



Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Final Report of the
Pittsburg/Bay Point
Elementary School
Boundary Committee

Submitted to the
Superintendent
June 2003

I. Committee Activities

The committee met seven times since receiving its charge from the Board of Education and the Superintendent on November 26, 2002. The first meeting was held at the Dent Center, the next three meetings occurred at the Ambrose Community Center located in the Pittsburg/Bay Point area. The final sequence of three meetings has been held at each of the elementary schools now serving the Pittsburg/Bay Point community. These school site meetings were designed to allow community access to the committee work, and to allow the committee to share emerging options with the communities that will be affected.

Multiple opportunities for public comment have been provided at each meeting. Meetings have been well publicized, with notices in school bulletins, public newspaper notices, and flyers from both the school district and Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council that were sent home with students attending the area schools.

A non-duplicated count of community members who have taken the opportunity to address the community is approximately thirty. The community speakers and committee members have been respectful to each other. The committee process could be described as open, honest, productive, and mindful of public input.

II. Methodology and Assumptions Adopted by the Committee

Many options for elementary boundary configurations are possible in an area the size of Pittsburg/Bay Point. The committee determined early that it would be helpful to establish their priority criteria with which to judge options as they emerged. In addition, the committee agreed to a set of planning definitions and assumptions which could be used to evaluate options as to how effectively they made use of the available elementary facilities, and to determine how well they accommodated estimated future growth needs.

Through a consensus process, the following prioritized criteria were established.

Criteria for boundary option (in priority order):

1. Maximum utilization of existing facilities within building constraints.
2. Minimize economic imbalance.
3. Minimize racial imbalance.
4. Maintain integrity of neighborhoods.
5. Maximize walking capacity and minimize transportation costs, while recognizing topographical constraints.
6. Consider and provide for special needs students.
7. Minimize year-to-year boundary changes.

The planning assumptions are as follows:

1. Students living in a geographic boundary would be expected to attend the resident school, unless they were judged not likely to return (NLTR). NLTR students were those in attendance at district or county special education programs, magnet schools (Monte Gardens and Sequoia), and charter schools (Eagle Peak Montessori).
2. There would be a background growth of one percent per year in all areas.

3. All housing developments known to be permitted, under construction, or deep in the planning process were identified. The potential capacities were added to the five-year projection estimates.
4. Only 80% of the capacity of larger projects was assumed in the five-year projections.
5. Capacities for the schools reflect plans after Measure C construction, and are consistent with the planning/facilities assumptions previously approved by the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education.

Boundary options were first subjected to a capacity analysis. Those options that reflected efficient use of facilities were further analyzed against the prioritized criteria. Two options emerged as finalists. These were further scrutinized and discussed around issues such as bussing requirements, crossing guards needed, and safety concerns. At the May 14 meeting, the committee established Option 6A as its official recommendation. (Note: While Option 6A was preferred by the majority of the committee as its official recommendation, 39% of the committee preferred Option 7A. This option is presented as part of a minority report for Board consideration. See Appendix B.)

III. Committee Charge

- The Committee is asked to accept the following charge:
 - a. Develop priority for criteria to be used for attendance boundary adjustments as necessary.
 - b. Develop a recommendation for boundaries that efficiently utilizes available elementary capacity in the Pittsburg/Bay Point area.
- The committee is to be established and convened as soon as practically possible.
- An initial status report is to be made to the Superintendent by March 2003.
- A final report is to be made to the Superintendent by June 2003.

IV. Committee Recommendations

The committee recommends the following to the superintendent:

1. Option 6A should be adopted for elementary school boundary use in the Pittsburg/Bay Point area beginning in the fall of 2004.
2. All students in grade five during the 2004-2005 school year should be allowed to continue at their current school if they choose to do so, using the intra-district transfer process.
3. All students in grades K-4 should be accommodated at schools of choice through the intra-district transfer process as space permits.
4. Where space is available, we encourage the district to consider appeals for intra-district transfers for students in the affected areas through 1 August 2003 for the 2003-2004 school year, when the school chosen will be the school of residence after the new boundaries take effect.
5. The Mt. Diablo Unified School District and the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) should jointly seek a cooperative agreement with Contra Costa County to provide crossing guards for at least the cross streets of Mary Ann Lane and Bailey Road, as well as

Madison Avenue and Willow Pass Road, and to support the active volunteer crossing guard program serving the area schools.

6. A third paid crossing guard should be provided at Driftwood Drive and Pacifica Avenue at the time of completion of the walkway project.
7. The Mt. Diablo Unified School District, the Contra Costa County, and the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council should work together to facilitate sidewalks along Willow Pass Road, to provide safe walking conditions to Shore Acres Elementary School.
8. Parents in the Oak Hills residential area should be informed that transportation will be provided only until Leland Road or other streets are connected through to the new school. At the time, the 1.25-mile rule would apply.
9. Upon approval of the boundaries, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District should make a concerted effort to notify parents using, among other materials, news media, flyers, and parent newsletter articles.

Membership List

Director of Research and Evaluation, Committee Facilitator	Robert Rayborn
Director of Transportation	Fred Confetti
Bel Air Principal	Ava Sudduth
Bel Air Faculty	Gale Humes
Bel Air Site Council	Brenda Maldonado
Bel Air PTA/PFC	Katherine Davis
Bel Air English Language Advisory Council (ELAC)	Maria Esparza
Rio Vista Principal	Sandra Seskin
Rio Vista Faculty	James Britto
Rio Vista Site Council	Edgar Rojas
Rio Vista PFC	Anthony Reese
Rio Vista English Language Advisory Council (ELAC)	Pablo Medina
Shore Acres Principal	Sandra Rogers-Hare/Betty Sauer
Shore Acres Faculty	Robert Shattuck
Shore Acres Site Council	James Valko
Shore Acres PTA	Desi Ruvalcaba
Shore Acres English Language Advisory Council (ELAC)	Roberto Maciel
Board member, selected by the school board (optional)	
Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education	Roger Bylund
Community representative from City of Pittsburg	Anthony Fardella
Community representative from BP Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)	Jeffrey Stover
Parent-at-large from Oak Hills residential area (appointed)	Susan Daynes
Ambrose Park and Recreation District	Debra Mason
CSEA representative appointed by union president	
Local 1 M & O representative appointed by union president	Dawn Winder
Local 1 C/S/T representative appointed by union president	Joe Callanan
Total	26

