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Mission Statement

To prepare students, in a safe and caring environment, to be successful, competent and productive citizens in a global society.

AGENDA
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
July 16, 2015
6:00 p.m.
Education Service Center - Board Room

- 1.00 Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2.00 Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3.00 Approval of Agenda**
- 4.00 Open Forum (3 minute time limit for each speaker)**
- 5.00 Action Items**
 - 5.01 Action on Resolution for Director District Board Representation (effective for 2017 election)
- 6.00 Other Business**
- 7.00 Adjournment**

DATE OF POSTING: July 14, 2015

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Executive Assistant to the Board of Education



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 5.01

BOARD MEETING OF:	July 16, 2015
PREPARED BY:	Kevin Butcher, Board Treasurer
TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:	Director District Board Representation
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:	Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF NEED: While the current BOE is relatively stable, past boards have been imbalanced in the geographic representation. Unbalanced representation has historically led to agenda driven coalitions, which tended to be destructive and divisive. Falcon School District has a long history of poor governance and instability within its Board of Directors. It would be wise to establish a method of electing a board that better represents the community.

After presentation and discussion of process and options at the June 11, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Education, presentation of a draft representation plan at the June 28, 2015 work session of the Board of Education with clarification of questions, the Board requested bringing the Plan of Representation as well as a related resolution for action.

RATIONALE: A proposal to change the school district plan of representation from at-large to a director district based on smaller geographic areas will provide leadership that appropriately represents a broader cross section of the community.

RELEVANT DATA AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES: A director district plan of representation will provide more balanced leadership thereby improving the overall quality and performance of the District.

IMPACTS ON THE DISTRICT’S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES—THE BIG ROCKS:

Rock #1 —Reestablishing the district as a <u>trustworthy</u> recipient of taxpayer investment	<i>Board members will be more familiar to the community they serve. This will give more direct contact with the community.</i>
Rock #2 —Research, design and implement programs for intentional <u>community</u> participation	<i>Familiarity with the community will lead to more input.</i>
Rock #3 — Establish District 49 as the <u>best</u> district in Colorado to learn, work and lead	
Rock #4 — Grow a robust portfolio of distinct and exceptional schools	
Rock #5 — Customize our educational systems to launch each student toward success	

FUNDING REQUIRED: None

AMOUNT BUDGETED: None

RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED: I move to approve the attached resolution, plan of representation, and associated ballot language regarding Director District Board representation.

APPROVED BY: Tammy Harold, Board President

DATE: July 16, 2015

RESOLUTION OF THE FALCON SCHOOL DISTRICT 49 BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE PLAN OF REPRESENTATION AND ELECTION
TO THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Falcon School District 49 (“District”) Board of Education (“Board”) determines that having a Board composition that is more representative of the District is in the best interests of the students and community it serves;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to C.R.S. 22-31-105(6.5) the Board submits to the eligible electors of the District at the 2015 biennial election a change to the Plan of Representation and Election (together, “the Plan”) that is attached to this Resolution.

THEREFORE, the Board directs the Chief Education Officer to mail a copy of this Resolution to the proper election officials and coordinate the inclusion of the Plan for adoption or rejection on the ballot for the 2015 regular biennial election.

THEREFORE, pursuant to subsection 22-31-105(6.5)(f), the ballot language shall include the words “For the proposed election of directors by the electors of a director district” and “Against the proposed election of directors by the electors of a director district,” as well as additional ballot language needed to clarify the ballot question.

THEREFORE, pursuant to subsection 22-31-105(6.5)(d), the Board directs the secretary to the Board to make the Plan available for public inspection during reasonable hours at the District offices. The Board further directs the secretary to the Board to cause notice to be given in at least one newspaper of general circulation in El Paso County on the question of whether the existing plan of representation shall be replaced by the Plan. This notice shall also inform constituents of the location and times that the Plan is available for public inspection. Additionally, such notice shall include the date of the election, the addresses of and hours during which the polling locations and mail ballot drop-off locations will be open, and the complete ballot question content. The secretary to the Board shall also mail a copy of said notice to the El Paso County Clerk, who shall post the notice at the office of the Clerk no less than ten days before the election and until at least two days after the election.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 16th day of July 2015.

