

List of Comments- Board Member Redistricting

As of 05.15.2023

- I do not think that you should do this.
- No I do not want it. I don't believe Matt Susin has the interest in the students.
- Agree! Please do it!
- I live in an area zoned for Croton, Johnson, and Eau Gallie, that is proposed to change from Board District 4 to 5. So, I will be voting for a school board member that will have nothing to do with my children's schools!? That makes no sense.
- Our county is getting bigger with more people. Why are we not adding additional school board districts for better representation?
- The districts should remain as they are. There is absolutely no reason to change them other than gerrymandering and pandering to a specific group of people. Want to lose teachers? This is the way to do it. Brevard Co. is already bleeding teachers as the good ones leave. This will only make the problem worse. I've lived in Brevard for 52 years, am a product of Brevard County Schools and taught at Titusville High for 13 years. Brevard is near and dear to me as is its school system. Please don't do this.
- I am against the proposed redistricting plan. The new District 4 would be disproportionately higher income families, which equates to more family involvement and better student performance. Breaking apart the beachside families would create division among these communities. Beachside has a unique community and combining beachside under one school board member would allow that person to understand our community better.
- Why? Trying to reduce district 3.
- The districts should be left how they were.
- I believe that the districts should stand as they are. I see rezoning them as a way to silence some voters that are in the minority. Voters need a fair and equal chance for voices to be heard and by zoning the districts, some people may not be heard by those representing them. Politics have crept their way into our board, which is supposed to be non-partisan, which is a shame. I feel this rezoning is just another ploy to control the opposition.
- Is this survey going to be given the same amount of care as the superintendent survey? I'm wary of the board caring about anyone's opinion these days. Our current board is an embarrassment of politicians disguised as people invested in education. It's insulting to our students, teachers, and support staff to watch the circus unfold week after week. Hopefully with new boundaries come big changes in future election cycles where we can refocus our board towards the business of education, not political pandering and favors.
- With all the real issues facing BPS, how will this help the school district?

- "Why is District 3 so small compared to other areas?"
- I teach at Rockledge High. The proposed changes would move 3 of the 4 RHS feeder schools into a different district than ours. Conflicts of interest between board members of these two different districts could potentially cause issues for the success of our school. Keep the feeder schools in the same district please!
- It makes sense to change the boundaries to match the current County Commission boundaries.
- I agree with the change. It has confused me a couple of times not being the same.
- people should be zoned in their school district. My children went to Cocoa high yet I am zone 1. That is wrong.
- You need to include the old (existing) map for comparison.
- I would be against these new boundaries.
- I do not like the redistricting proposal. I don't think one rep should have a large amount of schools while another has a small amount. It should be as equal as possible: Also, to have most of the secondary schools represented by one person is ridiculous. Not all schools are the same and they shouldn't be represented by one person with a single-minded focus/
- Please provide the new middle school as a zone/home school for those homes that are near to the new middle school even if they are right across I95. Thanks.
- You need to have an outside agency with no connection to our board or any of the groups our board represents to redraw our maps, and decide if the maps need to be redrawn at all. That the board can be above reproach since they are under criticism for corruption with the new superintendent debacle. This board looks like it benefits Susan and detracts from Jenkins since he is taking a chunk of her people. Don't feed the corruption any more.
- This is an awful idea! Please do not move forward in this. Our children do not deserve this.
- My answer is DO NOT Change. Focus should be on keeping our teachers from quitting and not following the agenda of one political group (MFL needs to stop this crap).
- This new map should not be adopted. This is no better than political gerrymandering so you can get rid of elected officials the majority on the board does not care for.
- Do not change the school board district maps. It's obvious you are trying to gerrymander in favor of conservatives by breaking up the southern beachside area, but those of us living beachside do not want our votes split across three districts in order to make our opinions useless.
- What is the rationale for this decision?
- I wonder why this is necessary? Is it to put certain members outside their districts? Randy Fine set the standard for that. The district you live in doesn't matter as he has never lived in his district. So tired of divisive politics. The school board is supposed to be about doing the very best you can for all students and those that work in the district.

This board has shown over and over again that they don't care about the district being a great one their only concern is power for themselves. Ms. Jenkins is the only one consistently at school functions and constantly promoting the schools, students and faculty. That's what a great school board member does. Others should follow her example. I vote No to redistricting for no reason.