List of Meeting Dates and Locations

January 29, 2003 - Dent Center

February 12, 2003 - Ambrose Park and Recreation District

February 26, 2003 – Ambrose Park and Recreation District

March 12, 2003 – Ambrose Park and Recreation District

March 26, 2003 – Board of Education Meeting, Preliminary Report Presented

March 29, 2003 – Field trip of Pittsburg/Bay Point area

April 16, 2003 – Rio Vista Elementary School

April 30, 2003 – Bel Air Elementary School

May 14, 2003 – Shore Acres Elementary School

June 24, 2003 – Board of Education Meeting, Final Report Presented

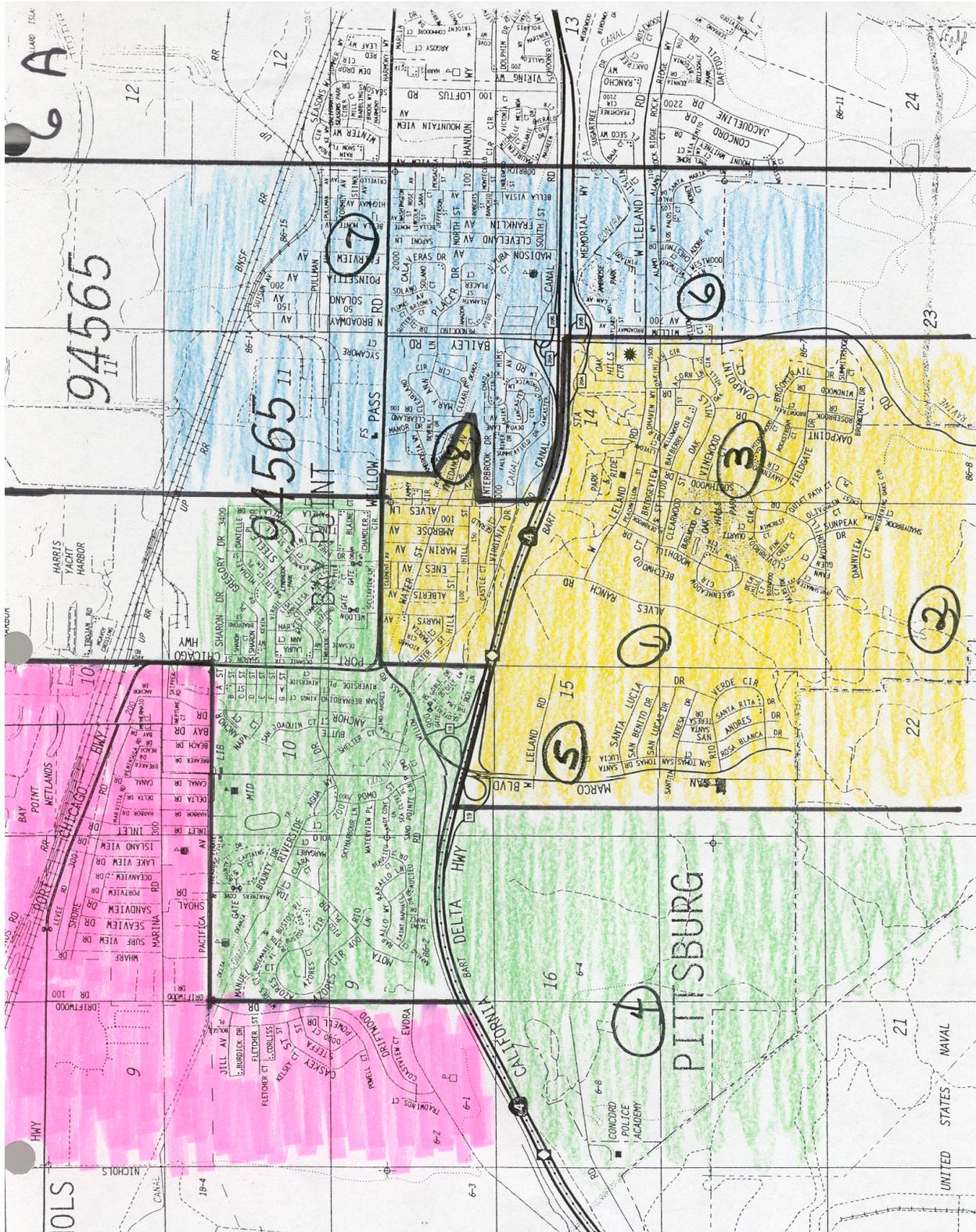
Map of Option 6A

Pink – Shore Acres

Green – Rio Vista

Blue – Bel Air

Yellow – School in San Marco development



Analysis of Option 6A

Findings

- All schools, with the exception of Rio Vista, will open with extra classroom space.
- The new school will open at 40% of its capacity, and will be expected to approach its capacity in five years.
- Intra-district transfers will be readily available at all school except Rio Vista.
- For several years after opening, excess space will exist at the new school, allowing for attendance by Pittsburg/Bay Point residents through the intra-district transfer process.

Projection Analysis

	<i>K</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Bel Air</i>	102	101	99	89	98	101	590
<i>NLTR</i>	-18	-1	-1	-4	-2	-5	-31
<i>Projection Base</i>	84	100	98	85	96	96	559

Five year projections: Base (559) + background growth (28) + effects of projects (27) = 614

	<i>K</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Rio Vista</i>	119	112	108	72	86	173	670
<i>NLTR</i>	-18	-12	-7	-8	-7	-8	-60
<i>Projection Base</i>	101	100	101	64	79	165	610

Five year projections: Base (610) + background growth (31) + effects of projects (45) = 686

	<i>K</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Shore Acres</i>	109	101	102	113	90	96	611
<i>NLTR</i>	-14	-7	-2	-5	-5	-7	-41
<i>Projection Base</i>	94	94	100	108	85	89	570

Five year projections: Base (570) + background growth (29) + effects of projects (0) = 599

	<i>K</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>San Marco</i>	54	46	48	65	44	53	310
<i>NLTR</i>	-11	-3	-4	-6	-2	-3	-29
<i>Projection Base</i>	43	43	44	59	42	50	281

Five year projections: Base (281) + background growth (14) + effects of projects (491) = 786

