

Board Agenda Item
Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting
September 13, 2016

Approval of Attendance Boundary Modifications

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the attendance boundary modifications for Savannah Elementary School, which impact the northern boundary of the Savannah development of Azalea Village. Approval of this change provides cohesion of the community development as discussed during the consideration and construction of Savannah Elementary School.

This item also requests the approval of the attendance boundary modifications for W.S. Ryan Elementary School and Houston Elementary School. Approval of this attendance boundary modification would adjust the Houston Elementary School attendance boundaries to encompass the Teasley Trails Phase I and Phase II developments, which are currently zoned for W. S. Ryan Elementary School. This adjustment would allow for the anticipated impacted to enrollment a new construction phase adjacent to W.S. Ryan Elementary School is expected to have on the campus.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

None taken during the 2016 – 2017 school year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Savannah Elementary School:

Following the 2015-2016 attendance boundary discussions related to the opening of Catherine Bell Elementary School, the District received information related to the northern boundary of the Savannah development, Azalea Village. In an effort to provide cohesion for this community development, we propose adjusting the attendance boundary of Savannah Elementary School to encompass the Azalea Village. During the consideration and construction of Savannah Elementary School, it was anticipated Azalea Village would remain part of this attendance zone; however, during attendance boundary discussions during 2015 – 2016 Templeton had limited information related to the Azalea Village because development had not yet begun.

W.S. Ryan Elementary School/Houston Elementary School:

During recent attendance boundary discussions, the District explored the impact of the development of Teasley Trails on enrollment at W.S. Ryan Elementary School. With current attendance boundaries, Teasley Trails (which includes two phases of development) would have significant impact to enrollment capacity at W.S. Ryan Elementary. Teasley Trails was in addition to other housing construction, which is under way adjacent to the W.S. Ryan Elementary School campus. After review of demographic impact research provided by Templeton Demographics, we propose adjusting the attendance boundaries of W.S. Ryan Elementary School and Houston Elementary Schools to allow the Teasley Trails development (Phase I and Phase II) to be included in the Houston Elementary School boundary.

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SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

Advantages:

Modifications to the Savannah Elementary School attendance boundary would encompass all of the Savannah development continuing the cohesive structure currently observed within the development.

Modifications to the W.S. Ryan Elementary School attendance boundary would address the significant impact to enrollment capacity anticipated if the Teasley Trails development remains within the current attendance boundary of W.S. Ryan Elementary. Adjustments while no homes are occupied, would allow the District to avoid rezoning attendance boundaries after students in this development begin attending our schools.

Disadvantages:

Modifications to the Savannah Elementary School attendance boundary now will require continued monitoring of enrollment capacity for the campus; however, it is anticipated any future adjustments may not be required for several years.

Modifications to the attendance boundaries of W.S. Ryan Elementary School and Houston Elementary require continued monitoring of Houston Elementary School as it is anticipated it may reach capacity within the next five years based on Templeton's projections.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Minimal at this time; however, adjustments to W.S. Ryan Elementary and Houston Elementary attendance boundaries now may prolong the need to revisit attendance boundaries in the near future. Adjustments to attendance boundaries now may also avoid the need for adjustments once children in the Teasley Trails Phase I and Phase II have already started attendance at our campuses.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Please reference 'FISCAL IMPACT' statement above for specific benefit of this action.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None received.

ALTERNATIVES:

The District could maintain current attendance boundaries for all three campuses and allow for transfers until the impacted campuses reach capacity. Maintaining current boundaries would require the District address attendance boundaries in the near future to address enrollment

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capacity. The disadvantage to this option will be the impact to students and families adjusting to possible rezoning after attendance at a particular campus has begun.

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the modifications to the attendance zones as proposed for Savannah Elementary, W.S. Ryan Elementary, and Houston Elementary.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Dr. Daniel Lopez, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs
Gwendolyn M. Perkins, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs
Susannah O'Bara, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

Proposed boundary modifications for Savannah Elementary, W.S. Ryan Elementary, and Houston Elementary.

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Gwendolyn M. Perkins

Signature of Deputy Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____