

High School Enrollment-Attendance Areas Committee

December 4, 2024

Call to Order: 5:00 pm

Committee Members Present:

Mary Anne McGrory, PEA
Angela Davis, PEA
Jared Vincent, CHS parent
Nathan James, CHS parent
Katie Leishman, HHS parent

Jeffery Piktan, HHS parent
Angie Dangerfield, PHS parent
Benjamin Cody, CHS Admin
Jena Wilcox, HHS Admin
Sue Pettit, Director of Secondary
Education
Heidi Graham, PHS admin

Not in attendance:

Nathan Crystal, PHS parent

Ms. Pettit welcomed the members. New members introduced themselves. Ms. Pettit provided packet items to the committee that included sections that were requested in Monday's meeting. This information included 4 different options with the enrollment and FRAM (free/reduced meals) numbers (attached). The committee discussed at length all four options. The Committee reviewed Option 1 (west side of Old Bannock Hwy) and decided that wasn't optimal as it left a large section of PHS with CHS boundaries on either side. The committee discussed Option 2 and while it puts students back into neighborhoods and has the closest balance of FRAM, it has a high impact on the largest number of students. This option would affect over 400 students with an increase of only 50 students to CHS. Mr. Cody asked for an option that consisted of the entire PHS section south of Grant Street. That was listed as Option 3 (zones 2, 3, 5 and 5). After a long discussion on Option 3, the committee determined that this option just flipped PHS and CHS for enrollment and FRAM leaving PHS in the same position that CHS is

currently in. Option 4 was reviewed and the consensus was a preference to pull students to CHS from south of town versus more from the north end.

The Committee discussed the desire to not divide up neighborhoods too much. They also discussed future growth in the Satterfield area and above New Day Parkway along with the areas in Chubbuck. They talked about HHS completion and the capacity to absorb that future growth. They discussed the option of revamping the entire boundaries and having 3 equal high schools with a 5A status. The Committee also discussed the possibility of shifting HHS to allow for more electives at the other two schools by maybe moving about 150 students out of HHS. There is currently a disparity between HHS and CHS for electives. It was decided that the least disruptive option that levels out the numbers for CHS and PHS makes the most sense at this time.

After reviewing the 4 original options, the committee made suggestions for alternative options. Two more options were suggested. Option A where zones 6 and 7 were combined and Option B where zones 1, 6 and 7 were combined. A lengthy discussion was had about both options. While looking at Option B, the committee discussed adjusting zone 1 by moving the west boundary line a little further in order to move a few more students from PHS to CHS. Zone 1 revamp increased the number of students from 31 to 72 with FRAM increasing from 15 to 31. This option was determined to have the same impact as Option 4, pulling students from the north part of town to CHS.

Throughout all of these discussions, the impact on participation in athletics and activities and transportation issues were discussed.

The Committee decided the least disruptive option with the best impact would be Option A with zones 6 and 7. The committee decided to take only Option A to the board at this time. If needed, the committee will reconvene after the December 10, 2024 board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 pm.