Capacity Analysis

Year One Capacity Analysis

<i>School</i>	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>Projected Enrollment 2004</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>Bel Air</i>	630	559	+71
<i>Rio Vista</i>	591	610	-19
<i>Shore Acres</i>	648	570	+78
<i>San Marco</i>	725	281	+444

Year Five Capacity Analysis

	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>5 Year Projections</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>Bel Air</i>	630	614	16
<i>Rio Vista</i>	591	686	-95
<i>Shore Acres</i>	648	599	50
<i>San Marco</i>	725	786	-61

Demographic Chart for Elementary Students Living in the Pittsburg/Bay Point Neighborhood

	<i>Bel Air</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Rio Vista</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Shore Acres</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>San Marco</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Black</i>	111	19	82	12	39	6	27	9
<i>Hispanic</i>	291	49	318	47	353	58	130	42
<i>Other</i>	58	10	83	12	41	7	80	26
<i>White</i>	130	22	187	28	178	29	73	24
<i>TOTAL</i>	590		670		611		310	
<i>Special Ed</i>	72	12	86	13	82	13	43	14
<i>English Language</i>	207	35	244	36	307	50	92	30
<i>Free/Reduced</i>	414	70	414	62	461	75	156	50
<i>New Housing</i>	6, 7		4		0		1, 2, 3, 5, 8	

Options Compared to the Criteria

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Criterion</i>	<i>Analysis</i>
1	Maximize utilization of existing facilities within building constraints.	Created fewest unhoused students at each school based on five-year projections.
2	Minimize economic imbalance.	All schools would serve a population with at least 50% Free/Reduced Lunch participation.
3	Minimize racial imbalance.	Produces ranges between 22-29% White, 42-58% Hispanic, 6-19% Black. Racial balance was considered satisfactory.
4	Maintain integrity of neighborhoods.	Created logical geographic boundaries, allowing students living near a school to attend that school.
5	Maximize walking capacity and minimize transportation costs, while recognizing topographical constraints.	Reduced current transportation in the Pittsburg/Bay Point area by at least 50%.
6	Consider and provide for special needs students.	Range was 12-14, considered satisfactory.
7	Minimize year-to-year boundary changes.	Five-year projections were considered satisfactory.

APPENDIX A

COLLECTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Elementary School Boundary Committee Minutes
January 29, 2003

Present:

James Britto
Roger Bylund
Joe Callanan
Fred Confetti
Susan Daynes
Roberto Maciel
Brenda Maldonado
Pablo Medina
Robert Rayborn
Anthony Reese
Edgar Rojas
Desi Ruvalcaba and Maria Cuenco

Sandra Seskin
Robert Shattuck
Jeffrey Stover
Fred Sullivan
Dawn Winder

Absent:

Stephanie Brown
Maria Esparza
Anthony Fardella
Gale Humes
Deborah Mason
Ava Sudduth

The Elementary School Boundary Committee (ESBC) convened its inaugural meeting at 7:05 p.m. January 29, 2003, at the James Dent Center. John Juarez was introduced as an interpreter, and committee members were encouraged to make use of Mr. Juarez' ability to translate if those services were needed.

Bob Rayborn, facilitator, discussed the district budget crisis, indicating that significant cuts appeared necessary in response to the statewide budget crisis, and that a significant number of positions were likely to be lost in the immediate future.

The committee examined and reviewed its charge from the Board of Education, and the parameters that would guide its work. Dr. Rayborn made it clear that the committee was a recommending body, and that final authority resided with the elected school board members. He did indicate, however, that school boards typically respected the committee process and, in general, were reluctant to make significant modifications to a committee recommendation.

There was a public comment section, although no one from the public was in attendance.

The committee members introduced themselves, and each explained which organization they represented and what they hoped to accomplish through their service to the committee.

The committee examined and reviewed the list of member responsibilities. Particular emphasis was placed on the responsibility to communicate to their constituencies. Several of the committee members indicated their willingness to inform their constituents, and to encourage community members to attend the next series of meetings.

The committee established its working calendar. The next meeting will be February 12 at Ambrose Park and Recreation Center, if available. Some discussion was held about the board meeting in March being the 25th or 26th. Since the ESBC meeting, it has been determined that March 26th will be a board meeting date. The committee moved the April 23rd meeting to April 30th. All members were encouraged to attend the board meetings if possible, and to faithfully attend the working meetings.

Significant and lengthy discussion was held as to the locations of the remainder of meetings. Essentially, two options were developed and discussed. Option 1 was to hold the series of meetings through the end of March at a central location in the Pittsburg/Bay Point area, and then expand to the schools themselves, seeking public input. Option 2 would adopt the reverse scenario, where meetings to the school sites would occur early in the process, through March, and final, centralized meetings would be held at the end of the committee deliberation. When a vote was taken, it was 6 to 6, so no final decision was made on this issue at the January 29th meeting.

The committee had a very short discussion regarding the geocoding program available to the district, and Bob Rayborn described the program's capacity, and stated it was a tool for use by the committee.

There was a very brief reference to the written document containing the criteria. It was stated that the criteria will become a central focus of discussion at the February 12th meeting.

The committee adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully,

Robert Rayborn, Ph.D.
Director, Research and Evaluation



Elementary School Boundary Committee February 12, 2003 Minutes

Present:

Judy Armstrong
James Britto
Roger Bylund
Fred Confetti
Katherine Davis
Anthony Fardella
Gale Humes
Robert Maciel
Deborah Mason
Linda Mayo
Robert Rayborn
Sandra Rogers-Hare
Edgar Rojas
Sandra Seskin

Robert Shattuck
Ava Sudduth

Absent:

Stephanie Brown
Joe Callanan
Susan Daynes
Maria Esparza
Brenda Maldonado
Pablo Medina
Anthony Reese
Desi Revalcaba
Jeffrey Stover
Dawn Winder

The second meeting of the Elementary School Boundary Committee for Pittsburg/Bay Point convened its February 12 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Ambrose Park and Recreation District. The committee provided an opportunity for public comment. No public comment was forthcoming. The committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes of the January 29, 2003 meeting without revision. New members introduced themselves; these included Katherine Davis, Bel Air PTA representative, and Deborah Mason, representing the Ambrose Park and Recreation District.

