



MINUTES
Re-Districting Advisory Committee
May 11, 2010

The meeting began at 4:15 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Susan Gunnell began the meeting with an introduction of herself as Assistant Superintendent, following with introductions of community representatives appointed by the Board of Education: Selena Crace, Cheryl Dale, Anita Brock and Bill Harris. Administrative representatives include Bill Anderson, Bruce Pohlmeier.

Committee members unable to attend the first meeting due to scheduling conflicts include: Tony Cochren (community member), Tammy Granata (administrative representative) and Beckie Whited, Debbie Owens, and Beth Bailey (teacher representatives).

Susan Snyder, Supervisor of Transportation, Patty McNerney, and Victoria Barros were introduced as support staff. Pat Mercer, transportation administrative assistant, will also be providing technical support.

COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES:

The objective of the Re-Districting Committee is to provide a recommendation to the Superintendent which can be presented to the Board of Education for the proposed school attendance areas for the following schools: Charles H. Huber, Monticello, Rushmore, Valley Forge, and Wright Brothers Elementary.

PROCESS:

- Review current State guidelines and Huber Heights City Schools Board policies.
- Review district and building demographics.
- Identify criteria for establishing boundaries, formulate options, review data and maps for criteria alignment, adjust if necessary
- Finalize recommendations

STATE GUIDELINES:

The Ohio Department of Education is in the process of revising and updating guidelines for Districts to consider when assigning students to schools. Huber Heights City Schools was invited by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to participate in a discussion regarding the proposed guidelines on March 25, 2010. Some preliminary information regarding student building/ boundary assignment shared at the meeting included the following:

Districts may:

- Use race – conscious programs or attendance zones
- Track enrollment and performance by race
- Pursue socio-economic integration, using indicators such as income, wealth, parental education attainment
- Use surveys in relation to education attainment to get this information.

The State's new guidelines entitled *Diversity Strategies Policy for Successful Schools* are expected to be released in the Fall of 2010.

DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: (See attached summary)

HUBER HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS BOARD POLICIES

Policy JC states that the Superintendent will annually designate school attendance areas: The primary considerations in establishing attendance areas shall be the following:

- The geographic location of each school in relation to the surrounding student population
- Major traffic thoroughfares and natural barriers
- The safety of the students, both those who may walk to school and those who are to be transported by bus.
- The size of the school in relation to the number of students in the area
- Other factors that the board considers germane to the education of the students or their safety

Policy JECC states that the Board will approve attendance areas.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- Wednesday, May 26 4:00 p.m. Board Room
- Tuesday, June 8 3:00 p.m. Board Room
- Thursday, June 17 3:00 p.m. Board Room
- Thursday, June 24 3:00 p.m. Board Room

.Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.