
PUBLIC HEARING TO
CONSIDER PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO
SCHOOL/STUDENT
ATTENDANCE ZONE
LINES

The regular Board meeting was recessed and a Public Hearing convened.

The recommendation is to move the area bordered on the west by NW 43rd Street; on the north by NW 68th Avenue; on the east by Highway 441; and on the south by NW 53rd Avenue, from Ft. Clarke Middle School to Westwood Middle School, effective beginning the 2008-09 school year.

A Northwood Oaks homeowner spoke in opposition to this rezoning, being concerned that students may not adjust well to the larger school; that many of the affected families do not have their own transportation; and that the change will cause the students instability in preparing for the FCAT.

Mr. Eubank requested that staff study the possibility of providing several pick-up points for transportation to Ft. Clarke. He also pointed out that this zoning change would limit future zoning exceptions to Westwood, since it would bring the school closer to capacity.

The Public Hearing was adjourned and the regular Board meeting was reconvened.

AMENDMENT TO
POLICY 5120
(continued)

A revised amendment will be presented at the February 19 Board meeting for a First Reading.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

EMPLOYEE CASE
NO. E-0708-04

Staff Attorney Tom Wittmer stated that an employee is charged with violation of School Board Policy 4213 and 4210, Conduct Unbecoming a School Board Employee. The employee has filed a grievance.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to suspend the employee without pay, effective February 6, 2008, pending the outcome of the grievance procedure.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

RESCHEDULE MEETINGS

The following meeting changes were proposed:

- a. Reschedule April 8, 2008, Informal Board Meeting to April 15, 9 a.m.
- b. Reschedule April 15, 2008, Board meeting to April 22, 6 p.m.
- c. Reschedule August 5, 2008, Board meeting to July 29, 6 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Childs Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to reschedule the School Board meetings as presented.

The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

CONTRACT FOR
SWEETWATER BRANCH
ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL

Motion by Mrs. Roy

Seconded by Mrs. Childs

Moved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the charter contract with Sweetwater Branch Academy Charter School as presented.

Mr. Eubank stated that he was not comfortable with a time period of three years between the application and when the school might actually open. If it is not opened for the 2008-09 school year, Mr. Eubank favors requiring a new application. Further, he was concerned about whether appropriate outcome measurements are stated in the original application.

Mrs. Childs concurred with authorizing only a one-year period.

Motion by Mrs. Childs

Seconded by Mr. Eubank

Moved to table approval of the charter contract with Sweetwater Branch Academy Charter School, to require a time limit for opening, to clarify the application's language on outcome measurements, and to present the revised agreement at the February 19 meeting.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 4-0

CITIZEN INPUT

A citizen expressed his support for the course the Board seems to be taking regarding designating school zones for new developments.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
REQUESTS

Mrs. Roy requested an update on the energy conservation consultant that was hired to reduce utility bills. She requested that the update include responses to a list of specific questions she cited. Mrs. Roy further requested this item be placed on the next regularly scheduled Board meeting agenda.

Mrs. Childs requested that Mr. Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, present the Board with a summary of how the passage of Amendment One will affect the District. She further stated that she wants to be certain the requirements of the class-size amendment will be met at all schools next year.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.