The committee discussed the criteria for boundary selections. They reviewed the list of criteria provided in the board planning document, and reached a consensus that the collection of criteria were comprehensive and adequate to guide their work. Some of the terms involved in the criteria were discussed, particularly the concept of "neighborhood." It was also determined that the criteria specifying or requiring maximum utilization of existing facilities within building constraints was a given, and would formulate a "go" or "no go" criterion which would allow further analysis to be done on any given option. There was unanimous consent by the committee that they should prioritize the rest of the criteria. Bob Rayborn explained the process for doing this. Each committee member would be given eight markers to place on the list of seven criteria as they saw fit. It was possible to place all the markers on a single criterion, or to spread those markers out across several in order to express an interest in competing, or multiply, factors. At the completion of this process, the following results were determined.

- Minimize economic imbalance. 40 markers
- Minimize racial imbalance. 34 markers
- Maintain integrity of neighborhoods. 29 markers
- Maximize walking capacity and minimize transportation costs, while recognizing topographical constraints. 17 markers
- Consider and provide for special needs students. 17 markers
- Minimize year-to-year boundary changes. 11 markers

The committee reexamined its work calendar. It was reaffirmed that the March 26 date was *correctly* listed as a Mt. Diablo Unified School District board meeting date, which has been moved to that Wednesday. The two options that had been discussed at the prior meeting for strategies related to meeting were clarified, and a vote was taken by the committee. Option one, a strategy that would have the committee meeting through the end of March at the centrally located Ambrose Park and Recreation District in the Pittsburg/Bay Point area was selected by the committee. Then the committee would move the meeting place to the schools themselves, seeking public input. The vote on this was 15 to 4. Bob

Rayborn was asked by the committee to begin the calendaring process following the end of March at the individual schools.

The committee began to discuss how it could best develop options for analysis. The committee requested that a large color-coded map of existing boundaries be developed and made available to the committee. Bob Rayborn said that he would attempt to develop a slide or overhead that could be projected permanently on the wall which would serve as a reference for committee members.

A general discussion followed about the assumptions related to growth within the area, including a decision by the district to include the Alves Ranch project as likely to proceed and deep enough in the permitting process to be utilized as a given in the planning. A question was asked as to the capacity of the schools, given the 25 portables currently in use and the plans for whether those portables will be replaced under Measure C. Bob Rayborn agreed to provide that information at the next meeting. He also agreed, at the committee's request, to invite Mr. Pedersen to discuss Measure C aspects related to the three existing elementary schools in the Pittsburg/Bay Point area. The committee suggested that the district utilize exiting boundaries as a scenario with zero students attending the new school, and to use this geocoding option to develop the methodology and reports the committee would see.

Bob Rayborn distributed maps with planned large building projects added and numerically coded to a table with student generation estimates. Committee members were asked to begin considering options that they would like to have analyzed as part of the planning process.

The committee offered the public another opportunity to speak. No public comment was received. The committee adjourned at exactly 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 26 in the board room at the Ambrose Park and Recreation District, 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point. Patti Lambert, General Manager, Ambrose Park and Recreation District, has informed us there is no room available for babysitting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Rayborn, Director
Research and Evaluation

Added by amendment on February 26, 2003:

1. The committee requested a short history be provided of how and why current boundaries were established.
2. The committee had requested numbers of students in Bay Point, and where they actually attended school, either inside or outside the Bay Point area.



Elementary School Boundary Committee February 26, 2003 Minutes

Present:

Judy Armstrong
James Britto
Roger Bylund
Katherine Davis
Susan Daynes
Anthony Fardella
Dawn Winder

Gale Humes
Roberto Maciel
Debora Mason
Pablo Medina
Robert Rayborn
Betty Sauer

Sandra Seskin
Robert Shattuck
Jeffrey Stover
Ava Sudduth

Absent:

Joe Callanan
Fred Confetti
Maria Esparza

Brenda Maldonado
Anthony Reese
Edgar Rojas

Desi Ruvalcaba
James Valko

The third meeting of the Elementary School Boundary Committee for Pittsburg/Bay Point convened its February 26 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Ambrose Park and Recreation District. The committee reviewed and consented to the proposed agenda, with one addition requested that in the number 7 position, the topic of committee representation be added.

During the first public comment section, Rebecca Jensen, a resident of Oak Hills, spoke about the history of the Oak Hills community and the fact that residents there felt they had been promised a new elementary school that would serve their students. She also indicated that she had a number of signed petitions, asking that the new school service Oak Hills.

Bob Rayborn provided a summary of the district budget, updating the financial crisis in California, and what is being faced by the district.

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the February 12 meeting, with the following corrections.

1. The committee requested a short history be provided of how and why current boundaries were established.
2. The committee had requested numbers of students in Bay Point, and where they actually attended school, either inside or outside the Bay Point area.

It was further noted that role had not been taken on February 12 and that role would be taken at this time for that meeting, and the minutes from the February 12 meeting would be corrected to show accurate attendance. With those requested corrections, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Bob Rayborn reviewed the current boundary maps that had been requested by the committee, and also reviewed Measure C plans for the three elementary schools currently serving the Pittsburg/Bay Point area: Bel Air, Rio Vista, and Shore Acres. He noted that the commitment from Measure C was to complete through Priority 1, and to complete through Priority 2 to the degree the finances would allow.

Bob Rayborn indicated his intent to complete scheduling at the schools for the committee meetings subsequent to March 26.

An oral history of the boundary setting process and rationale for the existing boundaries was provided to the committee by Roger Bylund, Debora Mason, and Ava Sudduth. These individuals have lived in the community and/or worked in the district a sufficient length of time to allow them to share their knowledge and experience about this history with the committee.

Bob Rayborn reviewed and discussed the geocoding report for the Status Quo Option, and indicated that the effort had been worthwhile in terms of refining the technology. He did acknowledge that significant technical problems remained with the geocoding system, particularly around the need for information about participation in the Free and Reduced Lunch program, and Special Education participation. He indicated those variables were being added to the system, and were scheduled to be available at the next meeting.

Bob Rayborn reviewed the methodology utilized by the Projection Analysis and the Capacity Analysis for the Status Quo Option. School numbers based on geographic location were reduced by those students determined not likely to return (NLTR). This number was then increased by one percent per year, and the effects of the known building projects within the area were added. This provided a five-year projection, which was then compared against the known capacity of the schools. Bob Rayborn indicated that the capacity numbers used in the Status Quo Analysis were subject to change based on final determination by the Maintenance and Operations Department as to the number of classrooms available after Measure C was completed.

