

Single Board Member Redistricting Steering Public Hearing District 3

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: City of Fort Lauderdale Commission Chambers,

100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Michael Rajner, Chair

Marsha Ellison, Vice Chair

Agenda Items

1. Call to order

Chair Rajner called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Ellison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

District 1 – Kristine Judeikis

District 1 – Russell Chard

District 3 – Paul Eichner

District 3 – Heather Cunniff

District 4 –Latha Krishnaiyer

District 5 – Roland Foulkes

District 5 –Roosevelt Walters

District 6 – Philip Busey

District 7 – Sheila Rose

County Wide, At-Large 8 - Marsha Ellison – Vice Chair

County Wide, At-Large 8 - Alan Ehrlich

County Wide, At-Large 9 – Mary C. Fertig

County Wide, At-Large 9 – Michael De Gruccio

Superintendent – Michael Rajner- Chair

The following committee members were absent from the meeting:

District 2 – Barbara Jones

District 2 – Marilyn Soltanipour

District 4 – To Be Determined

District 6 – To Be Determined

District 7 – To Be Determined

4. Approval of May 17, 2012 Public Hearing District 3 Agenda

Chair Rajner moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved without objection.

5. Approval of May 9, 2012 Draft Public Hearing District 2 Minutes

Chair Rajner asked staff if there were any corrections to the minutes submitted by the committee members. **Patrick Sipple** presented additions submitted by **Mr. Busey**. The revisions included additions clarifying the points made by speaker **Ms. Rose Waters** and

presenter **Mr. Graziose**. The May 9th meeting minutes were approved as corrected by the committee.

6. Public Hearing

6.1 Overview of Redistricting Process and Guiding Principles

Ms. Cunniff from District 3 presented a very clear and brief presentation on the Redistricting Process and Guiding Principles.

6.2 Presentation of Newly Submitted Map Alternatives

There were no new map submissions presented.

6.3 Public Comment on Newly Submitted Map Alternatives

There was no public comment on newly submitted map alternatives.

6.4 Public Comment on Previously Presented Maps

There was no public comment on previously presented map alternatives.

6.5 General Public Comment on the Redistricting Process

Ms. Rose Waters asked, "How serious is the community's map considered by the School Board? Will it carry any weight or will they do what they want anyway? Will they seriously take the advice of the committee?" **Chair Rajner** stated that the Redistricting Steering Committee's role is that of an advisory board and that all proposals would be considered and sent to the School Board for their final decision. He went on to state that the committee will be proposing additions to the redistricting timeline at the School Board Workshop on May 22, 2012. The proposed additions will include meetings for the committee to develop map alternatives and public hearings for the community to comment on the map alternatives. Ultimately, all maps are reviewed by the committee and sent to the School Board. **Mr. Busey** asked for clarification on the proposed process. **Chair Rajner** stated that it was discussed and voted on at the District 1 Public Hearing and includes steps for the committee to generate maps as well as a public hearing to allow for public review and comment.

7. Chair's Report

Chair Rajner expressed gratitude to **Mr. Foulkes** and the Fort Lauderdale Educational Advisory Board for rescheduling their meeting in order to accommodate the requested commission chamber use by the Redistricting Steering Committee. He reminded the committee that School Board Redistricting Workshop 2 will be held on May 22, 2012 at 1:00 pm. **Ms. Krishnaiyer** asked if **Patrick Sipple** would send out a reminder for the workshop and a list of the map submission due dates. **Mr. Busey** commented that people should not be so fearful to create a map as the process takes around three hours. **Mr. Walters** asked **Chair Rajner** how many map alternatives the committee would like to present to the School Board? He also stated that the committee should start making a map alternative prior to the District 6 Public Hearing. **Chair Rajner** asked **Mr. Walters** if he indeed felt that the committee should make a map alternative prior to the District 6 Public Hearing. **Mr. Walters** replied, "Yes, and we should present more than one map alternative to the School Board. We should have at least three map alternatives." **Mr. Chard** cautioned the committee on making the maps early. He stated that it

will look like the committee discounted the input by community members living in Districts 1 through 5. **Chair Rajner** agreed and stated that the live map making meeting will be held after the public hearings at the District's administration building. He reminded everyone that scheduling a mapping session with **Patrick Sipple** is the most effective way to generate a map alternative as it allows the map creator to see their ideas and data in real time.

8. Staff Follow Up

There were no staff follow ups.

9. Unfinished Business

There were no unfinished business items and none added to the agenda.

10. New Business

There were no new business items and none added to the agenda.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.