- I love within the area that would be redistricted. My elected school board member would now be moved outside of my district. Ironically, she lives blocks from me in the center of my "new" district. What is the data driving the need for a brand new board to redistrict and move out the two longest serving board members? What needs of our children is this serving? I oppose this action.
- I don't understand the need for this. Beachside Brevard has a unique culture that will be silenced by this proposal. I suppose that is the point?
- This is unacceptable. This proposed redistricting intentionally targets Ms. Campbell and Ms. Jenkins in a clearly political attack of their eligibility to serve their constituents. Brevard County has had separate districts from the county commission for a while and this is a solution in search of a problem.
- As a long time resident of Viera East since 2005 we have been told that we will be getting a new middle school. Please don't start separating Viera it's not healthy for the students to be separated at an age where they have made friends in elementary school. We are part of the Viera community and should stay that way. That's why I purchased here. If the growth to the south and west is projected to be that great. Another school can be built later to accommodate the growing population of students. Thank you
- Why is the board focusing on political gerrymandering instead of preparing for the implementation of HB1, which will DECIMATE funding for our public schools? Parents fed up with the political landscape are already leaving in droves and the malfeasance of the M4L-endorsed board members is not helping. A naive person might think you're working yourself out of a job, but that's the whole point: you want to destroy public schooling in favor of a Christian nationalist hellscape. Vote NO on redistricting!
- Stop abusing your power for political gain!! This is ridiculous, why don't you work on student discipline, stopping book bans, and things that MATTER!! This redistricting should not happen!
- I do not think boundary lines should be changed to match county commissioner boundaries for two reasons. One, it will assign a disproportionate number of schools to each school board member. Two, it will disenfranchise 42,000 voters who we're expecting to be able to vote in the next election cycle. If any changes must be made to comply with the law, they should be as minimal as possible.
- I am NOT in favor of redistricting at this time. There are far more pressing issues for this school board to spend time and energy on.
- Do not use city commission plans because it is gerrymandering. So tired of this board making decisions that's not in the best interest of this community. Set up a committee.

Plus, it's obvious that the board does not listen to these surveys since so many people were against Dr. Rendell and were ignored.

- I do not think following the County Commission boundaries are logical for the school district. It will disproportionately reorganize schools and that does not make sense for the school district. I think Katye Campbell's logic made the most sense, and I would hope that the board actually listens to the public.
- This is ridiculous! Keep district boundary maps as they are. You have WAY more important things to worry about!
- Political gerrymandering of school board districts is taking things to a new low. I know the people behind this effort will not take heed, but this is clearly self-serving and not in the best interests of children. I am ashamed and disgusted that Moms 4 Liberty is taking over our school board. Shame on you. Seriously. Shame on you. You are making the district a laughingstock. I can't imagine the exodus of teachers that will be happening. I have 2 children in the public schools and I am ashamed and disheartened.
- School Board districts should stay the same. There is no reason that school board districts need to change. Parents and community members know who represents them and it will just cause more confusion changing things.
- Okay
- Why? That is my biggest question. At what point did it become okay to displace so many voters? At what point did it become okay to move schools outside of their neighborhoods so that your address doesn't align with your school district rep. Our county commission lines have been gerrymanders for decades. The school board doesn't need to follow that lead. Putting 22 schools in one district is absurd.
- Is Matt Susin going to admit he's running again before or after this disaster decision is made? BREC already knows he is running, why can't the community?
- This is necessary to meet state requirements but is layered with political retribution. There is no benefit to schools, students, and employees to match commission districts. Could have been done to meet requirements and best serve students.
- Jenkins for District 4 2024! Watch out Susin!
- Why is this necessary? Tell me the reason so I can understand and give a better answer.
- "How do you pronounce Sue Hann? When referring to this individual, multiple pronunciations are used during open school board meetings and workshops. She is also regularly referred to as Ms. Sue. This is incredibly demeaning to all of those females out there who never get the respect they deserve. It's quite clear you've never had a woman with a PhD or MD go to conferences and deliver presentations in your immediate family - or maybe you do and you've never listened to them to ask how they are regularly introduced compared to their male peers and how that makes them feel...

I wonder if those same school board members who use ""Ms. Sue"" will be referring to Mark Rendell as ""Mr. Mark"" when he begins, or if folks will pronounce his last name

incorrectly after months of working alongside him as Mr. Randal rather than Mr. Rendel. It will be interesting to watch this unfold.

As for the district boundary map, how about just speed up the process and let Ms. Wright, Mr. Trent, and Mr. Susin make a map that gets them easily re-elected and give a M4L fanatic a pathway to being elected in South Brevard to give the crazy conservatives a super-majority on the school board.

