



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

4C. Preview

March 14, 2005

PREVIEW: ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS

BOARD GOAL: **Academic Excellence**
 Safe Schools
 Community Involvement

FISCAL NOTES: **None**

ANTICIPATED
DATE FOR ACTION: **March 28, 2005**

Background Information:

- The process to establish new elementary attendance zone boundaries for the 2005-2006 school year began in October 2004. The new elementary attendance zones are primarily the result of the addition of the district's new elementary school that will open in Fall 2005. This school is located in the City of Colleyville on Precinct Line Road and McDonwell School Road.
- The re-drawing of the elementary boundaries is necessary for the following reasons:
 1. Opening a new elementary campuses in the Fall of 2005 in Colleyville
 2. Capacity and overcrowding concerns at certain campuses
- Rules and guidelines that are used when creating new boundaries are as follows:
 1. Trying to keep feeder patterns together as much as possible
 2. Trying to keep subdivisions together as much as possible
 3. Using major streets and natural lines as boundaries as much as possible
 4. Move limited and non-populated areas into areas with facilities with capacity available

Administrative Considerations:

- The revision of the elementary attendance zones resulting from the new elementary school scheduled to open in the fall would affect Hidden Lakes Elementary, Shady Grove Elementary, and Florence Elementary. The target opening enrollment for this new elementary is 400 students.
- The new attendance zone for the new elementary school in Colleyville will impact the intermediate and middle school feeder pattern as well in this portion of the district.
- The following are the proposed KISD boundary changes which would take effect for the 2005-2006 school year:

Area(s) Under Consideration For Boundary Change:

A) Portions of Hidden Lakes Elementary & Shady Grove Elementary

Reason: Construction of new elementary in Colleyville and to relieve overcrowding at Hidden Lakes Elementary

B) Area off of Union Church Road in Southlake from Hidden Lakes Elementary into Florence Elementary

Reason: Relieve overcrowding at Hidden Lakes Elementary

C) All KISD intermediate and middle school students living in Watauga

Reason: Relieve overcrowding at PHIS and HMS; move students into SKI and ISMS

D) Allow "Triangle Area" to remain in PHIS and HMS permanently

Reason: Boundary clean-up

E) Move non-populated area west of I-35 into Heritage Elementary

Reason: Alleviate potential overcrowding at NRES

- The district held two public hearings for these potential attendance zone adjustments. These meetings were held on March 8th at Hidden Lakes Elementary and March 10th at Whitley Road Elementary. We received comments from parents, which include using major streets as boundaries, using natural boundaries like creeks, keeping neighbor communities together whenever possible, traffic safety issues, pedestrian safety issues, and transportation issues.

- The district calculated the number of students that would need to come out of existing attendance zones. By studying the current and future housing development, the goal was to create new attendance zones that will accommodate the future students that will move into the district over the next several years in the impacted areas.

- Changing attendance zone boundaries is a very emotional and difficult task. The proposed attendance zone boundaries accomplish four objectives:
 1. Creates new boundaries for the opening of the new elementary campus
 2. Shifts students from over crowded schools to schools with adequate space
 3. Takes into consideration future housing developments (new students) that will occur with the proposed attendance zones
 4. Helps stabilize our constantly growing elementary attendance zones for at least a 2-year period, if not longer.

- Attached is the documentation that has been used by KISD to notify our residents of potential boundary changes. Information has been posted on the KISD web-site for months, campuses have notified residents in the potential impacted areas, and there was a quarter-page article written in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram prior to the boundary meetings.

- Other considerations for these boundary changes include:
 1. Grandfather transfers and sibling transfers
 2. Transportation issues

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Respectfully submitted,

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**RE: UPDATE REGARDING POTENTIAL BOUNDARY CHANGES/TRANSFER POLICY
CHANGES**

Due to the continued housing growth in KISD, the district must begin to look at re-drawing certain attendance zone boundaries. The district will also begin to review the district's current transfer policy. The re-drawing of the elementary boundaries is necessary for the following reasons:

- 1) Opening a new elementary campuses in the Fall of 2005 in Colleyville
- 2) Capacity and overcrowding concerns at certain campuses
- 3) Trying to keep feeder patterns together as much as possible
- 4) Trying to keep subdivisions together as much as possible
- 5) Using major streets and natural lines as boundaries as much as possible
- 6) Move limited and non-populated areas into areas with facilities with capacity available

Further information regarding boundary hearing dates and times will follow in the coming weeks. Please refer to the KISD web-site for information. The following areas could potentially be impacted by upcoming boundary changes:

***Area(s) Under Consideration For Boundary Change:**

Reason:

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| A) Portions of Hidden Lakes Elementary & Shady Grove Elementary elementary in Colleyville | Construction of new |
| B) All KISD intermediate and middle school students living in Watauga | Relieve overcrowding at PHIS and HMS; move students into SKI and ISMS |
| C) Allow "Triangle Area" to remain in PHIS and HMS permanently | Boundary clean-up |
| D) Move non-populated area west of I-35 into Heritage Elementary | Alleviate potential |
| | Elementary |

* These areas are possibilities only and are subject to change

KISD Transfer Policy

Due to current overcrowding concerns and continued future single-family residential and multi-family residential growth in KISD, the current KISD transfer policy and practice is under review. This review and any changes to the current policy will be complete in early Spring of 2005. All transfers for the 2005-06 school year will be determined under the revised policy and practices.

Please note, KISD will continue to offer transfers only to campuses that have space available as determined at the time of the transfer request.

NEW Transfer Applications for the 2005-2006 school year will be available on the Keller ISD website www.kellerisd.net (Student Info.) beginning March 1, 2004.