The committee then reviewed the ethnic breakdown of the Status Quo Option. A summary of the ethnic breakdown of the entire area had been requested. General committee consensus was reached regarding the analysis methodology. The committee has agreed to move forward using that methodology in its deliberations.

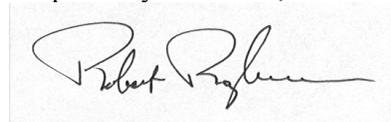
Jeff Stover raised a concern regarding committee membership. He indicated the opinions he expressed were not only his, but also those of the people he represented (Bay Point constituency*). He raised concerns about the fact that the Oak Hills community group was represented while other community groups or homeowners' associations were not represented. Assurances were given by Roger Bylund and Bob Rayborn that no boundary had been predetermined. It was also stated by Bob Rayborn that, while he could not speak for the Board of Education, he was certain that proximity to the location of the new school played a factor in the selection of an Oak Hills representative.

Ava Sudduth recommended that the district establish an opportunity for committee members to examine the physical geographic location of the general area, and to become as familiar as possible with the residents who live there. Such an effort was unanimously approved by the committee. Bob Rayborn indicated he would e-mail Saturday dates in March to the committee. The date receiving the most votes, or most likely to be attended, would be selected. He would attempt to arrange this activity to occur on one of the Saturdays in March, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The committee broke into two working groups, and each developed a single option. These options will be numbered and analyzed prior to the next meeting.

Opportunity was provided at the end of the meeting for public comment. Kenny Thomas, a resident of Oak Hills, spoke to the committee, indicating his support for a new school serving the Oak Hills community. Upon completion of the option development, the committee dismissed at approximately 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be March 12 at the Ambrose Park and Recreation District, 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Rayborn, Director
Research and Evaluation

*Corrected by amendment March 12, 2003.



Elementary School Boundary Committee March 12, 2003 Minutes

Present:

James Britto
Roger Bylund
Joe Callanan
Katherine Davis
Susan Daynes
Anthony Fardella
Gale Humes

Roberto Maciel
Debra Mason
Linda Mayo
Pablo Medina
Robert Rayborn
Anthony Reese
Sandra Rogers-Hare

Edgar Rojas
Sandra Seskin
Robert Shattuck
Jeffrey Stover
Dawn Winder

Absent:

Fred Confetti
Maria Esparza

Brenda Maldonado
Desi Ruvalcaba

Ava Sudduth
James Valko

The fourth meeting of the Elementary School Boundary Committee for Pittsburg/Bay Point convened March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ambrose Park and Recreation District. The committee provided an opportunity for public comment. Three parents addressed the committee, each explaining concerns about where the students would be attending school after the new boundaries were established. One parent asked for all past committee documents. One committee member suggested that pertinent information could be placed on the web. Bob Rayborn promised to look into the feasibility of this.

Bob Rayborn provided a brief summary of the district current budget crisis. He indicated that the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Board of Education recently approved over \$7 million in reductions, including the removal of class size reduction if its funding is included in cuts by the state legislature. He also indicated that the budget information was provided for information only, and the reductions would not directly threaten the funding for the new school or the work of the committee.

The committee revised and approved the minutes for the February 26 meeting. A single amendment was offered to change the words *Municipal Advisory Counsel* to the word *constituency*. With this revision, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The future committee schedule was reviewed. This included meetings on April 16 (formerly April 9) at Rio vista, April 30 at Bel Air, and May 14 at Shore Acres. The remaining meetings (May 28 and June 11) were tentatively scheduled for the Ambrose Park and Recreation District, with a final board presentation scheduled for June 24.

The principals of the area elementary schools have been contacted and graciously consented to host the school meetings on the dates listed above. It was suggested that the exact meeting location on the site be publicized to avoid confusion for public and committee members.

A quick straw poll was taken and the date of choice for the committee field trip was established as March 29 at 10:00 a.m. The point of departure would be established and communicated by e-mail. Point of departure will be Ambrose Park and Recreation District.

The committee examined the analyses which were generated for Option 1 and Option 2. Bob Rayborn indicated that the analyses contained:

1. New, latest files.
2. Free and Reduced lunch participation, Special Education program participation, and English Learner status.
3. An assumption of 80% build-out on the three largest projects.
4. The latest and official number for school capacity after the completion of Measure "C."

He noted that the cumulative five-year projections for the area exceeded the total elementary school capacity even with the new school in the inventory. He advised the committee to recognize this fact, but to find options that would reduce the number of unhoused students at the five-year mark at the sites. It was noted by the committee that choice created by the intra-district transfer process would likely be short-lived and gone within five years.

The committee concluded that Options 1 and 2 both failed to adequately provide for efficient use of all existing facilities. However, they did provide a place to begin and the analysis they generated would provide direction for subsequent option development.

The committee examined the draft board report authored by Bob Rayborn. There was general consensus that the report accurately reflected the committee's activities, and that it should be delivered by Bob Rayborn. Bob encouraged all members to attend the March 26 Board of Education meeting if possible. Several members indicated they would be able to attend.

A second opportunity for public input was provided with no one choosing to speak.

The committee then broke into five work groups and developed options 3-7.

Upon completion of the option development, the committee adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be April 16 at Rio Vista Elementary School, 611 Pacific Avenue, Bay Point.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Rayborn, Director
Research and Evaluation



Elementary School Boundary Committee April 16, 2003 Minutes

Present:

James Britto
Roger Bylund
Joe Callanan
Susan Daynes
Maria Esparza
Anthony Fardella

Gale Humes
Roberto Maciel
Debra Mason
Linda Mayo
Robert Rayborn
Anthony Reese

Sandra Rogers-Hare
Edgar Rojas
Sandra Seskin
Robert Shattuck
Jeffrey Stover

Absent:

Fred Confetti
Katherine Davis
Brenda Maldonado

Pablo Medina
Desi Ruvalcaba
Ava Sudduth

James Valko
Dawn Winder

The fifth meeting of the Elementary School Boundary Committee for Pittsburg/Bay Point convened April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the library of Rio Vista Elementary School. Bob Rayborn began by thanking Sandra Seskin and the Rio Vista School for hosting the committee. No one spoke during the first public comment period.

