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Pocatello/Chubbuck School District Boundary Revision Update and Timeline

Pocatello – The Pocatello/Chubbuck School District Board of Trustees took action at last night's board meeting on Boundary Committee Recommendations. Rather than take action on the full proposal, the Board decided to take action on each individual recommendation. Following are the decisions made by the board:

- School Choice – the board unanimously adopted the committee's recommendation to eliminate school choice and go back to boundary schools.
- New middle school boundaries as proposed by the Boundary Committee were adopted by the Board.
- Transition to boundary school recommendations as adopted by the Board.
 - Grandfather current 9th, 10th and 11th graders to continue to attend their schools of choice or to attend their new boundary school were adopted as recommended by the Boundary Committee,
 - Grandfather current 7th graders to continue to attend their current schools or go their new boundary school, as recommended by the committee,
 - Grandfather current 6th graders to continue to attend their school or go to the new boundary school, a modification of the committee's proposal,
 - Children of Head Varsity Coaches will be allowed to attend the school where their parents coach and children of any assistant coaches hired prior to 9/1/2017 to attend the school where their parents coach, as recommended by the committee. The Board did not approve the committee's recommendation to allow students of other staff members to attend their parent's school.
 - This year only 8th grade students, who are currently enrolled in the District's schools, have the option to follow a high school sibling who attends a high school outside their new boundary as recommended by the Boundary Committee.

- Transportation – continue current policy requiring parents to transport high school and middle school students who choose to stay at a school outside their new boundaries as recommended by the committee was adopted by the Board.

During their previous meeting The Board had asked District Administration to make some revisions to high school boundaries that had been proposed by the committee. During last night's meeting the administration provided a map with the requested revisions, including number of students in the revised area, and demonstrated how those revisions would affect enrollment. The Board considered the requested boundary information but tabled any further action to allow an opportunity for public input.

The timeline for moving forward with public input and a decision on high school boundaries is as follows:

- Public comment is open today through Wednesday, January 24th. To see the proposed high school boundary map and comment on the proposed boundaries go to www.sd25.us/sd25/boundary.
- Public hearing on revised proposed high school boundaries will be held Tuesday, January 23rd in the Pocatello High School auditorium at 5:30 p.m. Comments will be held to 3 minutes per person
- Special meeting of the Board of Trustees to consider action on proposed high school boundaries will be held Thursday, January 25th in the Pocatello High School Auditorium 5:30 p.m. No public comment will be taken at this meeting.

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