



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.1

Meeting Date: September 1, 2011

Subject: 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: Approve Trustee Area boundary adjustment between Trustee Areas 4 and 7 as recommended by the Department of Voter Registration and Elections, County of Sacramento.

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.

At the August 4, 2011 Board meeting, a representative of the Department of Voter Registration and Elections, County of Sacramento, recommended a boundary adjustment between Trustee Areas 4 and 7 which was reviewed by the Board. No comment was requested or received from the public.

Financial Considerations: The Board of Education may have to contract for professional services to prepare new legal descriptions based on the approved boundary adjustment.

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary
2. Proposed Trustee Area Map
3. Resolution No. 2676

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

Submitted by: General Counsel

Approved by: Jonathan P. Raymond, Superintendent

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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. School districts throughout California will need to evaluate the new census data to determine if there should be an adjustment to trustee area boundaries.

At the August 4, 2011 Board meeting, a representative of the Department of Voter Registration and Elections, County of Sacramento, recommended a boundary adjustment between Trustee Areas 4 and 7 which was reviewed by the Board. No public comment was requested or received.

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:

The Board of Education may have to contract for professional services to prepare new legal descriptions based on the approved boundary adjustment.

IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

The redistricting process takes into consideration several legal and policy factors. 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." 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:

Unlike the creation of trustee areas approved by the voters in November 2006, the process of adjusting boundaries under Education Code section 5019.5 requires action by the Board of Education based on the 2010 federal census.

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VI. Results:

The proposed adjusted boundaries will comply with federal and state law to equalize population in each trustee area after every federal census.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

- Adopt the recommended boundary adjustment between Trustee Areas 4 and 7.
- Notify the Department of Voter Registration and Elections, County of Sacramento, the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools, and other interested agencies and organizations of the Board's decision.
- Engage professional services, to the extent not available within the District, to prepare new legal descriptions based upon the approved boundary adjustment.

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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.

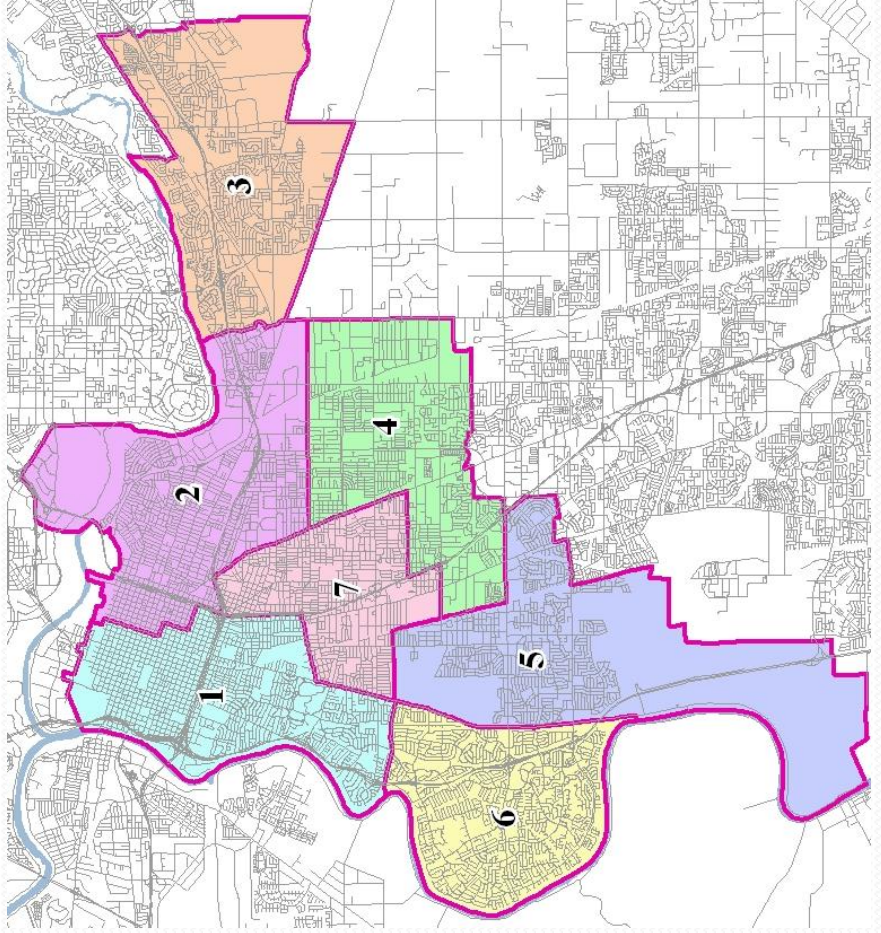
(2) The population of each area is, as nearly as may be, the same proportion of the total population of the district as each of the other areas.

