

Summary of Board Discussion from February 21, 2004

1. The School Board reached consensus that redistricting could be used as a tool to maximize use of school building capacity.
2. The School Board reached consensus that straight feeder patterns are desirable and split feeder patterns would be limited and allowed when a compelling, geographical or transportation condition exists which makes a split necessary.
3. The Board agreed correcting the majority of existing splits would be very disruptive to a great number of students. Redistricting to correct splits would occur when additional capacity is added to an existing facility, a new school is built, or when there is a significant need to maximize the use of our capacity.
4. Redistricting from AHS and WAHS is allowed. Redistricting from Albemarle High School to Monticello High School and Western Albemarle High School to Monticello High School are recommended to accommodate short and long-term growth. Adding capacity at Monticello is the most cost effective way to handle growth over the next 10 years, and to maximize our use of current facilities and enable us to build a stronger case for a new high school facility, when necessary.
5. The School Board has serious concerns about enlarging Albemarle High School.
6. The School Board reached consensus that grandfathering be considered with any redistricting. Proposed grandfathering and the associated transportation cost will be brought forward to the School Board with each redistricting.
7. The School Board approved a motion to have staff bring forward as a regular agenda item a proposal to eliminate the MWL split starting fall of 2005. The proposal would include a request for a waiver of number 4 of the administrative procedures of Policy FB.

The procedural waiver would eliminate the formal redistricting process followed when redistricting more than 50 students. The School Board also agreed that other spot redistrictings be brought forward that were recommended by the Long-Range Planning Committee during the redistricting for Baker-Butler.

8. The School Board directed staff to discuss with the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) the potential need to add seats to Western Albemarle High School. The LRPC would consider the facts presented and include the project in the next CIP if appropriate.

Next Steps

The Long-Range Planning Committee will be convened and staff will present the High School Feasibility Study, the Residential Development Report, and Board direction from the February 21 discussion.

The direction given by the Board will inform the upcoming Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process.

Future Agenda Items

- Consideration of having the redistricting committee become a Superintendent's Committee instead of a School Board Committee
- Consideration for the exact terms of Long-Range Planning Committee members.