



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

9C. Action March 10, 2008

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF BOUNDARIES FOR ELEMENTARY #20 AND #21

BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.

All systems in the Keller Independent School District will be effective, efficient, and accountable in support of the district's mission.

FISCAL NOTES: None

Background Information:

The process to establish new elementary attendance zone boundaries for the 2008-2009 school year began in September 2007. The new elementary attendance zones are primarily the result of the addition of the district's two new elementary schools that will open in Fall 2008.

- Two valuable resources the district has used to help create new attendance zone boundaries and to help provide an improved communication link between the district and our constituents regarding attendance modifications are the following:
 - 1) A newly formed committee called the Internal Boundary Adjustment Review Committee (IBARC). This primary purpose of the IBARC was for the following reasons:
 - A. Review proposed boundary scenarios and provide feedback and discussion to help ensure that the best boundary scenario is brought before the public and the KISD Board of Trustees.
 - B. Allow for better communication to our district regarding the proposed attendance zone adjustments. The IBARC allows the district to better communicate with parents and staff in a much more effective manner regarding the proposed attendance zone changes.

2) Creation of new KISD boundary web-site which displays information regarding the following items:

- A. Site locations where new facilities are being constructed
- B. Meeting dates and times regarding public forums for new elementary attendance zones
- C. Timeline for attendance zone process as well as school board timeline for approval

➤ The district held two public forums regarding the new elementary attendance zones. These two meetings allowed the public to hear and view the proposed new attendance zones. This proposal will be the KISD administrations recommendation to the KISD Board of Trustees. The following were the dates, times, and locations of the two public hearings regarding the proposed new attendance zones:

Feb. 12th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the North Riverside Elem. Cafetorium

Feb. 19th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Woodland Springs Elem. Cafetorium

Public input was taken from KISD residents at these meetings.

Administrative Considerations:

- Based on parent comments expressed at the public forums, three areas (Harvest Ridge, Rolling Meadows, and Big Bear Creek Meadows) voiced concerns about the administrative proposal for the new Elementary #20.
- The administration has been able to accommodate two of the three areas. Rolling Meadows will remain at Woodland Springs Elementary and Big Bear Creek Meadows will remain at Independence Elementary. The administration reviewed several scenarios regarding the Harvest Ridge subdivision. Unfortunately, due to future growth associated with Woodland Springs Elementary, administration recommends that Harvest Ridge move from Woodland Springs Elementary to Independence Elementary.

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The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the new 2008-2009 elementary attendance zones as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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