(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.

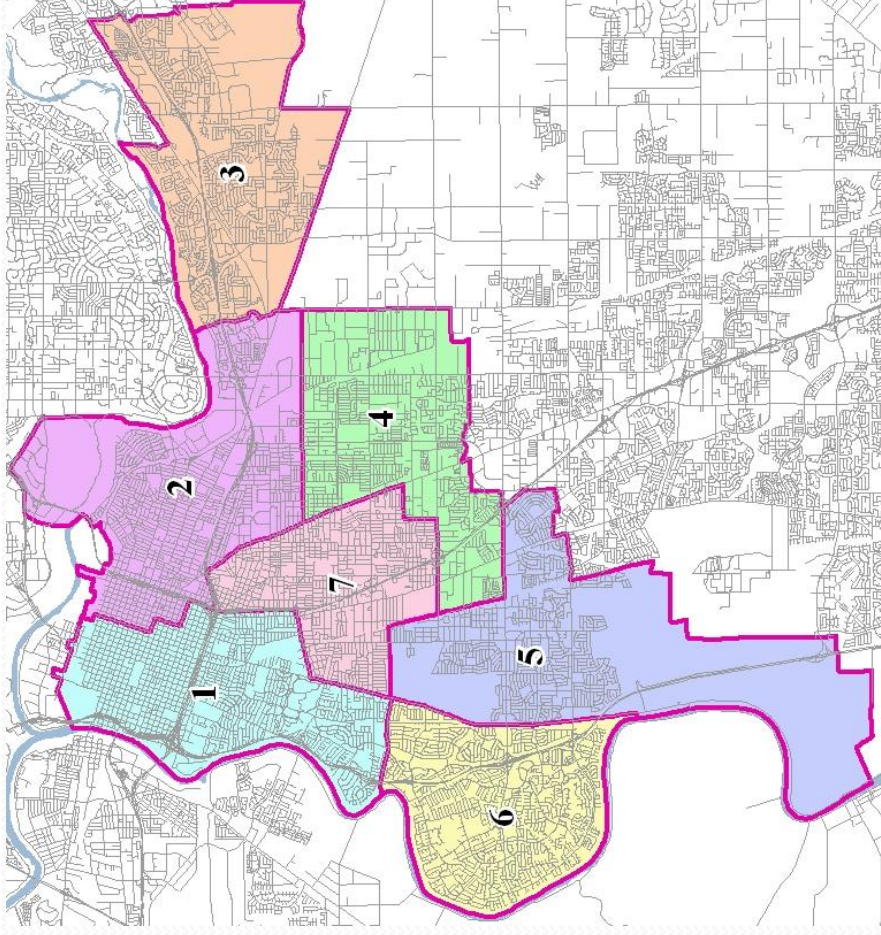
The governing board of the school district or community college district shall reimburse all reasonable costs incurred by a county committee in adjusting the boundaries pursuant to this subdivision.

(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.

Existing



Proposed



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RESOLUTION NO. 2676

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRUSTEE AREA REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5019.5 requires the Board of Education to adjust, as necessary, boundaries of trustee areas so that 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 based upon the 2010 federal census; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2011 a representative of the Department of Voter Registration and Elections, County of Sacramento, recommended a boundary adjustment between Trustee Areas 4 and 7 which was reviewed by the Board of Education as a conference item during which no public comment was requested; and

WHEREAS, the recommended boundary adjustment also complies with state and federal constitutional legal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education approves the boundary adjustment between Trustee Areas 4 and 7 as recommended by the Department of Voter Registration and Elections, County of Sacramento. All other Trustee Area boundaries shall remain the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent, as Secretary of the Board of Education, is authorized to notify the Department of Voter Registration and Elections, County of Sacramento, the Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools, and other interested agencies and organizations of the Board's decision, and he is further authorized to engage professional services, to the extent not available within the District, to prepare new legal descriptions based upon the approved boundary adjustment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this ____ day of _____, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Gustavo Arroyo,
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

Jonathan P. Raymond
Secretary of the Board of Education