

Meeting Minutes for
Wednesday, March 29, 2012 Redistricting Public Orientation Meeting II
6:00 p.m.
Kathleen C. Wright Building, 1st Floor, Board Room

Agenda Items

1. Call to order

Chair Rajner called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Extra time was given to the members of the committee and the public to make it in to the meeting and get settled due to the Mercedes-Benz Corporate Run that was taking place on the streets surrounding the Kathleen C. Wright Building.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

#5 District 1 – Kristine Judeikis
#7 District 2 – Marilyn Soltanipour
#8 District 2 – Barbara Jones
#9 District 3 – Paul Eichner
#10 District 3 – Heather Cunniff
#11 District 4 –Latha Krishnaiyer
#12 District 5 – Roland Foulkes
#13 District 5 –Roosevelt Walters
#14 District 6 – Philip Busey
#15 District 7 – Michael Rajner- Chair
#1 County Wide, At-Large 8 – Mary C. Fertig
#2 County Wide, At-Large 8 - Michael Ahearn
#3 County Wide, At-Large 9 - Alan Ehrlich
#4 County Wide, At-Large 9 - Marsha Ellison – Vice Chair

The following committee members were absent from the meeting:

#6 District 1 – Russell Chard
#16 District 7 – Sheila Rose
#17 Superintendent – Antonio Coley
#18 District 4 – Becki Eikevik
#19 District 6 – To Be Determined

4. Approval of March 29, 2012 Orientation Meeting 5 agenda (attachment 4) Page 3

5. Approval of deferred February 9, 2012 Orientation Meeting 3 minutes (attachment 5) Page 5

Mr. Busey asked staff to correct the spelling of **Mr. Ehrlich's** name on page 8. He also requested that the statement that, "staff will not provide a formal written answer" on the top of page 6 be removed. He also asked staff to correct the spelling of **Ms. Judeikis'** name on page 7. He also requested that a statement on page 7 read that, "definitions will be available for" committee members. He also made the request to have staff research who made the motion on the bottom of page 8. **Motion: Mr. Foulkes** made the motion to move the minutes. **Mr. Walters** seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

6. Approval of February 22, 2012 Orientation Meeting 4 minutes (attachment 6) Page 9

Mr. Busey asked staff to correct Page 10 by placing the correct name of the event stated as "principal's breakfast" in the minutes. **Chair Rajner** stated that he would research this with staff and have the minutes corrected.

Mr. Foulkes would like to have his emails that were sent to staff describing the Simpson Diversity Index attached to the February 22nd minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

7. Chair's Report

Chair Rajner stated that mapping workshop dates had been set and that one had already taken place on March 26, 2012. He described the attendance at the workshop as being weak, and encouraged committee members and staff to get the word out to foster more community participation. **Mr. Walters** stated that the information was well presented and that the workshop was very informative. **Chair Rajner** also stated that two hour map making sessions could be scheduled by the public with staff. These sessions would allow the public to get their ideas entered into a Geographic Information System as a completed map.

He stated that the committee will not be making maps. If there are maps the community would be more engaged. They have the opportunity to drive this process. If there are no maps prior to the first public hearing then the committee will discuss the issue at the end of the first public hearing on April 19th. If there are no maps by mid-May, he would like to see it discussed at the May 22nd School Board workshop.

Mr. Foulkes would like to see more public notification, especially through radio and television.

Chair Rajner stated that the media is not that concerned with the redistricting effort at this time, however, he and staff will continue to explore all avenues on getting the word out to the public. He asked that if committee members contact the media, to please copy staff on the emails.

Ms. Judeikis – Asked if **Patrick Sipple** could send out an email to the committee in advance of the public hearing on April 19th if there were no maps.

There was concern by the committee members that there may not be any map submissions. **Chair Rajner** asked to proceed with the meeting and that the issue would be discussed under new business.

8. Staff Follow Up

8.1 Review of School Board committee attendance policy (attachment 8.1) Page 15

The committee's rules state that, "Any appointee who has three consecutive absences or misses four meetings in one calendar year shall be automatically removed by the appointed School Board Member. The automatic removal shall cause a vacancy to exist. In the event an appointee is automatically removed, the appointing School Board Member may reappoint the appointee when extenuating circumstances exist as determined by the appointing School Board Member."

