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Meeting Minutes Redistricting Sub-Committee September 17, 2015, 9:30AM

Meeting was called to order at 9:41 AM

Present: John Convertito – Chair, Eileen Liu-McCormack, Dr. David Title, Marc Patten (9:50)
Mike Zuba of Milone & McBroom, Several Members of the Public.

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Ms. Liu-McCormack made a motion to postpone approval until the next meeting – seconded Mr. Convertito

Motion passed 2-0

Dr. Title introduced Mr. Mike Zuba from the consulting firm of Milone & McBroom.

Mr. Zuba gave a brief presentation on the services the consulting firm would be providing to the District in regard to the racial imbalance issue. Mr. Zuba spoke to the overlap that their engagement would have with a possible redistricting effort and handed out a preliminary timeline of bench marks (attached hereto). Milone & McBroom we be providing: new Enrollment projections, and reviewing the Districts Facilities issues while utilizing the Districts Capacity and loading figures. He requested that the Committee layout their top 5 Criteria in the redistricting process.

Mr. Convertito and Mr. Patten asked questions regarding the process that would be used in the Enrollment projections

Ms. Liu-McCormack inquired whether the firm would be trying to identify non-residents in the school system. Mr. Zuba responded that they would have no way of capturing that information with an enrollment projection. Ms. Liu-McCormack spoke to the perception that people have regarding this issue and the Open Choice students in the School System

Dr. Title explained that there are 63 Open-Choice students throughout the entire District. Each student is only allocated a spot if there is room in a school and the addition does not put the school in danger of adding another section.

Ms. Liu-McCormack, Mr. Patten and Mr. Convertito questioned on which methodologies would be used in projecting enrollment numbers. Mr. Zuba stated that: Rutger Multipliers, birth decay rates, birth rate assumptions, Housing starts/permits would be used in the analysis.

Ms. Liu-McCormack questioned how private school enrollment would come into the analysis. Mr. Zuba stated that it would be used in the analysis and that the State Dept. of Ed. Provided a Cohort Survival Rate for private school enrollment.

Dr. Title mentioned that the Districts first grade enrollment has always tracked higher than kindergarten enrollment due to the many private preschools in the area that offer kindergarten.

Further discussion was had by the committee on parameters for redistricting, loading factors, and capacity issues. The Committee agreed that the next meeting would deal with setting up the criteria for redistricting and be September 29th at 6:00PM with a venue to be based on availability. Mr. Convertito stated that public comment would be taken at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18AM