One thing we have to celebrate is the reality that pendulums swing. As the pendulum continues to shift rightward, the results (positive and negative) should fall squarely on the shoulders of those on the right who lead. It's been over two decades of conservative leadership at the top of the state, so it's quite cute that raging liberals catch the blame for the educational problems in our state. Maybe, just maybe it's the conservative leadership that is the problem.

Mr. Susin and Ms. Wright, this part is for you: meow.

Thanks for reading!"

- There is no need to change this.
- This is another terrible idea by this board. Since the recent election this board has done nothing but cost the district money and waste resources on unpopular, extremist ideology that does nothing but harm our children. The fact that this would disenfranchise 42,000 voters who were unable to vote in the last election, while allowing 38,000 voters the chance to vote again is a horrible precedent. Let the voters speak their mind about what they want the board to do. You ignored public opinion when it came to selecting a new superintendent (that was a unnecessary, politically motivated move). Now you want to silence voters. Not only that, it could potentially remove a current, elected board member. You won't even address the fact that a recent board member lied on their application and isn't even eligible to teach in this district. Stop with the political attacks and work on solving real problems.
- I think it is ridiculous to redistrict right now. I also see this a vindictiveness from Megan, Susin, and Trent as Jenkins and Campbell have constantly voted against them and now they want to redistrict the county in a way where only Campbell and Jenkins no longer live in their districts but Megan, Susin, and Trent will remain living in their districts. I'm sick and tired of the petty vindictiveness from Susin, Megan, and Trent. I'm sick and tired of Susin, Megan, and Trent doing everything in their power to ruin education in this county. It needs to stop and it needs to stop now.
- This is sabotage against Jennifer Jenkins and the Mothers for Liberty board members know it. No one wants to set up a Susin vs Jenkins showdown (which she would win regardless). We want you to focus on priorities that matter to our students!! Stop the political posturing and do the damn job you were elected to do!!!

- The new changes divide the schools unevenly across board members. It is unrealistic to believe that a board member can be as effective with a district of 20 schools as another can be with a district of almost half. It is unfair to the students, teachers, administrators, and tax payers. Do better.
- Yes
- I do not support this redistricting plan at all. All districts should be more balanced with number of schools and population. Hire an expert please.
- Please have a lawyer do this since it could look like gerrymandering and likely get sued.
- There is absolutely no reason to align the School Board Districts to the County Commissioner Districts, other than as an excuse to try to silence Board members who do not agree with the MFL voting block. This is not a new discussion, some time ago this same topic came up and it was pointed out that the School Board has a different charter from the County Commissioners, and that an equitable distribution of schools (and students) between Board members should be the priority. Then and now, the County Commission districts do NOT reflect this kind of distribution. So why is this a good idea?
- How about trying very hard to minimize the number of voters who will go an extra cycle without letting their voice be heard in school board representation. Over half a decade is too long.
- The proposed changes are not necessary. The boundaries should remain as they are.
- Why? Beachside is a community unlike anything else in Brevard. Why break it into pieces? I suspect it's political. Everything this new board does is political.
- Please keep Suntree zoned for Viera. Why do our kids have to find new friends at the worst years (middle) before coming back to Viera!
- It appears that this is an attempt to further politicize our school board. Which in no way helps any of the children in the district. Surely there is a better way to map out the districts that takes into consideration the schools in the district so that a member can perhaps have all the schools that feed into the particular high schools in their district.
- This is political gerrymandering. Please leave boundaries as is.
- Absolute nonsense! The new redistricting blatantly shows division to enhance political advantage, not students or school advantage. It makes no sense why someone living beachside should have the same board representative as someone living on the outskirts of Palm Bay. Those are 2 completely different school needs zones. Who suggested we need a new map and why? Are the school board members even going to read the comments and take them into consideration?
- I believe the Board should hire an impartial outside firm to create new districts. Titusville is booming and adding population rapidly. An outside firm can take these types of factors into consideration when drawing boundaries.

I don't think adopting the County districts, knowingly putting some elected board members outside their district, is the right decision. It would continue to make this

Board look political and, quite frankly, divisive. Let an impartial outside company make recommendations."

