

APPROVED REPORT

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES FOR WINDSOR MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, March 15, 2006
Woodlawn High School

The public hearing was called to order at 7:03 p.m. President Thomas G. Grzymiski. The following Board members were in attendance: Mr. Donald L. Arnold, Ms. Frances A. S. Harris, Dr. Warren C. Hayman, Mr. Rodger C. Janssen, Ms. JoAnn C. Murphy, Mr. Joseph J. Pallozzi, and Miss Gabrielle Wyatt.

Dr. Manuel Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for the Southwest Area, reviewed the boundary process to date.

Board members, Ms. Johnson and Mr. Hayden entered at 7:05 p.m.

The following citizens addressed the Board:

1. Mr. Sam Macer, President of Woodlawn Middle School PTA – Commented on the boundary process and Policy 1280. He stated that Woodlawn Middle School supports scenario C as recommended to the Board. Mr. Macer noted this scenario will modify Woodlawn Middle School's boundary to allow four elementary schools to be 100% feeder schools. He stated that Southwest Academy Middle School boundary will also serve four elementary schools as 100% feeder schools.
2. Parent waived her right to speak.
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4. Mr. Steve Whisler, President of the Westview Park Improvement & Civic Association – Urged the Board to reject all proposals related to Windsor Middle School boundaries. He expressed disappointment on the process to draw these boundaries. Mr. Whisler was concerned that his association and others received no invitation to participate in the boundary process. Mr. Whisler stated there appears to be very little or no consideration of current and/or future residential zoning and land development.

Mr. Whisler was also disappointed that the committee relied on current enrollment data and not on the number of children residing in the boundary areas. He believes those leading the process could have considered long-term strategic issues. Mr. Whisler stated there has been no information on how any boundary change would affect teachers, special educators, programs, and operating budgets of the affected schools.

5. Ms. Zakia Gaylord, Parent – Gave her time to Mr. Whisler.

6. Parent did not speak
7. Ms. Emily Wolfson – Stated that while some groups are happy, there will always be a group that is dissatisfied. She has been involved in four boundary-changes processes and believes the boundary process is fair and reasonable as can be developed.

Mr. Grzynski announced that the Board of Education of Baltimore County would vote on the proposed boundaries on March 28, 2006. President Grzynski urged the audience to contact the Board office so that additional comments could be forwarded to Board members.

The hearing was concluded at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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