

*EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT*

*Public Hearing – Proposed Boundary Changes*

*Proposed Sites: Evergreen Valley, Silver Creek & Mt. Pleasant High Schools*

*Meeting of June 13, 2006*

*Mt. Pleasant High School - Gymnasium*

*6:30 p.m.*

The following concerns/input were provided by the community:

- Make boundary decisions now.

There are many young children in this boundary area.

(Aborn & Evergreen Valley High School)

- Community notification questions?

*Response: They are posted on the District's website, school marquee, newspaper, newsletter and radio. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Evergreen Valley High School.*

- A parent has an incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade daughter going to Piedmont Hills High School in the fall. How will that impact her daughter?

*Response: The James Lick boundary process was explained regarding incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders.*

- Development issue: Students living in the area may be misplaced as a result of the new development.

- A suggestion was made to "grandfather" all students living in this area now.

*Response: Grandfathering: Students allowed to stay at the school of attendance.*

- A boundary change in the Evergreen Valley High School area will impact their children and have a financial impact on their home and resale value.

- Population: The future population is being discussed, not an immediate need. A suggestion was made to chart how many students live in the attendance area.

- When home was purchased 15 years ago, they believed their six year old triplets would be attending Evergreen Valley High School. Changing the boundaries would prevent this.

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- Option area question: Are standards at Mt. Pleasant High School not the same as Evergreen Valley High School? They have a seven and a four year old who are not eligible for grandfathering.
- Have developers help with the overcrowding issue at Silver Creek and Evergreen Valley High Schools.
- Would Mt. Pleasant High School undergo "retrofitting" to match Silver Creek and Evergreen Valley High Schools?

*Response: Yes, Mt. Pleasant is part of the modernization plan, \$3+ million.*

- Proposed boundary may segregate some students. Schools are not equal. The value of education is not the same. Issues: private school, lawyer, sell home, etc.
- Norwood and Tully Road area: Is it fair to:
  - Move students out of the Evergreen Valley boundary
  - Young children not able to attend
  - Child care
  - Parents participation in school planning
  - Daughter has begun as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader and other siblings will not be grandfathered into Evergreen Valley High School

Be fair and leave the current residents in; put new families elsewhere.

- Needed: A long-term solution regarding development in this area. This has been an ongoing issue. Consider accurate numbers and long-term solutions.

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- Moving students between Silver Creek and Evergreen Valley High Schools is not a viable solution. Overcrowding is an issue, which is why changes in southern area are not being considered.

Option: Build a new high school. Why is there no money for this?

***Response: \$160 million. The cost minus developer fees = one building one site, not enough to build an entire school.***

- District capacity = 30,000 students, enrollment = 26,000 students  
State will not give us money based on these numbers.
- Mt. Pleasant High School needs facility upgrading. Has a student who has attended AP classes. The parent is very satisfied with the curriculum.
- No Child Left Behind: Who decides this?
- Take on the issue of students attending a school on a false address. Check on this, provide support.
- Historically, the White, Tully, San Felipe area belonged to Evergreen Valley High School. It later became an option area.

Suggestion: New development students to attend a non-impacted school, assign a school.

- New development on Tully/White. What school will these students go to? Tax accordingly for a new school and educate students.
- What will grandfathering recommendation be?

***Response: Recommendation has not been made yet. They are listening to all suggestions. This will be a decision made by the Board of Trustees.***

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- What does next year mean?

*Response: Grandfather existing 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be 9<sup>th</sup> graders in 2007/2008 is still under consideration as to what this will mean.*

- Resident in option area since 1989. Notes differences in the neighborhoods of Ruby/White and Flint/Ruby. Ruby is a subdivision line. Many reasons why this area sits alone. Look at this area closely, please. Has sent information to the Board.
- In defense of Mt. Pleasant High School, the lessons learned there are valuable, i.e., AP classes, diversity, good school, their student was accepted to three universities.
- Believes that East Side Union High School District picks the community meetings at inappropriate dates, such as Quimby Oaks graduation on June 13, 2006, July meeting at Evergreen Valley, vacation time)
- Quimby – Evergreen: Check the miles to the school. A map with their suggested boundary areas was provided to Administration. Suggests changes to the current option area to have some streets going to Silver Creek High School. Believes that when their home was purchased, they were promised Evergreen Valley High School. Does not believe changes should be made at this time.
- Shared the Ried/Hillview Airport issue and who lives in the area now. They should be allowed to attend Evergreen Valley High School; newcomers should go somewhere else.
- A long-term solution is needed that impacts the fewest number of students. Son not grandfathered in.
- Invested in their home. A suggested was made to do registrations rather than grandfathering.

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- Boundary of the southern area, what else is in this proposal than what is being discussed now?

***Response: Entire proposal given to the Board of Trustees.***

***Another/other focus meetings will take place. All proposals are on the website.***

- Bussing out of Evergreen Valley High School area to other schools.

***Note: No Measure G funds can be used at Evergreen Valley High School***

- Evergreen/East Hills Visioning Project– What are the projections for this area?

***Response: The District is looking into the possibility of land banking. We do not have the need to build a new high school at this time, we are under capacity district wide.***

- What is the actual capacity of each school?

***Response: Loading capacity for Evergreen Valley High School: 3,150 students; capacity 2,100. Is this in the best interest of students educationally? No. Silver Creek High School capacity is 2,500-2,600 students.***

- The problem is that there is not enough space. Are you going to build a new high school? Where?
- Why do we continue to discuss boundary issues when what we need is a new high school?
- Does not believe that Board of Trustees really wants to hear about this. The Board only wants to cover themselves legally. Resents not being able to grandfather existing students who live in this area now, regardless of age.
- Option area >400 students; new development 1,000 students

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- Wants gifted students to go to a specific program/school?
- Expectation is that child will go to Evergreen Valley High School. The option area did not exist 18 years ago when they moved. A double session was suggested. The number of families in the red zone is 400 families. 15% of the students are not qualified to go to Evergreen Valley High School.
- Why remove the north option and not the south option. A suggestion was made to balance the north and south option.
- Suggestions made in the past by the Evergreen Valley High School community:
  - Bring in portables
  - Build out the site
  - Check the attendance of students. Policy was changed; go back to the policy.
  - Present the public with specific options at the next meeting. Present the grandfather clause on July 18.