



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: April 15th, 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?

The district is proposing that we undergo a school boundary adjustment in the Hidden Valley attendance area. The adjustment would affect students living on, or just off of, North Applegate Road east of Highway 238. These students currently ride bus #B7 and attend either Madrona Elementary or Lincoln Savage Middle School. The proposed boundary adjustment would mean that these students would attend Applegate School rather than Madrona or Lincoln Savage.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

The idea of moving students living on, or just off of, North Applegate Road from Madrona/LSMS to Applegate School is not a new one. This most recent proposal is precipitated by two main factors. The first factor is centered on bus route efficiencies. Right now we have ~~three~~ four busses that cover the N. Applegate Rd area, Bus #B7, #B6, #B5 and #B4. We believe that we can cover this area with three routes rather than four. There is a potential savings of approximately \$50,000.00 or the ability to repurpose one route to alleviate bus route schedule constraints. The other factor centers on our ability to create balanced class sizes between Madrona and Applegate.

List the advantages of your proposal:

(1) There is a potential to save approximately \$50,000.00 in transportation costs. (2) If we repurpose the route we could reduce some of the time constraints to our Hidden Valley Area routes, reducing the frequency of late busses to schools. (3) This adjustment will allow us to better balance our class sizes between Madrona and Applegate. There is a possibility of eliminating all blends at Madrona. This adjustment would be a contributing factor to that happening.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Families and students become very invested in their schools. There is a possibility that there are many families that do not wish to leave Madrona or Lincoln Savage.

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

We could leave the boundaries as they are now. We did not consider this due to our budgetary deficits and constant need to make financial cuts. We did consider making a grandfather provision available to Madrona and Lincoln Savage families. We would allow students to keep attending their current school without a transfer request. Due to existing bus routes, we would be able to provide transportation to middle school students to LSMS. We would not be able to provide transportation to elementary students to Madrona.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No