

Leon County School Board Redistricting Committee Meeting
August 10, 2011
MINUTES OF MEETING

Members in Attendance:

Allen Stucks, Matthew Presnell, Ken Preston, Jennifer Wood-Reed, Rich Mospens, Cheryl Collier-Brown, Laura Rodgers, Sharlene Jones, Carmen Votey-Mills and Chris Petley.

Absent were: Genae Crump.

Welcome

Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Barbara Wills, Assistant Superintendent, Leon County Schools Professional & Community Services Dept. The following staff member was introduced by Dr. Wills: Kay Pons, Professional & Community Services.

Committee members were asked to introduce themselves.

Also in attendance, Chris Moore and Thomas James, with Leon County Supervisor of Elections Office.

Public Hearing

None

Quick Recap:

Dr. Wills explained that the committee charge was to look at the data, maps and make a recommendation regarding redistricting to the School Board on October 11 for their approval. The goal is to adjust boundaries to make the five school board member districts as equal in population as possible. Districts 3, 4, and 5 roughly have the same population but districts 1 and 2 have lines that more than likely will need to be realigned because of greater population growth in district 2. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Superintendent and if approved by the Superintendent he will make the recommendation to the School Board. The public will have the opportunity to speak for three minutes at the school board meeting.

New Material:

Leon County GIS produced new maps with information that the committee members requested at the last meeting. The requests were to change colors in member's districts to stand out and add all schools, city limits, current school board members' residences and population from 2010.

Comments:

District 1 and 2 are unequal in population due to variation in growth. Mr. Moore with Leon County of Supervisor of Elections identified areas that would be cost effective if the district could conform to county commission boundaries. It was suggested that an area off of Mahan be moved from 2 to 1 and this would add approximately 895 people to 1 and this would make Mahan the dividing line. There is another small area around Glenview that would affect approximately 350 people from district 2 to 4 to be moved.

A third area that the committee looked at is on the west side of town that move residents from 4 to 3 that would affect approximately 1,100 people around the railroad track. Question was asked on how we could notify citizens that their district has changed. After the boundary changes are approved by the School Board, it is the responsibility of the Supervisor of Elections office to notify individuals before the primary in 2012.

Mr. Preston made the motion to accept the three areas that the committee looked at and the motion was seconded by Mr. Stucks and passed unanimously. Dr. Wills said that she will send the proposed map to committee members and have them look at it to confirm the changes. The final changes would make the districts closer in numbers:

District 1=50,775 to 56,309

District 2=60,900 to 55,016

District 3=53,774 to 54,874

District 4=55,268 to 54,518

District 5=54,769 to 54,769

Approximately 7,300 citizens would be impacted.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.