10B. Action Date: November 12, 2007

SUBJECT: ESTABLISH 2009 KISD HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES

BOARD GOAL: All students will achieve educational excellence.

All systems in the Keller Independent School District will be effective, efficient, and accountable in support of

the district's mission.

FISCAL NOTES: None

## **Background Information:**

- ➤ The process to establish new high school attendance zone boundaries for the 2009-2010 school year began in August 2006. The new high school attendance zones are primarily the result of the addition of the district's fourth high school that will open in Fall 2009.
- There were many valuable resources the district used to help create new high school attendance zone boundaries and to help provide an improved communication link between the district and our constituents regarding attendance modifications. Resources include the following:
  - 1) A KISD School Board of Trustees approved committee called the Boundary Adjustment Review Committee (BARC).
    - A. The primary purpose of the BARC was to:
      - Carefully, deliberately review and study the district's enrollment, current growth, and future growth.
      - Review capacity information at each KISD high school and determine appropriate target capacity for new high school boundaries
      - Review criteria for establishing new KISD high school boundaries.
      - Determine process for assessing viability of boundary options.
      - Review options created/presented utilizing the criteria for viability.
      - Recommend, if so determined, a scenario and/or scenarios for high school boundary realignment.

- B. Membership of the KISD High School Boundary Adjustment Review Committee (BARC) was comprised of KISD parent representatives, principals from potentially affected schools, as well as several central office administrators. The approximately 44 members of the BARC committee break down as follows:
  - 27 Parent Representatives (9 from each high school feeder pattern)
  - 1 KISD Superintendent
  - 3 KISD High School Principals
  - 5 KISD Middle School Principals
  - 1 KISD Executive Director of Intermediate and Middle School Administration
  - 1 KISD Executive Director of Secondary Administration
  - 1 KISD Demographic Consultant
  - 1 KISD Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations
  - 1 KISD Director of Planning and Development
  - 1 KISD Director of Communications
  - 1 KISD Director of Transportation
- C. Community membership on the Boundary Adjustment Review Committee (BARC) was through an appointment process.

The positions were advertised through the district web-site, e-news, and publications as well as in the local print media. Parents were invited to submit their names as representatives for their current high school feeder pattern. Nine (9) members from each high school feeder pattern, plus two (2) alternates, were drawn by KISD School Board of Trustee members in July 2006.

D. The Boundary Adjustment Review Committee's (BARC) held regular meetings for discussion and review.

The committee has held meetings on the following dates:

August 31st, 2006 September 28th, 2006 October 2nd, 2006 January 25th, 2007 March 1st, 2007 April 19th, 2007 May 10th, 2007 June 7th, 2007 August 14th, 2007

- 2) A new KISD high school boundary website was created to keep the community informed of the boundary process and can be found on the KISD district website at <a href="http://www.kellerisd.net/">http://www.kellerisd.net/</a>. This web-site displays information regarding the following items:
  - A. All high school boundary committee meeting agendas and notes
  - B. Listing of every committee member detailing which high school feeder pattern they represented
  - C. Meeting dates and times regarding public forums for new high school attendance zones
  - D. Timeline for new high school attendance zone process as well as school board timeline for approval
  - E. An email account was set up to allow for KISD residents to provide feedback, ask questions, and give suggestions and comments regarding the boundary change process.
  - F. All presentations that were provided to the high school boundary adjustment committee
- 3) The district held three public forums regarding the new high school attendance zones. These three meetings allowed the public to hear and view all proposals for the new high school attendance zones. A final proposal will be the KISD administrations recommendation to the KISD Board of Trustees. The following were the dates, times, and locations of the three public hearings regarding the proposed new attendance zones:

October 1- Fossil Ridge High School Fine Arts Center

October 4- Central High School Fine Arts Center

October 9- Keller High School Fine Arts Center

All Public Boundary Forums started at 7 p.m. Public input was taken from KISD residents at these meetings. The following were the final high school boundary scenarios that were presented to the public:

**HS1A** Revised

HS 12A Revised

HSJB2 Revised

- 4) In an effort to involve the entire community regarding this process, the following steps were also implemented:
  - Public viewing of final scenarios at campus levels (lobby areas) during month of October
  - Comment sheets regarding final scenarios were provided for community input and were made available at all campuses.
  - Viewings were held during regular school hours
  - Information was made available for parents to take home which included information about the web-site, boundary process, and approval timeline

5) Based on community feedback during the month of October, additional modifications were made and the following updated scenarios were presented to the KISD School Board of Trustees on October 22, 2007:

HS1A Revised Updated HS 12A Revised Updated HSJB2 Revised Updated

## **Administrative Considerations:**

- A presentation will be given regarding the administrative proposal for establishing the new 2009-2010 KISD high school attendance zones.
- > Attached are copies of the proposed 2009-2010 KISD high school attendance zones.
- Action is required to approve the 2009-2010 KISD high school attendance zones.

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve **HSJB2 Revised Updated** as the new KISD high school attendance zones as presented beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

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