



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 10.1

Meeting Date: August 4, 2011

Subject: Board of Education Trustee Area Redistricting

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board of Education

Recommendation: Receive information from Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Department regarding Trustee Area Redistricting

Background/Rationale: After each federal census, Education Code section 5019.5 requires adjustment of trustee area boundaries in order to assure compliance with state and federal constitutional requirements of "one person, one vote." School districts throughout California will need to evaluate the new census data to determine if there should be an adjustment to trustee area boundaries. New boundaries must be adopted prior to March 1, 2012.

Financial Considerations: None at this time

Documents Attached: Executive Summary

Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes

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Approved by:

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I. Overview/History of Department or Program

After each federal census, Education Code section 5019.5 requires adjustment of trustee area boundaries in order to equalize population. This assures compliance with state and federal constitutional requirements of “one person, one vote.” School districts throughout California will need to evaluate the new census data to determine if there should be an adjustment to trustee area boundaries.

The Board President met with Steve Demers, GIS Analyst, Voter Registration and Elections, County of Sacramento, on May 20, 2011, to calculate the populations of the seven trustee area districts. Calculations determined that there are a total of 324,478 people living in the District. The total population was then divided by seven to determine a target population for each trustee area. The target population is 46,354.

The population for each trustee area was calculated based on current boundaries as follows:

Trustee Area	Population	# over/under	%over/under
1	46,421	67	0.1%
2	47,331	977	2.1%
3	47,048	694	1.5%
4	49,018	2,664	5.7%
5	46,892	538	1.2%
6	45,163	-1,191	-2.6%
7	42,605	-3,749	-8.1%

Based on this review, the District should consider adjustments to trustee area boundaries.

II. Driving Governance:

Education Code section 5019.5 requires that each trustee area be adjusted so that their population numbers are as equal “as may be.” Section 5019.5 also requires that the boundaries be adjusted by March of the year following release of census data – in this case March 1, 2012.

Section 5019.5 is attached for reference.

III. Budget:

No financial considerations are present other than the investment of staff resources required to coordinate with the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Department and to implement proposed adjustments to trustee area boundaries.

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IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

The redistricting process takes into consideration several legal and policy factors. Both the Education Code and the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution require equal population among legislative districts, including school board trustee areas. Court decisions have allowed slight population deviation for local governments if justified by a set of traditional factors such as preserving municipal boundaries, preserving cores of prior districts, and other similar considerations.

V. Major Initiatives:

This process is an internal review by the Sacramento City Unified School District. Unlike the creation of trustee areas that occurred in November 2006, the process of adjusting boundaries for equal population does not involve a voter election or participation by the County Committee on School District Organization.

VI. Results:

Adjusted boundaries will comply with the federal and state legal mandate to equalize population after every census.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

- Consider adjusted boundary maps with assistance of the Voter Registration and Elections Department.
- Hold board meetings and / or community input forums as needed to review proposals and gather input.
- Adopt adjusted boundaries, if needed, prior to March 2012, to give elections officials time to implement new boundaries for November 2012 elections

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California Education Code section 5019.5

(a) Following each decennial federal census, and using population figures as validated by the Population Research Unit of the Department of Finance as a basis, the governing board of each school district or community college district in which trustee areas have been established, and in which each trustee is elected by the residents of the area he or she represents, shall adjust the boundaries of any or all of the trustee areas of the district so that one or both of the following conditions is satisfied:

(1) The population of each area is, as nearly as may be, the same proportion of the total population of the district as the ratio that the number of governing board members elected from the area bears to the total number of members of the governing board.

(2) The population of each area is, as nearly as may be, the same proportion of the total population of the district as each of the other areas.

(b) The boundaries of the trustee areas shall be adjusted by the governing board of each school district or community college district, in accordance with subdivision (a), before the first day of March of the year following the year in which the results of each decennial census are released. If the governing board fails to adjust the boundaries before the first day of March of the year following the year in which the results of each decennial census are released, the county committee on school district organization shall do so before the 30th day of April of the same year.

The governing board of the school district or community college district shall reimburse all reasonable costs incurred by a county committee in adjusting the boundaries pursuant to this subdivision.

(c) Except to the extent that the adjustment of trustee area boundaries is necessary for the purposes set forth in this section, the authority to establish or abolish trustee areas, rearrange the boundaries of trustee areas, increase or decrease the number of members of the governing board, or adopt any method of electing governing board members may be exercised only as otherwise provided under this article.