The committee review the minutes from the March 12th meeting. It was noted that Anthony Reese was in attendance at the March 12 meeting. With this revision, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Bob Rayborn reported progress toward providing public access to information about the Boundary Committee's work on the district web site.

The committee received a report from participants about the field trip that occurred on Saturday, March 29. Six persons conducted the tour of the Pittsburg/Bay Point area. This included Board member Dick Allen. Comments were positive and the experience was described as helpful.

The committee's interim report was delivered to the Board of Education on March 26. Bob Rayborn described the Board members as interested in the progress and eager to receive the Boundary Committee's recommendation. He also reminded the committee that the recommendation would be made to the superintendent, who would then carry it to the Board of Education.

Anthony Fardella requested that a capacity analysis be developed for options that would take into account the potential removal of class size reduction if it were to occur. It was agreed that such an analysis would be included as the options were narrowed and a consensus was being reached.

The committee reviewed options 3-7. The two options judged by the committee as showing the most promise were Option 6 and Option 7. Most of the discussion centered on Option 6. Considerable support was expressed for Option 6. Several members felt this option made the best use of facilities and provided a reasonable balance of demographic factors. It was observed that if any school should be over crowded, it would be best to allow it to be the new school.

A question about how the school would be staffed was raised. Bob Rayborn responded that staffing will be based on projections. This will be developed from the analysis of the options adjusted by the intra-district transfer process. He stated that the final recommendation should contain a provision for students currently attending area schools to have the option to continue to the extent possible.

The committee discussed modifications to Option 6, which would add a portion of land on the far west edge of the district to Shore Acres. Bob Rayborn agreed to incorporate the concept with information on Option 6A and to provide an analysis of this revision.

A question was raised about the area north of Highway 4 contained in Option 6, specifically as to why Medanos Avenue was included in the area to attend the new school. The reason was given that this was judged best because of transportation issues and to reduce walking for younger children.

Bob Rayborn indicated his intent to discuss the committee's works and progress with the news media and to see if a news article was possible.

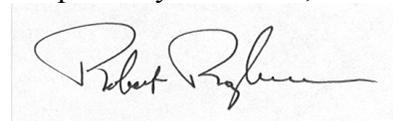
During the second public comment period, one parent expressed an interest in allowing her child to continue on with their current school and expressed a belief that stability was important for younger children.

The committee discussed the need for stability. The consensus was that while stability is important, it is not always possible. However, parent choice should be provided when it is feasible.

During the last public comment period, one parent asked for an interpreter. Bob Rayborn will make an effort to provide interpreting services at the next meeting. Sub committees convened to produce additional modifications to Options 6 and 7. These will be analyzed and the information is to be delivered to the committee at the April 30 meeting at Bel Air Elementary.

The next meeting will be April 30 at Bel Air Elementary School, 663 Canal Road, Bay Point.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Rayborn, Director
Research and Evaluation



Elementary School Boundary Committee April 30, 2003 Minutes

Present:

James Britto
Roger Bylund
Joe Callanan
Fred Confetti
Judy Dawson
Susan Daynes

Anthony Fardella
Gale Humes
Brenda Maldonado
Debra Mason
Robert Rayborn
Anthony Reese

Betty Sauer
Sandra Seskin
Robert Shattuck
Ava Sudduth

Absent:

Katherine Davis
Maria Esparza
Roberto Maciel

Linda Mayo
Pablo Medina
Edgar Rojas

Desi Ruvalcaba
James Valko
Dawn Winder

The sixth meeting of the Elementary School Boundary Committee for Pittsburg/Bay Point convened April 30 at 7:05 p.m. at Bel Air Elementary School. Opportunity for public comment was provided. No community members make comments at that time. Bob Rayborn thanked the principal, Ava Sudduth, for hosting the committee, and allowing the meeting to occur at Bel Air. He announced the placing of the committee's work to date on the Mt. Diablo Unified School District web site, www.mdusd.k12.ca.us. This was done in response to a specific request made by the committee.

The minutes from the April 16 meeting were unanimously approved with no changes or amendments.

The committee reviewed options 6A and 7A. It was noted that 6A made the most efficient use of the planned facilities, i.e., there would be fewer unhoused students at any given school site.

Fred Confetti, Director of Transportation, stated that the transportation for either Option 6A or Option 7A would be limited to students attending the new school who live: north of the freeway (Highway 4); in Oak Hills; and Ridge Farms, when it is completed. This transportation would be available until Leland Road and/or other cross streets were opened, allowing walking access to the new school. At that time, transportation for students in the Oak Hills development living inside of the 1.25 mile limit will cease. He felt there would be fewer walkers, but an equal number of crossings of congested streets, with Option 6A.

Option 7A was discussed, and it was asserted that using Option 7A would allow Bel Air Elementary to open with more space than 6A, and would provide greater opportunity for parental choice. It was further asserted that Option 7A would force the issue of crossing guards sooner, and perhaps because more students would be projected to attend San Marco, this would in the long term reduce the number of busy street crossings. However, this potential was predicated on safe walking conditions within the area served by the new school. It was also noted that this assumption may or may not be true.

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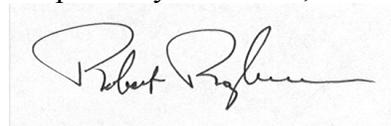
An extensive discussion about safety issues occurred. Bob Rayborn stated that the superintendent had commented on his concern related to safety. He had indicated his desire for the committee to develop a workable option that was as safe as possible for children living in the area. The consensus of the committee was to identify the needed crossing guard locations as part of their work, and to include a provision for crossing guards as part of their recommendation. Bob Rayborn agreed to meet with Fred Confetti to identify the specific areas for walkers, and where crossing guards would be needed. The committee was informed that crossing guards are hired by cities in other parts of the district, and are not Mt. Diablo Unified School District employees. In the Pittsburg/Bay Point area, the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) would be asked to assume that responsibility. Bob Rayborn agreed to meet with the MAC president to see if an agreement related to the provision of crossing guards could be arranged.

A committee member asked if a link could be established between the district web site and the web site maintained by A. J. Fardella, which contains a wealth of information about the new elementary school. Bob Rayborn indicated he would explore the possibility.

