



Board Meeting Date: March 30, 2005

Agenda Item #III-A

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

***Attendance Boundary Recommendation
West Boynton Beach-area Elementary School 03-V***

I recommend the School Board provide final approval of the Superintendent's recommendation of Boundary Study V-6, establishing boundaries for the new West Boynton Beach-area Elementary School 03-V opening in August 2005.

- This recommendation establishes boundaries for the new West Boynton Beach Elementary School 03-V, located at 7685 N. Military Trail in Boynton Beach. The school is under construction and scheduled to open in August 2005.
- Boundary Study V-6 establishes boundaries for the new Elementary School 03-V, while providing enrollment relief to Citrus Cove, Crystal Lakes, Freedom Shores, Hagen Road, Manatee and Starlight Cove elementary schools
- Community Input Meetings were held on October 12th and December 7th, 2004. A previously scheduled meeting was postponed due to hurricanes. Notification was provided to parents of students potentially affected by the changes, as well as principals of schools included in the studies and planning directors of potentially affected municipalities. Additional public comment was gathered at scheduled ABC meetings and through faxes, letters and e-mails. Copies of boundary change correspondences are available for review in the Board Minutes Office. During community input, parents from SAC 236A were opposed to a proposed change from Manatee Elementary School to Crystal Lakes Elementary School, because Manatee is a closer school. The committee agreed to allow the SAC to remain at Manatee, but continuing enrollment growth, program needs and Class Size Reduction efforts will require further boundary changes within the next three years.
- This staff recommendation proposes alternative relief for Hagen Road Elementary that would temporarily reassign a new development west of the school to available seats at the new 03-V Elementary School. The temporary reassignment would apply to an estimated 250 students that are not yet attending Hagen Road Elementary School. Permanent assignment to a closer school will be possible in August 2008 when new Elementary School 03-Z will open on a site adjacent to the new development.
- On December 16th, 2004 the ABC considered but rejected Boundary Study V-6 in a 3-8 vote, with dissenting members stating concerns about precedence and proximity.
- A community input meeting regarding the proposed change between Hagen Road Elementary and Elementary School 03-V was held on February 21, 2005.

BOARD GOAL(S): 6 KEY RESULT(S): 10
LEGAL SIGN-OFF: _____ Yes N/A
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| FINANCIAL IMPACT | There is no financial impact |
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AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: February 11, 2002



Agenda Item # 3

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION
BOYNTON/DELRAY AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (97-M/98-I)

I recommend the School Board approve the Advisory Boundary Committee's recommendation of boundary study E-3D Amended establishing boundaries for the new Boynton/Delray area elementary schools (97-M and 98-I) opening in August 2002, and associated boundary adjustments.

- This recommendation establishes attendance boundaries for the new Boynton/Delray area elementary school (97 M) located at 3400 Hypoluxo Road in Boynton Beach. The new Boynton/Delray area elementary school (98-I) is located at 3015 South Congress Avenue in Boynton Beach. The schools are under construction and scheduled to open in August 2002.
- Boundary study E-3D Amended establishes attendance boundaries for the two (2) new Boynton/Delray area elementary schools (97-M and 98-I) while providing enrollment relief to other elementary schools in the area and eliminating non-contiguous attendance areas in Boynton Beach and Delray Beach.
- The ABC held two (2) community input meetings. Notification was provided to parents of students potentially impacted by the change, the city managers for Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, and Lantana, and the Principals and School Advisory Council chairs for all elementary schools involved in the study.
- The first community input meeting was held at Boynton Beach High School on December 13, 2001. The second community input meeting was held at Atlantic High School on December 18, 2001. At both meetings the ABC heard from parents residing in Winston Trails who were opposed to splitting their community between Manatee and Starlight Cove Elementary Schools, and residents of Cypress Creek opposed to a reassignment from Citrus Cove that students walk to, to Galaxy that would require school bus transportation. Residents from the Arbor Glen and Biltmore Terrace communities spoke in opposition to a reassignment from Crystal Lakes Elementary to Manatee Elementary. The committee also heard from residents from a non-contiguous boundary area attending Citrus Cove Elementary from a Boynton Beach neighborhood along Seacrest Blvd, who spoke in opposition to a reassignment to either Forest Park Elementary or Galaxy Elementary. Residents from a non-contiguous boundary area attending Calusa Elementary from Delray Beach, spoke in opposition to a reassignment to Pine Grove Elementary. Residents from the Pheasant Walk community in Boca Raton spoke in favor of a reassignment from Orchard View Elementary to Calusa Elementary.
- On January 22, 2002 the ABC conducted a community input meeting at Galaxy Elementary to hear from residents in Study Area Code (SAC) 250D about a possible reassignment from Citrus Cove Elementary to Galaxy Elementary, which is within walking distance of their homes, instead of Forest Park Elementary. Parents residing in this area did not voice opposition to the proposal, but did express safety concerns over children walking to Galaxy. Their concerns centered on lack of sidewalks, crossing of two (2) canals, speeding vehicles, and drug deals on the streets.
- At their meeting on January 24, 2002 the ABC discussed the comments heard from the parents of students in SAC 250D being considered for reassignment to Galaxy Elementary. The ABC is unanimously recommending SAC 250D be reassigned to Galaxy Elementary and is strongly encouraging the District provide bus transportation due to multiple safety concerns. District provision of transportation is considered by the ABC to be a "wash" since these children currently ride a bus to Citrus Cove Elementary and would be eligible for bus transportation if the area were reassigned to Forest Park Elementary as originally considered by the Committee.
- For the January 10, 2002 ABC meeting, staff provided the committee with an alternative study which attempted to address many of the negative comments heard at the community input meetings. The alternative study would move all of Winston Trails from Coral Reef Elementary to Manatee Elementary keeping the community together for at least the next couple of years. It would also leave SAC 243 at Crystal Lakes Elementary instead of moving it into Manatee Elementary. This alternative failed on a 6 to 7 vote of the committee on January 10, 2002.
- The ABC, in a 9-4 vote, is recommending this boundary change in the form of Study E-3D Amended. This splits Winston Trails between Manatee and Starlight Cove Elementary Schools; moves SAC 243 from Crystal Lakes Elementary to Manatee Elementary; splits SAC 254 leaving the Cypress Creek community at Citrus Cove; splits SAC 250B between Citrus Cove and Rolling Green Elementary Schools; and moves SAC 250D to Galaxy Elementary pending the public comments from the community input meeting.
- The committee members who voted against Study E-3D Amended preferred the alternative presented at the January 10, 2002 ABC meeting.