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Mission

We believe it is our responsibility to ensure the best education for all of our students. We believe in success for students and staff every day.

March 17, 2014 Boundary Revision Public Hearing - Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:30 p.m.

President Paul Bucich called the March 17 meeting of the Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 to order at 6:31 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Maple Lawn Elementary.

Present:

Paul Bucich, Casey Chamberlain, Richard Hendricks, Deb Norris, Erin Markquart

Dr. Sara Johnson, Superintendent; Craig Spencer, Assistant Superintendent; Mandy Jowett, Recording Secretary

Visitors: 11

2. Flag Salute

3. Boundary Revision Public Hearing

President Paul Bucich welcomed attendees to the meeting to hear public comment on proposed revisions to school boundaries and encouraged any attendees who wanted to address the Board to sign in for Audience Comments.

4. Superintendent Comments
The Superintendent communicated that recent analysis is showing that demographics are changing rapidly and the district is growing faster than what was anticipated. The Superintendent's Office has carefully studied how the growth will impact each school and recommended more research is needed as it relates to boundary changes. Dr. Johnson recommended continued research on this issue and a partnership with a professional demographer. Continued research will allow the district to study the impact the growth will have over the next 5 years. The proposal will be no change to school attendance boundaries for the 2014-15 school year. Rather a demographic study will be conducted immediately and presented in the fall to the School Board.

5. Audience Comments
Maple Lawn Elementary teacher **Jeannie Rowland** asked the Board to consider the Superintendent's recommendation for hiring a demographer for continued research on any possible boundary revisions.

Parent and Boundary Revision Committee member **Trinna Bloomquest** said she and a group of 10-12 families want their children to continue attending Crestwood Elementary. They are concerned a boundary revision would move their neighborhood to Bonney Lake Elementary.

Parent **Tinele Murphy** waivered her children into Crestwood Elementary because she believes it is the best school for them. She is also concerned the District is considering moving the location of the Highly Capable Program.

President Paul Bucich announced that the Board will review all the information provided and take action on school boundary revisions at their regular Board meeting March 19, at 7 p.m. in the Central Office Board room.

President Paul Bucich adjourned the March 17 public hearing on boundary revisions.

Meeting adjourned: 7:27 p.m.

Dr. Sara Johnson, Secretary
Board of Directors

Attest: Paul A. Bucich
Paul Bucich, President
Board of Directors