A. Call to Order

The Williamson County Board of Education met in special called session on Monday, September 27, 2010, in the Administrative Complex Auditorium. Chairman Pat Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Members Present ...............................................................................................................12

D’Wayne Greer 1st District  Susan Graham 7th District
Janice Mills 2nd District  Pat Anderson 8th District
Janine Moore 3rd District  Barry Watkins 9th District
Tim McLaughlin 4th District  Eric Welch 10th District
Gary Anderson 5th District  Mark Gregory 11th District
Terry Leve 6th District  Vicki Vogt 12th District

Members Absent ...........................................................................................................0

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Anderson presented the agenda for Board approval.

Tim McLaughlin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Barry Watkins seconded the motion.

Chairman Anderson called for a voice vote on the motion.

Action: Motion Carried

C. Items of Particular Public Interest

1. Public Comment

- Thomas Hamlett addressed the Board about keeping Pinewood Elementary open for three years if data was found supporting future growth.
- Stuart Johnson, Fairview Vice-Mayor shared information about 1700 building sites approved for the Pinewood area. He wanted Pinewood to be kept open for three years.
- Kristen Richardson asked the Board for Cool Springs East to have clean feeder schools. There are a low percentage of students from Woodland Middle being separated at the high school level.
Gray Anderson from the extreme northern end of Nolensville/College Grove community addressed the Board with concerns about the lack of proximity with the rezoning.

Mark Crawford from the Nolensville area had concerns about being zoned from Ravenwood High to Page High and the difference in programs offered.

Jennifer Early thanked the Board for looking at the human element and not dividing the Nolensville community.

Michael Lane felt more time needed to be spent on the rezoning and asked the Board not to rezone Westhaven from Grassland Middle.

Ron Yeary addressed the Board with a concern of the distance Westhaven students would be bused to Independence High instead of Franklin High.

Kristin Pierson addressed the Board with concerns from the farm families west of Nolensville understanding the need to build new schools and to populate; however, she would like to see Nolensville Elementary left as a feeder to Sunset Middle.

Paul Compton is a concerned parent in the Sanford Road/McCandless Road area which is not in a subdivision and would like to remain in the Nolensville feeder pattern that they have been in for years.

Paul Matthew and daughter Sophie who is in the 5th grade at Pinewood pleaded for it not to be closed.

Steve McPherson stated he was before the Board to plea for the families of Pinewood. He asked the Board to please review data and growth to see if a compromise could be reached.

Mitch Robinson addressed the Board with concerns about clean feeders and proximity, which he did not feel has been the case with this rezoning. He also asked percentage of students be closer to 40% before splitting.

Beth Lothers, Mayor of Nolensville asked the Board to keep Nolensville together for a successful zoning plan.

Jim Catalano, speaking on behalf of the students at College Grove, felt the rezoning has been done in a hurry and would like to see these students go to school with their neighborhood.

Lon Barber asked the Board not to rezone Carters Creek Pike area. He has a child at Hillsboro and wants to remain at Hillsboro.

D. New Business

Rezoning Proposal

Chairman Anderson called on Superintendent Mike Looney who stated he was going to review maps in revisiting the proposal. This proposal was to eliminate split feeder patterns where possible and to use our facilities to the fullest extent possible, where some of our schools are over capacity and some are under capacity, but utilize our facilities to also produce a plan that would not require rezoning for 5 years.

Dr. Looney explained that Edulog had been working on rezoning since March of this year and had developed a plan that contained 400 planning zones which individually will
move together; however, the proposal shown tonight will add local knowledge independent of these planning zones. He discussed the high schools first, taking Edulog’s initial work and adding two small variations. The staff’s analysis concurred with Edulog that to maintain clean feeder schools for Fairview Elementary and Westwood Elementary. It also concurred that keeping Pinewood open is not a long term viable option because of physical location, programs, and future development.

Dr. Looney explained each of the school zones, comparing each with the Edulog presentation and the corresponding zones of this proposal. Five year projection totals were also given for each of the schools.

In closing, Dr. Looney informed the Board that the maps would be online in the morning for parents to type in their address to determine where this proposal would have their child zoned. He also stated that Edulog developed a proposal and once staff added the local knowledge this proposal appears to be the most fair and equitable way for this district to move forward with the challenges it has.

Dr. Looney commended his staff for working so hard to develop this proposal and his appreciation to the Board for their leadership. He assured the Board that a call out would be made to those families that were now affected by the rezoning but were not previously affected. There would be an informational meeting September 28 at Centennial High at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. There would also be a Special Called Board meeting at 5:00 Friday, October 1 in the Administrative Complex Auditorium.

E. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board Terry Leve made a motion to adjourn and Janice Mills seconded this motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

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Patricia B. Anderson, Chairman        Dr. Mike Looney, Superintendent of Schools