Superintendent's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2025

AGENDA

1. Recap Recommendations
    a. Mr. Taylor did a recap of the process moving forward after a final recommendation was made to the Superintendent.
2. Timeline
    a. Mr. Taylor walked through the timeline and explained where we are right now and what the next steps are.
    b. Mr. Taylor mentioned that the meeting on September 16, 2025 was cancelled but the SAC committee would reconvene on September 30th so that they can provide input to the Superintendent on the Townhall Meetings.
    c. Members requested an explanation of the purpose of holding the town hall meetings and a Special Board meeting.
    d. Mr. Taylor explained the purpose of holding town hall meetings, which was to inform the community and explain the reason behind the final decision.

e. Mr. Taylor explained the purpose of holding a Special Board Meeting to present the final decision to the Board. Ultimately, the Board makes the final decision.

3. SAC Voting
    a. Methodology
        - Mr. Taylor did recap of the top four recommendations made by the committee, which were narrowed down to two recommendations.
    b. Most preferred recommendations
        - The top two recommendations were 1) Felton Closes and all students are distributed across the district, 2) Felton into Buford or Buford into Felton. In both options, Special Education students get distributed across the district.
        - Members inquired about addressing the Lennox Middle School perception issue.
        - Mr. Taylor explained that the issue of the perception of the community about Lennox Middle School is an important issue that needs to be addressed at a later time, but it was not part of the top two recommendations made by the committee.
        - Members expressed their opinions on addressing this issue at the same time we address the school consolidation.
        - Members asked if recommendation #1 provides parents the opportunity to choose the school they want their child to attend.
        - It was explained that the district does offer a school of choice, but it’s dependent on space and availability.

- Mr. Taylor did a recap of the pros and cons of both top two recommendations.
- Members asked how the distribution of Special Education students would look like for each school.
- It was explained that the distribution would require a deep analysis of all the data before making those decisions.
- Members asked if they could be part of the conversation of analyzing the pros and cons on why to close one school versus another.
- Mr. Taylor explained that the pros and cons for both schools are almost the same.
- Members requested transparency be shown when the final decision is made.

c. Ballots

d. Ballot Count

Voting Results

A total of 35 voting members were eligible to vote. Of these, 23 members cast their votes.

- **Recommendation #1** – 4 votes
- **Recommendation #2** – 18 votes
- **Abstention** – 1

Outcome: Recommendation #2 received the majority of votes.

4. Recommendation to Superintendent – Sep 2025
   a. The committee voted on recommendation #2 as the top and final recommendation.

    b. Superintendent Tavitian clarified that there will be no meeting on September 16th. She stated that the September 30th meeting would be to plan the contents of the town hall meetings.
5. The next meeting will be held on September 30, 2025.