By consensus, the committee agreed to limit its future deliberations to Options 6A and 7A, and to vote on the option they wish to recommend at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on May 14 at Shore Acres Elementary School, 351 Marina Road, Bay Point. Planning for the Board presentation will occur at that meeting, and all materials for the next meeting would be provided not only in English, but also in Spanish. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert Rayborn, Director
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Elementary School Boundary Committee
May 14, 2003
Minutes

Present:

James Britto
 Roger Bylund
 Joe Callanan
 Fred Confetti
 Katherine Davis
 Susan Daynes
 Anthony Fardella

Gale Humes
 Debra Mason
 Linda Mayo
 Pablo Medina
 Robert Rayborn
 Sandra Rogers-Hare
 Edgar Rojas

Sandra Seskin
 Robert Shattuck
 Jeffrey Stover
 Ava Sudduth
 James Valko

Absent:

Maria Esparza
 Roberto Maciel

Brenda Maldonado
 Anthony Reese

Desi Ruvalcaba
 Dawn Winder

The seventh meeting for the Elementary School Boundary Committee for Pittsburg/Bay Point convened on May 14 at 7:10 pm at Shore Acres Elementary School. Bob Rayborn thanked Sandra Rogers-Hare for hosing the committee.

Several community members spoke about the need for increased support for the volunteer crossing guards that now serve Shore Acres. They emphasized their position that the two crossing guards identified previously by the committee were insufficient. They also asserted that, to date, they had been unsuccessful in seeking support from the district and county for financial assistance and equipment. Fred Confetti explained the fact that he had applied the same criteria used by other cities in the area which provided paid crossing guards. These were busy streets, without traffic lights or stop signs.

By applying this criteria, two paid crossing guards would be needed at the corners of Mary Ann Lane and Bailey Road and Madison Avenue and Willow Pass Road, for students attending Bel Air Elementary School. Another paid crossing guard for Shore Acres Elementary would be needed at the corner of Driftwood Drive and Pacifica Avenue upon the completion of the sidewalk project along Pacifica. He also acknowledged the work of the volunteer crossing guards and the importance of the physical safety of students. By consensus, the committee agreed to recommend active cooperative efforts to seek funding for the identified need for paid crossing guards as well as other support for the volunteers. It was acknowledged a joint effort by the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and the Bay Point MAC would be required to obtain the needed funds from the county.

A civil engineer from Contra Costa County spoke about an opportunity to apply for grant funds to address sidewalks needed to enhance safety. Bob Rayborn agreed to draft a letter identifying the sidewalk needs on Pacifica Avenue. He would recommend the letter to the superintendent. The engineer asked the committee and the community members present to identify any other areas within the community that are in need of sidewalks to improve safety. He requested a letter documenting this by the end of May 2003.

The minutes of the April 30th meeting were unanimously approved without amendment.

The committee discussed the difference between Option 6A and Option 7A. Bob Rayborn indicated a correction on the map for Option 6A would be necessary, showing the southern border for Shore Acres running down Pacifica Avenue. He agreed to make that change as part of the final report.

Supporters of Option 6A emphasized its consistency with the priority criteria laid out by the committee. They noted it made the best use of facilities and provided satisfactory demographics. Supporters of Option 7A emphasized its potential to reduce hazardous walking conditions and to provide an enhanced balance of the demographic variables.

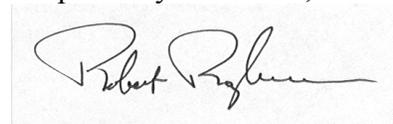
Some committee members questioned whether there was any real difference in safety between the two options, and stated that no committee member would vote for an option inherently unsafe.

There was some discussion as to how to proceed in deciding between Option 6A and Option 7A. Bob Rayborn proposed that if a vote were taken, and if the result did not differ by more than three votes, then two options could be carried forward for consideration by the superintendent and the Board of Education. While there was no consensus for this prospect, the committee expressed a desire to bring the matter to a conclusion at the May 14th meeting. A vote was taken with 11 committee members voting for Option 6A and seven voting for Option 7A. Bob Rayborn indicated that with the consent of the committee, he could attach Option 7A to the report as a minority report. By consensus, the committee agreed that he should do that.

Bob Rayborn agreed to distribute minutes from the May 14th meeting, as well as a draft of the final report, by e-mail. Committee members will be asked to respond with any concerns and suggested revisions by return e-mail. If revisions could be accomplished by e-mail, no more meetings would be required. He would also solicit by e-mail the names of any committee members wishing to meet with the superintendent about the final presentation.

