

**NEW SOUTH ANCHORAGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL  
BOUNDARY TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
12/04/02**

The New South Anchorage Area High School Boundary Task Force met on Wednesday, December 4, 2002, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 202, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building.

Mike Henry, Executive Director of High School Education chaired the meeting. Mr. Henry began the meeting by going over the agenda and talked about what was discussed at the November 26, 2002, meeting. Copies of the November 26 meeting minutes were provided.

Introductions were made. Michelle Egan, Director of Public Relations, and Roger Fiedler, Public Affairs Specialists, were present. Roger explained again that this boundary process is a high profile topic and he anticipates that the media will be interested. The committee may be approached.

Channel 11 was present at the beginning of the meeting. Katie Pesznecker, reporter for the Anchorage Daily News attended the full meeting.

Mr. Henry stated that the 2003 projected enrollments have been approved by the School Board. The projections do not include the level 3 special education students. Level 3 special education students are considered intensive needs students that may be in wheel chairs or that need more individual attention. Dimond currently has 28 students in their IN program. Sue Doherty, Supervisor of High School Special Education stated that she would be looking at students individually to determine the best placement for them.

Guy Okada asked if the seniors would be grandfathered for the 2004/05 school year to be able to graduate with their home school instead of having to move to the new school. Linda Schwald, Transportation Planner for the District's Transportation division, asked if there was anything in Board policy that addresses this. After reviewing Board Policy it states in section 444.221:

High school students who have successfully completed their junior (11<sup>th</sup>) year in a District high school may continue in attendance at the unit during their senior (12<sup>th</sup>) year, if they are expected to graduate that school year, even though their parents or legal guardians may have moved to another school attendance zone in the District prior to the opening of school, or move during the school year.

Mike Graham, principal of East High School, made the motion that the South Anchorage high schools be filled to 90 percent capacity, and that the current southern East High or West High School boundaries not be moved. Guy Okada, principal, Dimond High School, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Having established that space would be reserved for projected growth in the south Anchorage area, specific capacity plans were discussed. Those plans are as follows: Plan 1, 90 percent capacity at Dimond, and Service and 95 percent at the NSAHS. Plan 2, with 87 percent at Dimond, 88 percent at Service and 95 percent at the NSAHS. Plan 3, with 85 percent at Dimond, 90 percent at Service and 95 percent at the NSAHS. After reviewing and discussing these plans, Mary Kiesling, Service High School parent, made the motion to approve capacity plan 2. Jim Bailey, principal, West High School seconded. Motion passed.

It was further discussed that current and projected enrollments for Dimond High School and Service High School contain an ample number of students to fill the three south Anchorage high schools without drawing additional students from the East or West high school attendance areas. It was also concluded that the attendance boundaries for West and East High School would not be considered during the New South Anchorage High School boundary discussions.

The Fall 2004 enrollment capacities as established at the December 4, 2002 meeting are:

Dimond High at 87 percent, enrollment - 1,392  
Service High at 88 percent, enrollment - 1,822  
NSAHS at 95 percent, enrollment - 1,520  
Total - 4,734

Mr. Henry adjourned the meeting at 5:00.