Tammy Harold
President, Board of Education

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Marie LaVere-Wright
Secretary, Board of Education

Ballot Language for the Adoption of a New Falcon School District 49 School
Board Director Plan of Representation

It is proposed that a new plan of representation for the election of school board directors for Falcon School District 49 be adopted. The new plan of representation will create five director districts that are contiguous, compact, as nearly equal in population as possible, and composed of existing voter precincts. The new plan of representation proposes that, starting with the school board director elections in the year 2017, school board director candidates will be required to reside in the director district that the candidate plans to represent. In addition, the new plan of election proposes that voters will only vote for a candidate running to represent the director district in which the voter resides.

For the proposed election of directors by the electors of a director district

Against the proposed election of directors by the electors of a director district

Proposed Plan of Representation and Election for Falcon School District 49

The following is the proposed Plan of Representation and Election (together, “the Plan”) for the Falcon School District 49 (the “District”) Board of Education (“Board”), to be adopted or rejected by the eligible electors of the District at the 2015 regular biennial election.

Proposed Director Districts

It is proposed that the Plan will consist of five director districts, and the Board will not exceed five directors. Pursuant to C.R.S. 22-31-109(2), the proposed director districts are designed to be as nearly equal in population as possible, contiguous, compact, and composed of existing voter precincts.

The following are the proposed boundaries for the director districts (a visual map of the geographic boundaries is attached as Exhibit A):

Director District 1

Voting Precincts 223, 401, 403, 405, 406, 408, 445

Director District 2

Voting Precincts 410, 411, 412, 413, 420, 444

Director District 3

Voting Precincts 440, 441, 442, 443, 446, 447, 451, 523, 525

Director District 4

Voting Precincts 414, 415, 421, 452, 453

Director District 5

Voting Precincts 402, 404, 407, 409, 416

Implementation of the Proposed Plan

Pursuant to C.R.S. 22-31-105(6.5)(f) the current term of any presently elected director (or a director elected during the 2015 regular biennial election) will not be terminated early as a result of the adoption of the Plan.

If two or more directors reside in the same director district as a result of the adoption of the Plan and, subsequently, one of those directors vacates his or her seat, then the appointment to fill the vacancy will be of an eligible individual residing in a director district that does not yet have a director on the Board.

Plan of Election

Under the Plan, only eligible electors who reside within the boundaries of a director district will be permitted to cast a vote for a candidate running in an election to represent that particular director district.

Future Elections

Under the Plan, the number of directors on the board will not exceed five. As the four year terms of directors elected during and prior to the regular biennial election of 2015 expire, the order of election for director districts at future elections will first be for director districts that do not have a director on the Board. If there are more director districts without a director on the Board than seats becoming open due to expiring terms, then the seats will be filled in the order of their numbering, starting with director district 1 and ending with director district 5.

The eligible electors of each of the five director districts will have the opportunity to elect a director to represent their director district for a four-year term at either the next regular biennial election in year 2017 or the subsequent regular biennial election in year 2019.

The Board seats in director districts that elect a director during the year 2017 election will elect or re-elect a director in year 2021, and every fourth year thereafter, during the regular biennial election.

The Board seats in director districts that elect a director during the year 2019 election will elect or re-elect a director in year 2023, and every fourth year thereafter, during the regular biennial election.