Jill Young asked if committee members would prefer a telephone call. **Chair Rajner** asked for the committee members to supply staff with an updated cell phone number if it has changed. He went on to state that only regular committee meetings and public hearings are mandatory.

8.2 Revised flow chart of map production and submission (attachment 8.2) Page 17

Jill Young – "Staff has followed the committee's direction from the last meeting to come up with this process for receiving map submissions and would like to know if there are any final comments before sharing/publishing on the web site?"

There was discussion by the committee on the final map submission date. Due to the staff's four day summer work schedule and the need to have a confirmation of map receipt, it was agreed upon that the final time that the public can have access to staff for map revision and assistance will be 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2012. Maps will be accepted up to two weeks prior to the last public hearing. This has been set at 5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2012.

Chair Rajner asked staff to prepare and post guidelines for the two hour mapping sessions on the Web site.

8.3 Request for clarification of map submission and comment due dates

Item previously discussed and dates set under item 8.2.

8.4 Securing date and time for committee public hearings (attachment 8.4) Page 19

Jill Young read in the public hearing dates for the first three meetings and the tentative dates for the final four public hearings. The first three meetings are:

- D1 Thursday, April 19th at 6 p.m. McArthur High School Auditorium
- D2 Wednesday, May 9th at 6 p.m. Pembroke Pines Senior Center
- D3 Thursday, May 17th at 6 p.m. Fort Lauderdale City Commission Chambers

Ms. Krishnaiyer stated that she would like to see the District 4 public hearing moved from the tentatively scheduled June 14th date to an earlier date. **Chair Rajner** reminded the committee

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that the resolution states that the committee is to have only two meetings per month and that a change would require the School Board to change the resolution. **Motion: Mr. Ehrlich** made the motion to have the public hearing on May 30th. **Mr. Foulkes** seconded the motion. **Motion: Ms. Fertig** amended the motion to make the District 4 public hearing on June 4th. **Mr. Ehrlich** seconded the motion. **Motion: Chair Rajner** made the motion to suspend the rules and have the meeting on a Monday rather than on the standard Wednesday or Thursday. Motion adopted.

Motion: Ms. Fertig made the motion to move the tentative District 7 meeting from July 19th to July 25th. Motion adopted.

The committee also agreed to change the tentative District 6 meeting on July 12th to July 11th.

The remaining four public hearings are as follows:

D4 Monday, June 4th at 6 p.m. at Coral Springs High School Auditorium
D5 Thursday, June 21st at 6 p.m. at City of Lauderdale Lakes Educational Center, Floor 2
D6 Wednesday, July 11th at 6 p.m. at Western High School Auditorium
D7 Wednesday, July 25th at 6 p.m. Deerfield Beach High School Auditorium

Jill Young also stated that the second School Board workshop on redistricting is now set for Tuesday, May 22nd at 10 a.m. in the Kathleen C. Wright Building, 1st Floor, School Board Room.

Discussion continued on map submission dates. **Motion: Mr Busey** made the motion to have the cutoff date for the public to work with staff and the cutoff date for map submissions to be the same date. Motion dies. **Chair Rajner** stated that the process already dictates that the map submission cutoff date is July 11th at 5:00 p.m. and that the cutoff date was already adopted as June 28th at 5:00 p.m.

8.5 Simpson Diversity Index Legal Review

Jill Young gave an explanation of the Simpson Diversity Index: “Simpson’s Diversity Index measures the “diversity” of the population distribution and translates it into a single index number. The greater the index number, the more diverse the area.”

“For Census 2000 data, the Diversity Index ranges from 1.0 to 6.0. An index of 1.0 indicates a homogeneous population where every person is of the same race; an index of 6.0 indicates a highly diverse population with equal numbers of people from all racial groups.”

She went on to state the opinion of Legal Counsel, Paul Carland, in that there are problems with using the Simpson Diversity Index for the current redistricting project:

- There is no current study.
- This study is not in the scope of the School Board’s redistricting resolution.
- If the School Board expanded the scope of the resolution to include this data, there would be a cost to 1) get an expert to create the data, 2) this would delay the process and halt the hearings.

