

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006**

The School Board of Manatee County held a Special Meeting at Wakeland Elementary School, 1812 27th Street East, Bradenton, Florida, on Wednesday, January 18, at 6:05 p.m. Members present: Frank Brunner, Chairman; Barbara A. Harvey, Walter E. Miller, and Larry Simmons. Absent: Harry G. Kinnan, Vice-Chairman. Also present: Dr. Roger Dearing, Superintendent, and John Bowen, School Board Attorney.

PUBLIC HEARING RE WAKELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REDISTRICTING

Chairman Brunner called to order the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Superintendent Dearing stated that this rezoning would dissolve the current Wakeland Elementary School attendance boundaries to create the International Baccalaureate Magnet concept for Wakeland Elementary School.

Herb Tschappat, Executive Director of District Planning, Policy and Program Evaluation, reviewed the rezoning process.

An overview of the process was given by Committees A, B, and C, and each presented their recommendations.

Dr. Chuck Fradley, Principal of Wakeland Elementary School, explained the pre-registration process used to enroll students for the 2006-2007 school year at Wakeland Elementary School.

The Superintendent's recommendation is Plan A. Plan A includes the following changes:

The existing attendance boundary area for Frances Wakeland Elementary School would be eliminated.

Wakeland's existing boundary area would be distributed to Bashaw, Freedom, and Manatee Elementary Schools. The new attendance boundary areas for Bashaw, Freedom, and Manatee Elementary are as follows:

William H. Bashaw Elementary School 3315 Morgan Johnson Road, Bradenton 34208

Start at the intersection of Interstate 75 and the Manatee River. Proceed southeast in the center of Interstate 75 for approximately one mile, then proceed south in a straight line to the intersection of SR 64 East and 51st Street East. Proceed east in the center of SR 64 East to 53rd Street East (Woodbury Apartments). Proceed south, then east, then north around the Woodbury Apartments back to SR 64 East. All students living in Woodbury Apartments are zoned to attend Freedom Elementary. Proceed east in the center of SR 64 East to Interstate 75. Proceed south in the center of Interstate 75 to a point where 44th Avenue East would intersect. Proceed west in a line to the intersection of 44th Avenue East and Creekwood Boulevard. Proceed south in a line to SR 70 East that leaves 67th Street East to the east and 65th Street Court East to the west. Proceed west in the center of SR 70 East to 37th Street East. Proceed one mile north in the center of 37th Street East then east in the center of 44th Avenue East to Braden River. Proceed north in the center of Braden River to 51st Boulevard East. Proceed south, then west in the center of 26th Avenue East to 27th Street East. Proceed north two tenths of a mile in the center of 27th Street East then west one half mile, then north in a line to 13th Avenue East. Proceed west in the center of 13th Avenue East to 15th Street East. Proceed north in the center of 15th Street East to 9th Avenue East. Proceed west in the center of 9th Avenue East to 19th Street Court East. Proceed north in the center of 19th Street Court East to 8th Avenue East. Proceed east in the center of 8th Avenue East to 21st Street East. Proceed south in the center of 21st Street East to 13th Avenue East. Proceed east in the center of 13th Avenue East to the Braden River. Proceed north in the center of the Braden River to the Manatee River. Proceed east in the Manatee River to Interstate 75, the beginning point.

Freedom Elementary School 9515 SR 64 East, Bradenton 34208

Start at the intersection of SR 64 East and the Manatee River. Proceed southeast in the center of Interstate 75 for approximately one mile, then proceed south in a straight line to the intersection of SR 64 East and 51st Street East. Proceed east in the center of SR 64 East to 53rd Street East (Woodbury Apartments). Proceed south, then east, then north around the Woodbury Apartments back to SR 64 East. All students living in Woodbury Apartments are zoned to attend Freedom Elementary. Proceed east in the center of SR 64 East to Interstate 75. Proceed south in the center of Interstate 75 to a point where 44th Avenue East would intersect. Proceed east in a line approximately 2.3 miles, then north in a line to SR 64 East leaving Pope Road to the east. Proceed north, then northwest, then north in a line through Upper Manatee River Road to the Manatee River. This line leaves 124th Street East to the west, Greyhawk Boulevard to the east, 116th

Street East to the west, and Snapdragon Loop to the east. Proceed west in the center of the Manatee River to Interstate 75, the beginning point.

Manatee Elementary School 1609 6th Avenue East, Bradenton 34208

Area 1 - Start at the intersection of 9th Street East and the Manatee River. Proceed south in the center of 9th Street East to 20th Avenue East. Proceed east in the center of 20th Avenue East to 15th Street East. Proceed north in the center of 15th Street East to 9th Avenue East (Martin Luther King Avenue East). Proceed east in the center of 9th Avenue East to 19th Street Court East. Proceed north in the center of 19th Street Court East to 8th Avenue East. Proceed east in the center of 8th Avenue East to 21st Street East. Proceed north in the center of 21st Street East to Manatee Avenue East (SR 64 E). Proceed east in the center of Manatee Avenue East to the Braden River. Proceed north in the center of the Braden River to the Manatee River. Proceed west in the center of the Manatee River to 9th Street East, the beginning point.

Area 2 - Start at the intersection of 27th Street East and 26th Avenue East. Proceed south in the center of 27th Street East to 38th Avenue East. Proceed east in the center of 38th Avenue East to 30th Street East. Proceed south in the center of 30th Street East approximately 3 miles to a point where 44th Avenue East would intersect. Proceed east in the center of 44th Avenue East to the Braden River. Proceed north in the center of the Braden River to 51st Boulevard East. Proceed south in the center of 51st Boulevard East to 26th Avenue East. Proceed west in the center of 26th Avenue East to 27th Street East, the beginning point.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Patrice Cairo (comment submitted in writing; Ms. Cairo not in attendance at the meeting) - asked about the financial impact on the schools that may receive additional children because of the rezoning and questioned the length of time the children are on the bus.
2. Janie Pagano - questioned if the student numbers projected are realistic for three schools, Bashaw, Freedom, and Manatee Elementary.
3. Lisa Hoover - asked about the financial impact of additional students attending Freedom Elementary School.
4. Dave Miner - said he has concerns for the current Wakeland Elementary students with disabilities.

Chairman Brunner closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A RULE: ELIMINATION OF EXISTING ATTENDANCE ZONE BOUNDARY AREAS FOR WAKELAND ELEMENTARY

The administrative staff has sought community input and examined the necessary factors for consideration in eliminating the existing attendance zone boundary areas for Wakeland Elementary. The proposed changes were discussed and explained to the Board in the workshop held on December 12, 2005. The proposed changes have also been made available to parents, students and other community members at the school sites potentially impacted, the School Support Center, the Parent Information Center, and on the district's website at www.manatee.k12.fl.us.

If approved, these changes will become effective August 2006.

There is no fiscal impact.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule: Elimination of Existing Attendance Zone Boundary Areas for Wakeland Elementary.

Mrs. Harvey expressed her concern about students arriving late to school. She asked the Superintendent to have staff review the bus transportation routes to ensure the students arrive to school on time.

Mr. Miller moved, with a second by Mr. Simmons, to approve of the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule: Elimination of Existing Attendance Zone Boundary Areas for Wakeland Elementary. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brunner adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Roger Dearing, Ex Officio Secretary
and Superintendent of Schools

Frank Brunner, Chairman