Redistricting

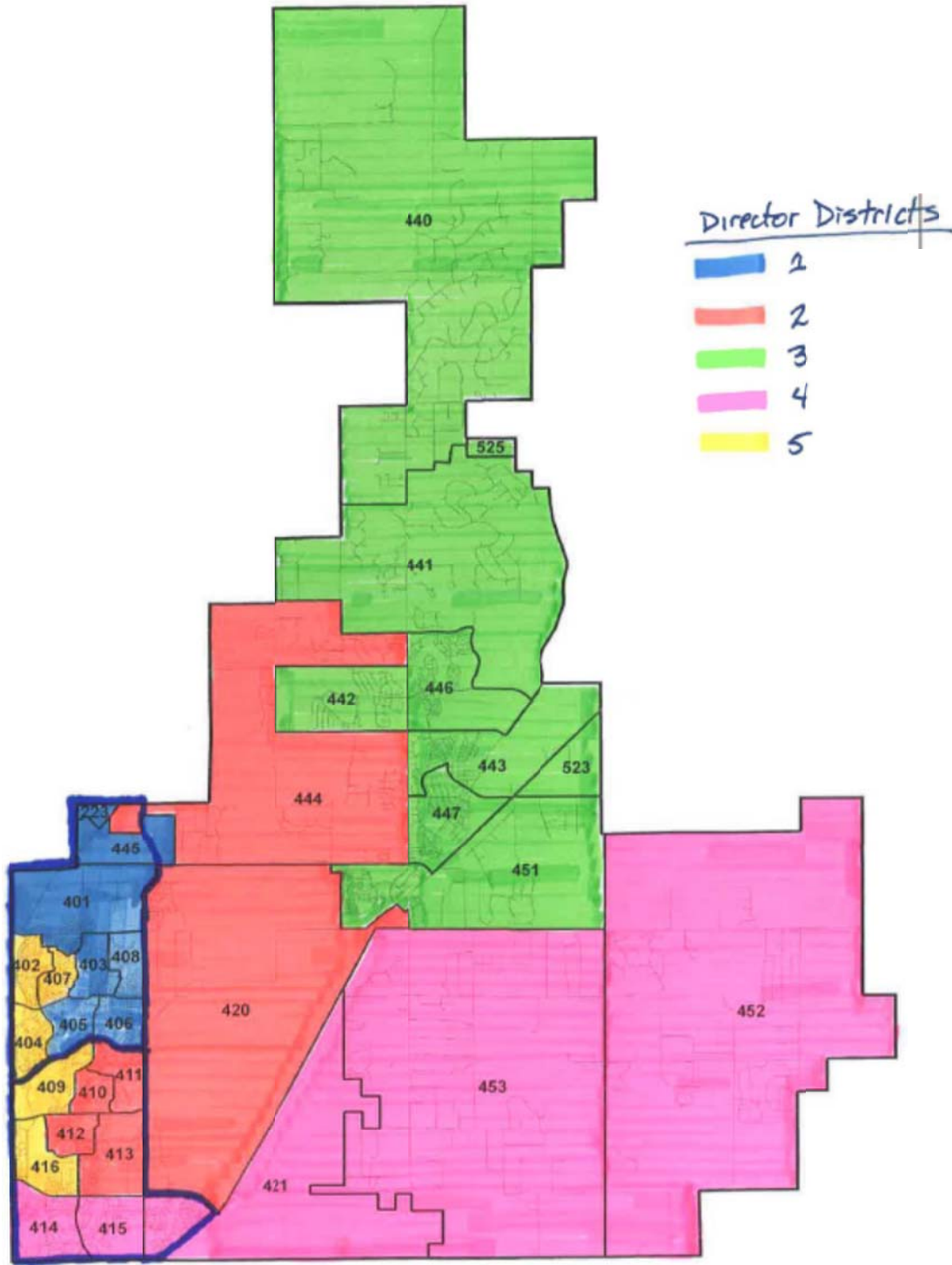
Pursuant to C.R.S. 22-31-110(1)(b)(II), if the Plan is adopted, then not later than March 1 of 2016, then again on March 1 2022 and the March 1 of each tenth year thereafter, the Board will use the most recent information from the federal United States census to determine the population in each director district and if each director district does not contain substantially the same number of persons as each of the other director districts, then it will be the duty of the Board adopt a resolution to redistrict the director district boundaries to conform to applicable law.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 22-31-110(2) the term of any elected director shall not terminate early as the result of redistricting. If two or more directors reside in the same director district as a result of redistricting and, subsequently, one of those directors vacates his or her seat, then the appointment to fill the vacancy will be of an eligible individual residing in a director district that does not have a director on the Board.

If, as a result of redistricting, one or more director districts do not have a director, then as the four year terms of directors elected prior to the redistricting expire, the election for directors at future elections will first be for director districts that do not have a director on the Board. If there are more director districts without a director on the Board than seats becoming open due to expiring terms, then the seats will be filled in the order of their numbering, starting with director district 1 and ending with director district 5.

