

ITEM FOR ACTION

SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

SUMMARY

A small twelve parcel residential subdivision is being developed within the service boundary of Portland Public Schools (PPS). These twelve parcels are isolated from PPS campuses, which would require significant transportation requirements if students attended PPS schools. The developer, new property owners, and Portland Public Schools have asked Beaverton School District to adjust the service boundary to allow the twelve parcels to be located in the BSD service boundary.

BACKGROUND

In 2014, the state of Oregon took the extraordinary step to move the Multnomah and Washington County boundary to facilitate the development of an area in the Bonny Slope neighborhood that was brought into the Urban Growth Boundary in 2002. At the same time, the state moved the special service district boundaries to support the future new development. These special service districts included Clean Water Services and Tualatin Valley Water District. For reasons that are not clear, the state did not move the school district boundary in 2014.

In 2019, Washington County approved a 37-parcel land division, called Timber Ridge Estates, in which twelve of the parcels were located in the Portland Public Schools boundary and 25 parcels were located in the Beaverton School District boundary. This did not become known until the new property owners attempted to register their children in Beaverton School District schools, at which time the impacted property owners were informed that they resided within the PPS service boundary.

In fall 2024, the developer of the subdivision approached both BSD and PPS to determine if there was a solution that both districts could offer to resolve the issue facing the neighborhood. PPS undertook a study to determine how it would serve students living in this development. The location of the residential development would make transportation difficult, and given its proximity to the Beaverton School District, changing the district boundary to follow the county boundary lines would better serve the families in this area. BSD determined that sufficient capacity exists at Bonny Slope Elementary School, Tumwater Middle School, and Sunset High School to accommodate the potential number of students that could be generated from the twelve parcels. Consistent with Board Policy JCA, BSD and PPS staff have been in communication to coordinate the potential for a service area boundary change between the two districts.

RECOMMENDATION

The superintendent recommends the board approve the resolution attached in the board packet and delegate authority to the superintendent or designee to coordinate and cooperate with the Portland Public Schools staff to facilitate the adjustment of the service boundary whereby twelve residential parcels are added to the Beaverton School District service boundary.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to approve the service area boundary adjustment as submitted.

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