

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
October 27, 2021

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina and the Granville County Board of Education met in a special joint meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Granville Expo and Convention Center, 4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford. The purpose was to meet with the Granville County Board of Education regarding redistricting.

Present were:

Chair: Sue Hinman

<i>Commissioners:</i>	Tony W. Cozart	Jimmy Gooch
	Zelodis Jay	Timothy Karan
	Russ May	David T. Smith

County Manager: Michael S. Felts
County Attorney: James C. Wrenn, Jr.

News Reporters: Amanda Dixon – Butner-Creedmoor News

Present from the Granville County Board of Education were:

Chairman: David Richardson

<i>Board Members:</i>	Ethel Anderson	G. Thomas Houlihan
	Amanda J. LaBrecque	Gregory McKnight
	Leonard E. Peace, Sr.	Glenda Williams

Board of Education Attorney: Eva DuBuisson

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Sue Hinman and Chairman Richardson called the joint meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Chair Hinman then recognized Commissioner Smith for the invocation. Dr. Houlihan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Hinman requested a closed session for a matter of attorney-client privilege.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners went into closed session as allowed by General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Amanda J. LaBrecque, seconded by Mr. Leonard Peace, and unanimously carried, the Board of Education went into closed session pursuant to General Statute. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Amanda J. LaBrecque, seconded by Mr. Leonard Peace, and unanimously carried, the Board of Education returned to open session.

MEETING CONTINUES

At 2:19 p.m. the meeting resumed. Attorney Craig Schauer with Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, L.L.P. spoke from a handout with the current districts and Plans 2, 3, and 4. He noted that the population changes from the last census cause an imbalance in the population, so the Boards do have the statutory authority to align the districts. The entire population of Granville County less the prison population and divided by 7 districts allows the guardrails of population for each district to be 7,854 to 8,681. The Plan 2 map the demographer created aligned with precincts but does not account for 14 incumbents. He mentioned the challenge of balancing maps, minority population, and maintaining incumbents. He presented two maps - Plan 3 and Plan 4 and noted that maps are starting points to solicit feedback from both Boards. He said the Boards need to center on one of the maps to move forward with one of the legally compliant maps. He explained the process to work toward getting a final map.

Commissioner Jay asked about the Stovall area being taken out of District 1. Attorney Schauer listened to comments and suggestions to take to the demographer.

Attorney Schauer reviewed options for reviewing maps.

Commissioner Karan asked if the Boards could stop at this time to review the maps.

Attorney Schauer said this would work and then he could review changes.

BOARDS REVIEW MAPS

At this time, Commissioners and Board of Education Members reviewed the maps at the tables and talked with Attorney Schauer regarding changes to be made to the map.

MEETING CONTINUES

The Boards went back to their seats and then Attorney Schauer summarized the following changes to take to the demographer.

- District 1 – increase voting-age population by returning pockets and adding pocket of voters from District 3 to 1
- District 2 – move the other side of Antioch Road to District 4
- District 3 – no changes
- District 4 – one change on Antioch Road and will move the section in District 4 to District 5
- District 6 – one change around Country Lane if necessary
- District 7 – no changes, but as District 3 grows may need to move population to District 7 to meet guardrails

Attorney Schauer then thanked the Boards for their work today and said he would send changes to the demographer in hopes these changes will keep the maps in compliance and if not, he will be back in touch. When asked about scheduling the next meeting to review the updated map, Attorney Schauer said he suggested having the meeting before November 15th in case there are issues and that he hopes to have the map back next week or the next week. The next meeting will be scheduled once there is a target date for the completion of the map by the demographer.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mrs. Amanda J. LaBrecque, seconded by Dr. Gregory McKnight, and unanimously carried, the Board of Education adjourned.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra A. Weary, NCMCC, CMC
Clerk to the Board