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APS Redistricting Committee

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

6:00-8:00 p.m.

DeLayo Martin Conference Room
Alice and Bruce King Educational
Complex, 6400 Uptown Blvd. NE

Minutes

A Redistricting Community Meeting of the Board of Education of Albuquerque Public Schools was held Tuesday, November 29, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the DeLayo Martin Conference Room, Alice and Bruce King Educational Complex, 6400 Uptown Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

I. Purpose of the meeting

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

Committee members 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), Susan Wrons (District 5), Zoe Otero-Martinez (District 5), Dan Salzwedel (District 6), Martha Nail (District 7), and Dave Marsh (District 7).

Committee members absent: Arturo Archuleta (District 4), Chuck McMillian (District 6)
APS Board member Dr. Analee Maestas attended the meeting.

I. Recap of APS Redistricting Committee activity and suggestions

Chairman Mike Chavez reviewed that four plans were chosen at the last meeting to be discussed by the committee members at this meeting to determine plans to be submitted to APS board members for a final choice of one. The four plans to be discussed are D-1, F, J and L. He stated that the meeting would begin with a review of the four plans, then time would be given for feedback about the four plans chosen and finally a plan will be developed to narrow the four plan choices down to two.

II. Discussion of map concepts – Research & Polling

Michael Sharp, vice president of Research and Polling, Inc. stated that all of the plans were created using 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 D was created to reflect Corrales with a west side district and Plan D-1 is identical to Plan D, except districts 4 and 5 are switched considering the election calendar.
- Plan F was based on C as an attempt to create districts based on high school attendance boundaries, with Plan F moving District 4 south of Lomas.
- Plan J was based on Plan E, which reflected high school attendance boundaries with different groupings of high schools to keep District 4 south of Interstate 40.
- Plan L was based on Plan E, but made district 3 and 7 close to equal in population.

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Arturo Archuleta emailed suggested boundary lines to the committee because he would not be able to attend the meeting due a family emergency. Michael Sharp of Research and Polling, Inc. incorporated Mr. Archuleta's suggestions to create a map concept labeled Plan M.

The committee members discussed the following:

- Esther Rivera stated that board members chose a broad group of people for committee to invest their time and seriously consider the value of the work done, so it is important to be decisive about the choices recommended to the board for consideration of approval.
- Zoe Otero-Martinez expressed concerned that it would be difficult for a board member to represent three high schools and feeder schools in the same district.
- Dan Salzwedel expressed concern about the timing of re-elections, the need for the Westside to have three representatives and the need to plan for growth on the Westside. He suggested support for Plan F, and does not consider communities of interests as the major criteria for picking the best plan.
- John Herrera doesn't consider Plan F as representing the West side with three board members and that the west side boundary of the petroglyphs will limit growth on the west side.
- Zoe Otero-Martinez requested consensus on the definition of the demarcation of the west side.
- Dave Marsh stated that based on population the demarcation of east and west should be Interstate 25 and not the river and he asked the committee members to consider adequate representation for the population between Interstate 25 and the river.
- Emma Sandoval expressed support for Plan M because it shows negative deviation on the westside and supports minority voting rights.
- Martha Nail agreed that Plan M is an improvement over the other plans, but is concerned that the Albuquerque High School district is in three districts.
- Esther Rivera voiced support for Plan M because it looks very contiguous, focused and compact, and in contrast Plan F is not compact. She reminded the committee members that community members who spoke at the meetings stated that the river is the demarcation of the west side.
- Clay Campbell agreed that the river is the demarcation of the westside and supports Plan M.
- Dan Salzwedel voiced some support for Plan M.
- April Arviso supported Plan M for growth of opportunities of 30,000 due to the negative deviations in the Westside districts.
- John Herrera supported Plan D1 because constituents expressed support for that plan, but agrees that Plan M is very esimilar to Plan D1.
- Esther Rivera expressed concern that Plan F reflects the status quo and does not give the west side the representation that has been requested and is needed.
- Zoe Otero-Martinez supports submitting Plan M and Plan F to the board members.
- April Arviso reminded the committee that all community members were invited to give feedback, but the Westside community showed the greatest representation with comments and they requested the third seat.
- Susan Wrons suggested that a variety of plans needs to be presented to the board.

III. Action on recommendation to the APS Board of Education

Martha Nail motioned that Plan M and Plan F be submitted to the board for consideration. Dave Marsh seconded the motion. Committee members voted in agreement.

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Clay Campbel suggested to amend the motion and let the board members know how many voted for the plans. Dave Marsh seconded the amendment to the motion. Committee members voted in agreement and by a show of seven hands for Plan M and three for Plan F. Two committee members abstained from the vote.

Zoe Otero-Martinez suggested that Plan M be presented as the preferred plan and and Plan F as the second.

IV. Discussion of APS Redistricting Committee presentation to the APS Board of Education

Committee members requested information about the presentation process and discussed the possibilities. They agreed that Michael Sharp would present an overview of the technical details to the board; Michael Chavez would review the committee work and the voting results; that Clay Campbell or Arturo Archuleta would present Plan M and Dan Salzwedel would present Plan F. It was recommended that all the committee members attend the December 7, Board of Education meeting along with the presenters, but that the discussion should be limited to a brief presentation and aswering board members' questions.

V. Next and final steps

Committee members were informed that board members would most likely make the final decision at a Board of Education meeting in January 2012.

VI. Final questions

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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