

Approval of the 2012-13 Elementary Re-zoning Plan

Tuesday - January 10, 2012

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the proposed elementary re-zoning for the 2012-13 school year to reduce and adjust student populations at E.P. Rayzor Elementary School. Approximately 90 Students who reside in the Country Lakes Development will be re-zoned to from E.P Rayzor Elementary School to W.S. Ryan Elementary School. The Board may consider allowing transfer for families within Country Lakes area who are currently zoned to Harpool Middle School to attend McMath Middle School. The Country Lakes Development is currently zoned to Denton High School and feedback from attendance boundary meetings indicated a desire for their middle school children to attend McMath Middle School rather than Harpool Middle School. Allowing transfers at this time would provide a transition period until new middle school boundaries are established prior to the opening of Middle School No. 7. Later this year, the Board may consider one proposal to rezone Country Lakes to McMath Middle School as part of the Middle School #7 attendance boundary discussions.

BOARD GOAL(S):

- I. Vision... In the pursuit of excellence, the district will:
 - Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- IV. Parent & Community Involvement...In the pursuit of excellence, the district will:
 - Foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students
 - work continuously with the community in planning and facility development
- VI. Growth & Change ... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:
 - review and adjust policies and procedures as appropriate to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community
 - demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board was presented the proposed 2012-13 Elementary Re-zoning Plan on December 13, 2011. No action was taken.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

E.P. Rayzor Elementary School currently has 771 enrolled students and is within one of the fastest growing areas of the District. The functional capacity of our elementary campuses is 740 students. E.P. Rayzor is projected to be over 940 students by the 2014-15 school year. Portable classrooms will be needed unless attendance boundary modifications are made. The District Planning team investigated various options such as portable classrooms, re-zoning the Country Lakes development to McNair Elementary or Blanton Elementary. W.S. Ryan Elementary provided the District and community with the most efficient transition and with the current enrollment of 545 students allowed room for the incoming Country Lakes students. W.S. Ryan is closer to the Country Lakes development (4 miles vs. 6 miles). The 2012-13 Elementary Re-zoning Plan Meetings Chart is as follows:

Elementary Re-zoning Project Plan Meetings	
Project Action	Date
Staff Presentations – EP Rayzor & WS Ryan Elementary School (3:20 p.m.)	Nov. 10, 2011 & Nov. 29, 2011
Public Hearings – WS Ryan Elementary School (7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)	Nov. 29, 2011 & Dec. 1, 2011
Board Workshop – Central Administration Building (6:00 p.m.)	Dec. 13, 2011
Possible Board Approval – Central Administration Building (6:00 p.m.)	Jan. 10, 2012

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

E.P. Rayzor is experiencing overcrowding and in need of relief.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

If portables are used, the District will need to budget for the added cost for re-location and hook-up.
If the rezoning is approved, the District may need to consider increased staffing at W.S. Ryan for the added number of students, or staffing units may be transferred from EP Rayzor, depending on enrollment numbers.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Passage of this action will help to alleviate overcrowding at E.P. Rayzor Elementary School for the 2012-13 school year.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

Comments received from public – see attachment.

ALTERNATIVES:

An alternative would be to place portables at E.P. Rayzor Elementary School.

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends approval of the 2012-13 Elementary Re-zoning plan including allowing middle school students a choice between Harpool Middle School and McMath Middle school for the 2012-13 school year.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent
Rod Reeves, Coordinator of Facilities & Planning

ATTACHMENT:

2012-13 Elementary Re-zoning Plan
Public Input Summary

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____