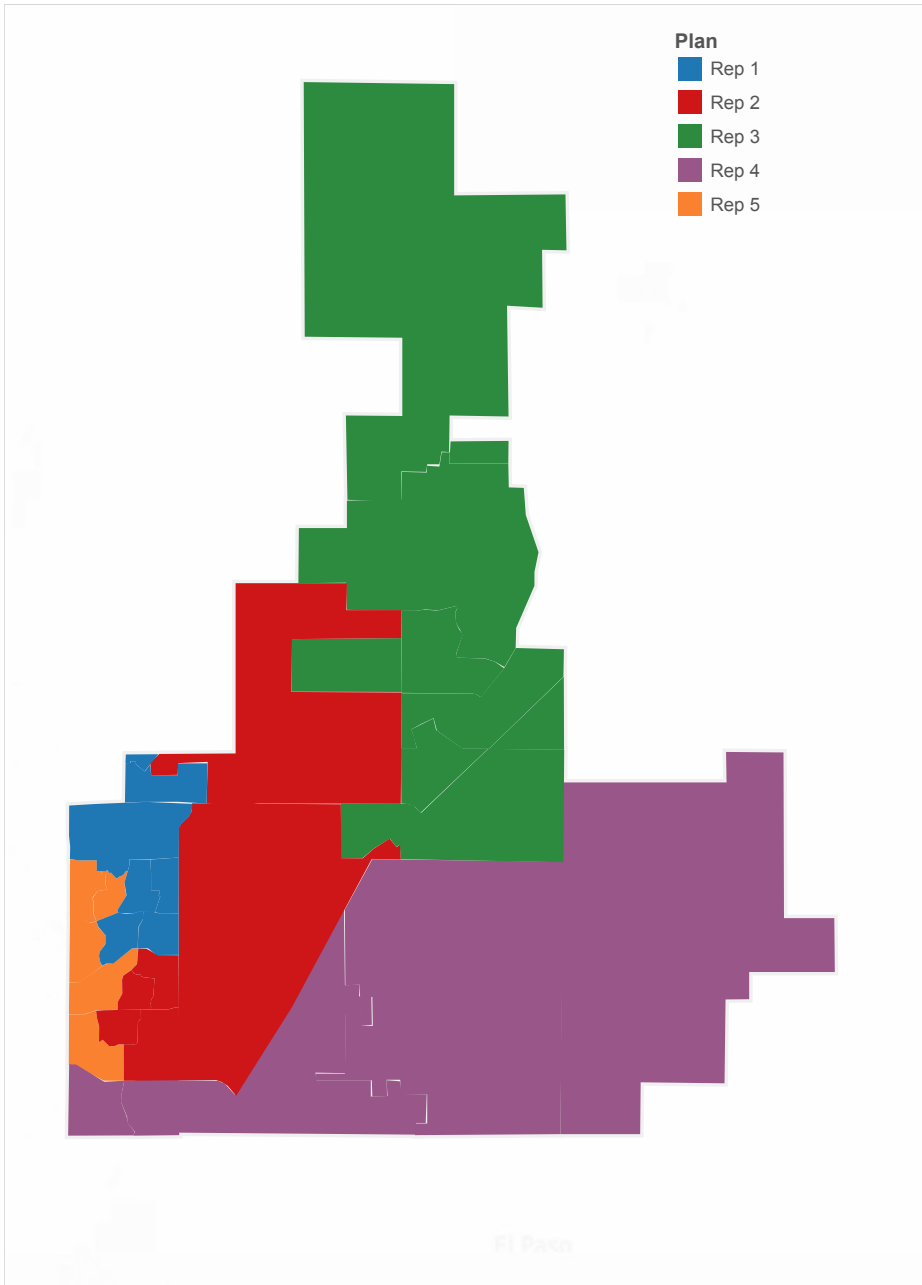
Exhibit A

MAPS OF PROPOSED DIRECTOR DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



Representative Districts Plan 3.1

District Map



Population

Total Population = 73,883
5 District Mean = 14,776.6

