was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at Rio Grande High School, 2300 Arenal Road, SW.

I. Welcome and Introduction

- Rio Grande High School Principal Yvonne Garcia welcomed the committee. A Spanish-language interpreter asked if services were needed, there was no response.
- The following committee members were present: Esther Rivera (District 1), Mike Chavez (District 1), April Arviso (District 2), John Herrera (District 2), Emma Sandoval (District 3), Richard Asenap (District 3), Clay Campbell (District 4), Arturo Archuleta (District 4), Susan Wrons (District 5), Zoe Otero-Martinez (District 5), Chuck McMillian (District 6), Dan Salzwedel (District 6) and Dave Marsh (District 7)
Absent: Martha Nail (District 7)
- At 6:05 p.m., Chairman Mike Chavez gave general announcements and recognized State Representative Miguel Garcia and APS Board of Education member, Dr. Analee Maestas.
- Mr. Michael Sharp, vice president of Research and Polling, Inc., gave a brief description of the redistricting process, which they help draw every 10 years.

II. Public Input Process

- Chairman Chavez gave rules for public speaking
- Patricia Risbeck of the Anderson Hills Neighborhood Association would like their neighborhood to remain in one district
- State Representative Garcia (District 14-South Valley) would like to give back the Central and Bridge area to the old Atrisco area
- 6:15 p.m., concluded public input

III. Discussion

- Mr. Kizito Wijenje, APS Capital Master Plan director gave a demographics presentation. Enrollment projections are reviewed every five years. Mr. Dan Salzwedel inquired about No Child Left Behind—why are transfers categorized—

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what are reasons—are transfers improving? Mr. Wijenje responded by saying that the district tries to give parents choice. Mr. Salzwedel commented that transfer trends are higher than 10-15 years ago. Mr. John Herrera asked how many times a student can transfer. Mr. Wijenje responded that as long as there is space and students can provide their own transportation, they can apply to transfer. Mr. Richard Asenap asked if the West Side enrollment is stagnant or declining. Mr. Wijenje discussed the following high schools' enrollments: Sandia (aging neighborhood—flat or declining), Cibola (lost students to Volcano Vista) and Volcano Vista (started out robust and flattened out due to economy).

- Mr. Wijenje gave a Capital Master Plan (CMP) presentation on the following:
 - history dating back to 1985
 - funding cycles
 - process
 - implementation
 - accountability and oversight CMP committee
 - capital program growth
 - real estate acquisition
 - facility maintenance and charter schools

- Mr. Sharp presented the following redistricting principles information:
 - redrawing lines that determine where elected officials are from
 - required by State statute
 - after decennial census
 - local Board votes and adopts plan
 - February 2013 Board election
 - redistricting process
 - principles of redistricting
 - who is counted (not limited to registered voters)
 - ideal population
 - equal population
 - minority voting strength
 - compactness
 - contiguity
 - communities of interest
 - displayed current district map example: District 2 has 42,000 too many people
 - Plans A, B, C and D were presented

A five-minute break was taken at 7:15 p.m.

- Chairman Chavez suggested a modification by switching district numbers 4 and 5—the next election cycle for District 5 is up
- Mr. Sharp recommended adding another plan with district numbers 4 and 5 switched
- Mr. John Herrera mentioned that District 2 has a chance on plans B & D to become a new district—if it becomes District 4, they will have to wait until 2015 to vote. If it becomes District 5, it can be voted on in the next election

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- Ms. Esther Rivera stated that this district has been under represented for the last 10 years
- Ms. Zoe Otero-Martinez stated that additional representation on the West Side is needed—suggested changes on Plans B and D to include options, leaving A and C the same
- Mr. Arturo Archuleta requested a different configuration regarding the Montgomery Corridor—add precincts 438, 439 and 408—would like to see the numbers—no suggestion for an amendment.
- Mr. Archuleta suggested the following changes to Plan C (population/region): La Cueva/Eldorado (same), Manzano/Sandia (new), Del Norte/Highland (new), Albuquerque/Valley (new), Cibola/Volcano Vista (new), Rio Grande/Atrisco Heritage Academy (new) and West Mesa (new)
- Mr. Archuleta suggested to move District 4 further west on Plan D
- Mr. Clay Campbell requested a variation of Plan A, which would limit the western boundary of District 4 to the river or Broadway. He also agrees with Representative Garcia that it should remain as part of West Side/South Valley district. District 4 should continue south to capture Mesa del Sol—may need to be shifted with District 5.
- Ms. Otero-Martinez stated that Plan A revisions should be an addition instead of a complete re-do.
- Mr. Asenap asked how the Native American community percentage would change numbers—keeping Tohajiilee and Isleta or splitting. Mr. Sharp responded that District 1 includes a total of 6 percent of Native American voting adults (includes Tohajiilee and Isleta).
- Ms. Rivera stated that during the break, community members who did not sign up for public forum stated that they would like to the Atrisco Neighborhood to remain in District 1.
- Mr. Herrera stated that on Plan A, the Ernie Pyle and Rio Grande areas need to be put back into District 1.

With no further discussion from the committee, Chairman Chavez adjourned the Redistricting Committee meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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