

***City Council
and
Boulder Valley School District
Joint Study Session Summary***

**February 4, 2015
Louisville Middle School
1341 Main Street
Louisville, CO
7:30 am – 9:00 am**

The City Council met in a joint study session with the Superintendent and Board of Education for the Boulder Valley School District at 7:30 am in the library at the Louisville Middle School at 1341 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado. The following persons from the City of Louisville were present:

City Council Present: Mayor Bob Muckle
Mayor Pro Tem Hank Dalton
Council member Chris Leh
Council member Susan Loo
Council member Ashley Stolzmann

Staff Present: Malcolm Fleming, City Manager
Heather Balsler, Deputy City Manager
Beth Barrett, Library Director
Troy Russ, Planning and Building Safety Director
Joe Stevens, Parks and Recreation Director
Dave Hayes, Police Chief
Dawn Burgess, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

Others Present: Boulder Valley School District (BVSD) School Board Members, Superintendent and staff

Members of Public

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am by BVSD.

The list of items discussed included:

How will Louisville schools benefit from the new Bond issue? (Bond improvements)

Joint Use Agreements

What is in the packet is a proposed agreement. There have been several renditions, still a work in progress.

Enrollment Update

Louisville summary and projections provided. Glenn Segrue also provided updates for the entire district. Very accurate and BVSD plans with confidence around these numbers. Methodology is good, though adjustments may occur. Enrollment at schools was discussed.

Capacity was discussed and all Louisville schools are under capacity with the exception of Monarch 6 – 8.

Once a child is open enrolled in a school, they may stay until they are graded out of that school.

BVSD is re-looking at capacity methodology. They are engaged in planning efforts to create more flexibility in buildings and instructional space. In general, optimal capacity is roughly 90%.

All schools will be looked at related to innovation funds from the bond.

Estimated student yield from unbuilt dwelling units in approximate 5-year build out: projections show BVSD has enough capacity.

Louisville retains significant capacity overall when open enrollment is taken into consideration. LES growth was level in 2014. Students from new residential developments will continue to contribute to LES enrollment over the next 5+ years, but the full impact on the school still depends on trends in old town.

A significant long term challenge to Louisville schools will be new students from the Superior Town Center development which will impact Monarch k-8 and Monarch High. At this time it appears open enrollment restrictions will likely be sufficient to accommodate any new students.

Schools can be managed in ways other than boundary changes. BVSD is sensitive to not overload a school for long periods of time. BVSD watches trends closely each year. “Outs” (those enrolling outside their boundary) typically 15-20% in the schools, “ins” vary.

How Development Referrals Handled

With the planned growth from Superior Town Center BVSD believes they can accommodate all students in Monarch. However, harder to predict in Old Town. If all approved planning actually develops, BVSD does not have an answer to what will happen to LES. They will create options for families.

How is Capacity Defined?

Capacity defined at space, staffing ratio (typically 25:1). BVSD has no worries about overall capacity. Do not plan to make any long term changes 2015-16. LES is at the campus capacity that BVSD wants.

BVSD will make sure enrollment does not affect programming. BVSD will not let a high capacity facility continue for more than one or two years without a response.

Boundary Line Adjustments – If implemented, then how?

If kids are in a school, they will stay in that school. Any boundary line adjustments would be for incoming students.

Public Comments

LES could be looking at portables in a couple of years. This could potentially impact achievement. We are in crisis mode.

School “feels” full.

How will I split my volunteer duties?

Concerned about how boundary adjustments affect resale values.

Superintendent has a high level of confidence that no Louisville residents will be redistricted out. Even with Superior Town Center, all Louisville students can be accommodated in Louisville. No timetable set for action but will create a strategy to lay out a multiyear approach.

Adjourn 9:00 am

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Submitted by – Dawn Burgess
February 5, 2015