



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: May 20th, 2013

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Dave Valenzuela

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item: Informational Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

Last month we discussed the idea of a boundary shift affecting students living on North Applegate Road attending Madrona Elementary and Lincoln Savage Middle School. The proposed shift would have had these K-8 students attend Applegate School. Upon further investigation of this proposal, we do not believe it to be the best course of action at this time. We would recommend that we investigate this boundary shift next year.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

The idea of shifting the boundary between Madrona/LSMS and Applegate School was brought up during the meetings surrounding the closure of Jerome Prairie. Our investigations revealed that most of the families affected by the proposal would elect to remain at Madrona or Lincoln Savage. There would be no benefit to class sizes at Madrona and a potential negative impact at Lincoln Savage. The bus savings would have been neutral. Bus #B7 would have been redeployed to another route in an effort to maximize time efficiency in other areas.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Waiting to make a decision like this allows us to properly investigate the total impact of the shift. We would also have an opportunity to do a better job of collecting community input. We would like to survey all of the parents and families potentially affected by a change like the one proposed. We would also like to have Site Councils at Applegate, Lincoln Savage, Madrona and Hidden Valley discuss the proposed boundary shift in an effort to uncover any details we may have missed in our preliminary investigations.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

There is merit in a potential boundary shift for students living on North Applegate Road. There will always be a difficult transition period for the students and families affected.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

The other option not recommended would be to make a decision on the proposed boundary shift this school year. We did not propose this due to a lack of planning, investigation and input from all affected parties.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No