

**2017-2018
Elementary School “B”**

**SCHOOL BOUNDARY COMMITTEE
Minutes**

October 13, 2016

Attending: Michael Bailey, Beverly Culpepper, Megan Hermansen, Sheryl Houck, Beth Kelly, Tammy Kimpland, Teresa Love, Gary Sawyer, Dave Scanga, Richard Tonello

Others in Attendance: Zack Goodfield, Betsy Kuhn, Chris Williams

Richard Tonello opened the meeting at 10:37

Megan Hermanssen was introduced as the new Lake Myrtle Elementary School principal. David Scanga introduced himself. Kim Poe was not able to attend the meeting today and so Dave is representing administration.

Richard discussed where the growth pressure exists.
Richard discussed areas 6-8 as preferred not to be split due to Transportation.

The committee began going through the maps/options. It was brought up about options that keep Odessa under capacity or over capacity. Can we rule one set out? It was brought up there is a desire to keep Ivy Lake Estates in Odessa. People are saying they bought their homes to go to Odessa. There was discussion about the fact that we had the same situation when we opened Odessa and folks had bought their homes to go to Oakstead.

The question was asked about when the new principal will be named. Dave Scanga indicated position will be advertised in the next week or so and will be named in the near future. He also talked about the track record of new principals such as Teresa Love and Steve Williams at Wiregrass Elementary.

There was discussion about the future growth and impact on schools. A point was made about transportation turning right out of these communities (Ivy Lake Estates, etc). Feeder patterns for areas 6-8 was discussed. Sending these areas to

Elementary B will help with the feeder pattern. A parent passed out an analysis of absorption rates and supply/demand of real estate market. Their real estate perspective is that they expect the Bexley development to do well.

The question was asked about how long does it take for a school to "gel". Dave Scanga talked about how new schools have a staff retreat prior to opening. That helps but it takes about a year to gel although they typically are very competitive from Day 1.

There was discussion about how change is hard and also the technology at new schools.

A parent suggested that if Areas 6-8 were to be rezoned then Option 7 may be best.

There was discussion about Area 15 as far as transportation and impact on capacity. The committee began focusing in on Options 2 and 7.

Discussion about %Low income and the impacts in the various options. There is close to a 10% spread between the lowest, Odessa and Oakstead (24%) to Elementary B at 33-39%.

The committee came down between Options 2 and 7. Option 2 was agreed to as the proposal. One parent was not in favor of rezoning Areas 6-8 but understands the rationale for Option 2.

Question as to how items are posted, how communication takes place with parents. Was told the proposed boundary would be posted and a parent letter will go home indicating important dates and information and the proposed boundary. Also, ConnectEd calls are usually done as well. Was suggested that ConnectEd be done the day letters go home.