- Other redistricting efforts have not used this data.

In a March 27, 2012 email from **Paul Carland** to **Jill Young**, it reads: “As discussed, Resolution #12-32 creating the Redistricting Committee and setting forth its work does not address the use of the "Simpson Index of Diversity" in considering or creating proposed maps for the Board's review. I have also not been presented with any authority that states that the use of such a tool is necessary or required for the creation or consideration of proposed maps. Accordingly, the use of this tool by the Committee may be permissible however, I would caution the Committee in using any tool which is based upon data from the year 2000. If it were to do so, I believe any maps created using this tool should note for the Board how the use of it impacted the drawing of the map lines with a disclosure about the age / accuracy of the underlying data.”

Jill Young presented a possible alternative for viewing diversity data.

The NY Times Census mapping application:

<http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/map?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=thab1>

Mr. Foulkes asked if the committee could hire the former county demographer to do the study. He was supportive of the School Board’s decision to use the 2010 Census data.

Mr. Busey stated that the geographic diversity item currently in the guidelines should be removed. **Chair Rajner** said that there are plans to have it discussed at the April 17, 2012 regular School Board meeting. **Motion: Ms. Fertig** made the motion to recommend that third item under the “Guiding Principles Unique to Broward County” be stricken. **Ms. Krishnaiyer** seconded the motion. **Ms. Fertig** withdrew the motion and made an amended motion. **Motion: Ms. Fertig** made the motion to recommend that the School Board clarify item 6 under the “Traditional Guiding Principles” and that the third item under the “Guiding Principles Unique to Broward County” be stricken. **Ms. Krishnaiyer** seconded the motion. The motion was adopted as amended. **Chair Rajner** was supportive, and stated that by keeping diversity numbers relatively the same in a geographic area one could in a sense be creating a quota, thus limiting the ability to redraw the districts.

8.6 Community Feedback on Redistricting Process (attachment 8.6) Page 25

Jill Young presented the current community comments received to date. She asked if the committee would like to receive this information in a different format. The committee agreed that the current format is fine.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

10.1 Future Steps - Committee deliberations on map alternatives and final recommendations

Chair Rajner asked if the committee would want to give staff direction to draw a map as an example. Use the current map and data with the discussion. **Ms. Fertig** suggested a list of

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things people may want to comment on. **Ms. Judeikis** stated that having a staff drawn map gives the community a starting point. **Ms. Soltanipour** agreed. **Ms. Krishnaiyer** said that people may just want to make comments and may not be comfortable submitting maps. **Mr. Busey** agreed and stated that he wanted to see more sample maps, and that the maps should be representative of attempts to conform to specific criteria such as, municipal boundaries and Innovation Zone boundaries. **Ms. Judeikis** mentioned that if there are no map submissions by the first public hearing, the community could use the examples as discussion points or as a starting point to creating their maps. **Ms. Cunniff** suggested that at a bare minimum, the community should be able to see how the data looks now. **Ms. Fertig** suggested providing blank maps at the public hearing for people to draw on.

Mr. Foulkes stated that it is a problem for staff to make samples and that it brings into question the transparency of the committee. He is concerned with the image of the committee. "It's saying we have no faith in the committee or the public to create maps. We must get the word out to the community. Let's promote that. I am uncomfortable with the recommendation." **Ms. Cunniff** – "I can't support us providing a sample map except the existing boundaries and other layers to see why we are doing this. That should be the starting point."

Mr. Eichner mentioned that he has a problem with staff spending 2 hours of tax payer time on showing how to draw maps.

Ms. Ellison- "I don't like the idea of example maps. If we go with the data now, it will allow people to make a change. This is the data now and where we can start from."

Ms. Fertig agreed and stated that she did not want a staff example with specifics. A map without statistics attached to it, but something to provoke conversation.

Ms. Krishnaiyer - "Use the existing maps and the existing data."

The committee asked staff to provide two additional maps. One depicting the current districts with the Innovation Zones shaded and another depicting the current districts with the location of all of the schools.

10.2 May 22, 2012 School Board Workshop

Jill Young provided the date for the second School Board workshop on redistricting.

11. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.