The committee adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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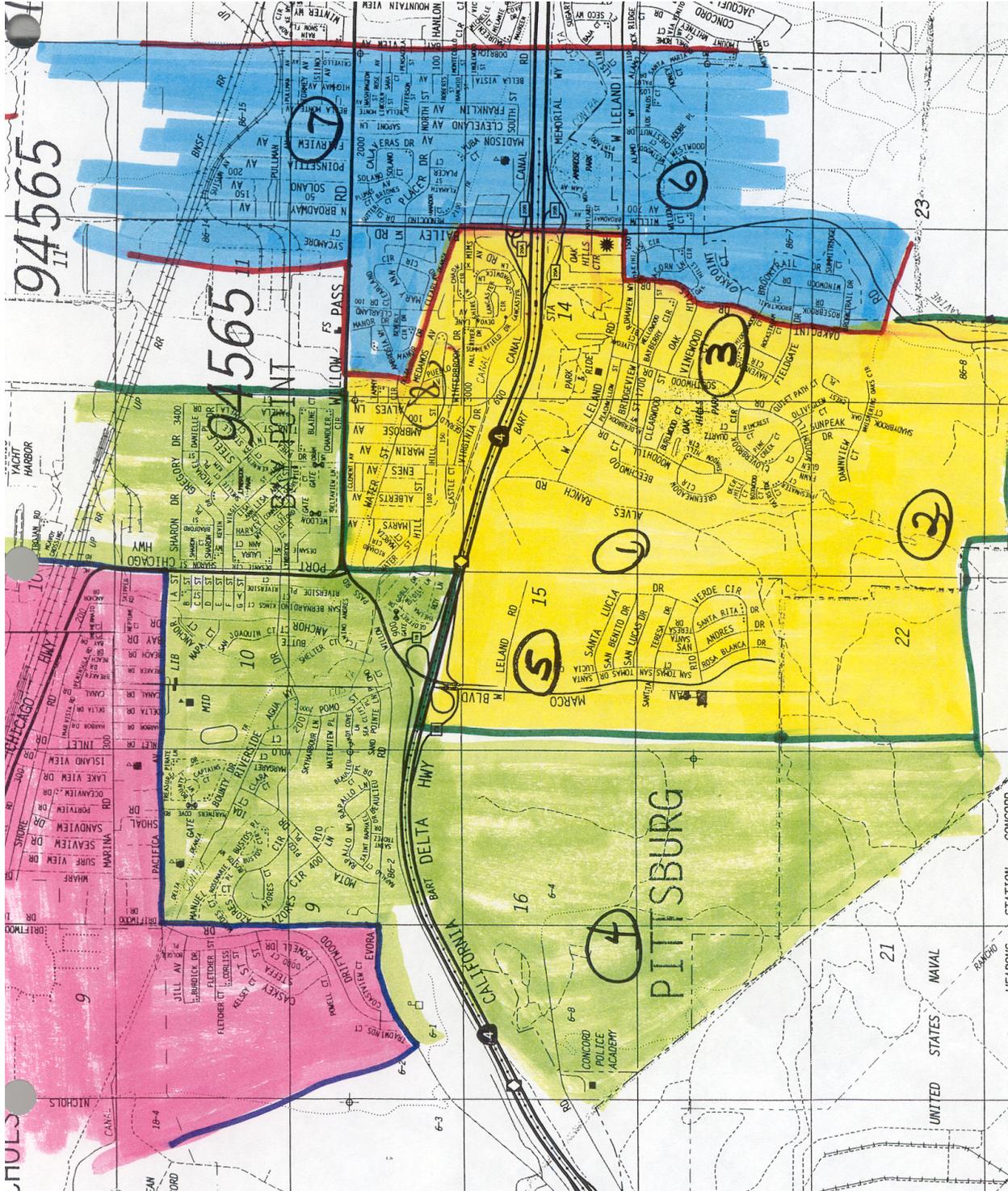
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APPENDIX B

The following Option 7A was supported by 39% of the Elementary School Boundary Committee. It is presented here for consideration by the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

Pink – Shore Acres
Green – Rio Vista
Blue – Bel Air
Yellow – school in San Marco development



Analysis of Option 7A

Findings

- All schools, with the exception of Rio Vista, will open with extra classroom space.
- The new school will open at 50% of its capacity, and will be expected to approach its capacity in five years.
- Intra-district transfers will be readily available at all school except Rio Vista.
- For several years after opening, excess space will exist at the new school, allowing for attendance by Pittsburg/Bay Point residents through the intra-district transfer process.

Projection Analysis

	<i>K</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Bel Air</i>	94	94	87	83	87	91	536
<i>NLTR</i>	-16	-2	0	-4	-2	-5	-29
<i>Projection Base</i>	78	92	87	79	85	86	507

Five year projections: Base (507) + background growth (25) + effects of projects (27) = 559

	<i>K</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Rio Vista</i>	119	112	108	72	86	173	670
<i>NLTR</i>	-18	-12	-7	-8	-7	-8	-60
<i>Projection Base</i>	101	100	101	64	79	165	610

Five year projections: Base (610) + background growth (31) + effects of projects (45) = 686

	<i>K</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Shore Acres</i>	109	101	102	113	90	96	611
<i>NLTR</i>	-14	-7	-2	-5	-5	-7	-41
<i>Projection Base</i>	94	94	100	108	85	89	570

Five year projections: Base (570) + background growth (29) + effects of projects (0) = 599

	<i>K</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>San Marco</i>	67	58	66	75	59	64	389
<i>NLTR</i>	-11	-3	-5	-6	-2	-3	-30
<i>Projection Base</i>	56	55	61	69	57	61	359

Five year projections: Base (359) + background growth (18) + effects of projects (491) = 868

Year One Capacity Analysis

<i>School</i>	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>Projected Enrollment 2004</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>Bel Air</i>	630	507	+123
<i>Rio Vista</i>	591	610	-19
<i>Shore Acres</i>	648	570	+78
<i>San Marco</i>	725	359	+366

Year Five Capacity Analysis

	<i>Capacity</i>	<i>5 Year Projections</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>Bel Air</i>	630	559	71
<i>Rio Vista</i>	591	686	-95
<i>Shore Acres</i>	648	599	50
<i>San Marco</i>	725	868	-143

Demographic Chart for Elementary Students Living in the Pittsburg/Bay Point Neighborhood

	<i>Bel Air</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Rio Vista</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Shore Acres</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>San Marco</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Black</i>	92	17	82	12	39	6	48	12
<i>Hispanic</i>	264	49	318	47	353	58	169	43
<i>Other</i>	64	12	83	12	41	7	79	20
<i>White</i>	116	22	187	28	178	29	93	24
<i>TOTAL</i>	536		670		611		389	
<i>Special Ed</i>	66	12	86	13	82	13	51	13
<i>English Language</i>	192	36	244	36	307	50	113	29
<i>Free/Reduced</i>	380	71	414	62	461	75	201	52
<i>New Housing</i>	6, 7		4		0		1, 2, 3, 5, 8	

Options Compared to the Criteria

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Criterion</i>	<i>Analysis</i>
1	Maximize utilization of existing facilities within building constraints.	Provides good use of facilities, but not optimal usage for the five-year projections.
2	Minimize economic imbalance.	All schools would serve a population with at least 52% Free/Reduced Lunch program participation
3	Minimize racial imbalance.	Produce ranges between 22-29% White, 43-58% Hispanic, 6-17% Black. Racial balance was considered satisfactory.
4	Maintain integrity of neighborhoods.	Created logical geographic boundaries, allowing students living near a school to attend that school, with exception of area south of Highway 4 going to Bel Air.
5	Maximize walking capacity and minimize transportation costs, while recognizing topographical constraints.	Reduced current transportation in the Pittsburg/Bay Point area by at least 50%.
6	Consider and provide for special needs students.	Range was 12-14, considered satisfactory.
7	Minimize year-to-year boundary changes.	Produces reasonable five-year capacity results.