- This is nothing more than another move to play politics with our school district. This proposed map is a disingenuous attack on current board members who refuse to go along with the harmful practices being pushed by the highly politicized faction elected recently to their positions. If this passes, be prepared for the consequences and fallout from people who are struggling to be professional while certain members of the governing board are showing themselves to be petty, vindictive, tone-deaf, and political agenda driven. You are public servants, elected by your constituents! Gerrymandering to disenfranchise the voices of these constituents is unethical and should be opposed in every instance.
- I don't trust anything that Matt, Gene, and Megan do. I wish I could trust our school board to be fair with this. But those three always have an agenda. Please hire a private company to handle this and keep Matt, Megan, and Gene's slimy, corrupt motives out of our voting booths.
- Does district 2 include people living along the river in Suntree?!?!
- Districts should be drawn so that each current board member resides within their elected district. Doing otherwise gives the appearance of impropriety. Also needs less dividing of districts across the river. Many aspects appear gerrymandered, which should not be extended to school board districting.
- There is no good reason to do this. Stop wasting time and money.
- Just do the right thing and hire a firm to analyze school balance across districts and come up with your own boundaries. BPS and the CC have completely different purposes and their districts should be tailored to them accordingly.
- NO. This is ridiculous. My family and our well-known local business does not support this.
- No. This is a disgusting reach. Absolutely not.
- Absolutely not. Do you think people are stupid????
- We don't want more bigots on the board. NO!!!
- NO. This is asinine.
- Absolutely not.
- No! This board is embarrassing!
- Wow. No. A group of uneducated adults who care nothing about our children (besides Jennifer) but continue to showcase their bigotry. How embarrassing.
- I live in an area that is hatched and therefore am affected by a change of board members. The proposed boundary map does not make sense with the density in which a board member would cover. Truly it seems like everyone wants a piece of the beachside schools. Redistricting would be better suited for an outside resource in order to make fair and just boundaries.

- If the County Commission District boundaries are adopted, then we should re-elect all school board members for those positions. The person who represents me will change and I had no voice with a vote for this board member as they were not elected for my former School Board District. Change the boundaries = new elections for all districts.
- The school districts should be close to equal based on population density of students during a given time frame (e.g., every 8 years) instead of based on the county commission boundaries which have no consideration or basis on the student populations. Using student population would ensure more equitable distribution of voters instead of blindly following the county's arbitrary boundaries.
- This is a ridiculous attempt to further hijack the board for the anti-woke conservative agenda.
- Districts should be drawn based on school demographics in order to serve all students equally.
- Do NOT redistrict!
- This does not represent fair and equal representation of citizens under the gerrymandering change proposal of district lines. Why is this decided by school board and county commissioners who are out for their own political motivations. This should be decided only by the voting public on a ballot referendum.
- It would be nice if the school my child attends was in the zone for the school board member I vote for. Manatee is District 4, but we live in District 2. My kids are zoned for and attend Manatee but that school board member isn't even on my ballot when I go to vote.
- The redrawn maps make little sense if the goal is to serve children and their parents with local community representation. It makes perfect sense if your goal is to gerrymander our school board like we've gerrymandered our county commission. The school board should focus on serving children, not a political party.
- I think feeder elementary and middle schools should be kept in same district as the high school they will attend. I would be living in a different district and voting for a person that would not be the representative for my children's high school. Maybe this is not possible, but I do think there should be consideration before changing boundary lines.
- No - there is no reason to switch these boundaries other than to strengthen one political party over another. Even though the school board is supposed to be non-partisan it has become so. Sadly, it has shifted much too far to the right and no longer represents an even balance of thought - nor sadly does it focus on our children. Leave it alone and stop trying to gerrymander the districts.
- Why the change? Who will this benefit? Hmmm...is this like gerrymandering to keep certain voices louder than other voices? Whatever happened to representing ALL the people and not just special interests (i.e. Moms for "Liberty" *cough *cough)? Manipulation at its finest...unbelievable at this point.

- Absolutely not! This gives an unequal representation to two board members. Remember, you're here to serve ALL students and families, not just those who agree with you.
- While at first look it appears that the districts are just being simplified, finding out that actually this will push two board members out of their current districts and those two members are not part of the extreme 3-person majority who has politicized our schools, I am vehemently against this redistricting at this time.
- There's no reason for this other than to try to get Jennifer Jenkins and Katye Campbell voted out because they don't agree with the right-wing nonsense of Susin, Trent, and Wright. How about instead of worrying about redistricting school board members, you write up a code of conduct for board members that includes: if you would have been fired or unable to be hired by the district, you are unable to serve as a board member (looking at Gene Trent here).
- The boundaries of the new middle school need to at least match those of the elementary schools that are assigned to it. As of now, the Manatee Elementary School boundaries don't align. There is a lot going on developmentally at the age that children enter middle school. Mentally, socially, emotionally, and hormonally. Dividing children from every friend and peer they know is detrimental to the children.

End of Comments as of 05-15-2023