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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Caroline Zucker, Chair
Bridget Ziegler, Vice-Chair
Shirley Brown
Jane Goodwin
Eric Robinson
Lori White, Superintendent

FROM: Art Hardy

RE: Redistricting of Board member residence areas

DATE: January 9, 2017

At the request of Mrs. Brown, I have reviewed the current Board member residence areas and have created a resolution for the Board's consideration that has the effect of making minor changes to the residence areas. This memorandum will briefly describe the relevant law and the effect of the proposed changes.

Section 1001.36, Florida Statutes, is entitled "District school board member residence areas." Subparagraph (1) states that "each district shall be divided into at least five district school board member residence areas, which shall be numbered one to five, inclusive, and which shall, as nearly as practicable, be equal in population." Subparagraph (2) gives the Board to right to "make any change that it deems necessary in the boundaries of any district school board member residence area at any meeting of the district school board, provided that such changes shall be made only in odd-numbered years ..." The last substantive change to school board member residence areas was in 2009. (There was also a change in 2013, due to the County's renumbering and consolidation of precincts).

School Board member residence areas are established by using voting precincts to comprise each district. Based upon information dated January 5, 2017 from the Supervisor of Elections' website, there are 304,442 registered voters in Sarasota County. Thus, 5 equal districts would be comprised of 60,888 registered voters. As currently constituted, the residence areas now comprise the following number of registered voters:

District 1: 60,867
District 2: 52,642
District 3: 68,232
District 4: 55,265
District 5: 67,436

The proposal presented for the Board's consideration involves moving a total of 16 precincts from one district to another. All districts remain contiguous. If the change is made, the districts will have significantly less disparity in population of registered voters:

District 1: 60,867
District 2: 60,859
District 3: 62,489
District 4: 58,069
District 5: 62,158

Attached to this memorandum is a draft resolution which describes specifically the precincts which will be in each district, and which precincts are being moved, if the Board decides to adopt the proposal.

I will bring a large version of the current district map with me to the workshop should the Board wish to see it. The map can also be accessed on the Supervisor of Elections website.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGARDING BOARD MEMBER RESIDENCE AREAS

WHEREAS, The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida (the "Board"), has the authority pursuant to Section 1001.36(2), Florida Statutes, to make changes in the boundaries of district school board member residence areas during odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to make changes so that its residence area districts are more equal in population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, in public meeting assembled:

1. The residence area districts for School Board members shall include the following voting precincts:

District 1 PRECINCT	DISTRICT 2 PRECINCT	DISTRICT 3 PRECINCT	DISTRICT 4 PRECINCT	DISTRICT 5 PRECINCT
101	133	301	211	317
103	135	303	213	321
105	221	305	215	323
106	231	307	219	325
107	233	309	223	327
109	409	311	225	329
111	417	313	227	335
113	419	315	229	337
115	427	319	401	339
117	429	331	403	341
119	501	333	405	519
121	503	431	407	527
123	505	433	411	529

VOTING PRECINCTS	FROM DISTRICT	TO DISTRICT
211, 213 215, 219, 225, 227, 229	2	4
501, 503, 505, 507	3	2
231, 409, 427, 429	4	2
331	5	3

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

4. This Resolution shall be published in a newspaper published in the district within 30 days after its adoption, recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, and a certified copy transmitted to the Department of State pursuant to Section 1001.36(3), Florida Statutes.

ADOPTED this _____ day of February, 2017.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Caroline G. Zucker, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Lori White,
Ex-Officio Secretary