

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES NEW TRUSTEE AREA MAP
March 1, 2016

The Board of Education approved a newly arranged trustee map rebalancing representation on the school board. Area 1-Nipomo now has 2 trustees, Area 2-Arroyo Grande 2 trustees, Area 3-Oceano 1 trustee and Area 4-Pismo/Grover 2 trustees. This decision caps a year-long effort of collaboration between the community, school board and district. Next up, the board will send a resolution to the County Committee on School District Organization at the County Office of Education for approval, which includes a public hearing.

The board made 3 decisions regarding trustee areas:

1. MAP/BOUNDARIES

The board voted 6-1 (Millis dissenting) to approve Map 1D, a map that was created at the March 1 study session. It takes the concept of Map 1B which moves the boundary of Pismo/Grover down to the Pike, and adds areas of the Mesa to the Oceano trustee area, instead of areas within the AG city limits. The approved map meets all legal requirements and stays well within deviation limits in terms of population. We will share the new map as soon as it is published.

2. IMPLEMENTATION/TIMING

The board voted 5-2 (Dahl, Stewart dissenting) to implement the new seat in Nipomo for the 2018 election, not the 2016 election. In this scenario, no incumbents will be forced out and will have the opportunity to run for their seat. The new boundaries become effective after the 2016 election. In the event of a vacancy on the board, a special election to replace the trustee would be under the new boundaries. However, if an appointment is made, the old maps would apply, as an election is required for the new maps to apply.

3. STAGGERING TERMS

The board voted 4-3 (Martin, Roberts, Meagher dissenting) NOT to adjust terms of trustees so that those areas with 2 trustees—AG, Nipomo and Pismo/Grover—would be elected in alternating cycles. For example, both trustees in Pismo/Grover are up for re-election in 2016. To initiate the stagger, the two top vote getters of the election would win, then a random coin toss would determine which candidate got a 4-year term and which got a 2-year term. The same would have happened in Nipomo in 2018 when Mr. Robertson's seat is up for re-election and the new Nipomo seat comes on board. The motion NOT to stagger the terms passed, so there will be no 2-year terms introduced.

The attached chart developed by Lozano Smith Consultants illustrates the implementation and staggering options approved by the school board:

Map 1 or Map 1B: Keeps one trustee in Area 3-Oceano

Key Map Features: 4 trustee areas – Area 3 (Oceano) remains a separate trustee area with 1 trustee; 2 trustees each in areas 1 (Nipomo); 2 (AG); and 4 (Pismo-Grover). There are three options with respect to election assignments.

Map 1/1B Option One: Key impacts:

- Does not alternate election years in a given trustee area.
- Trustee Meagher is able to run for re-election in 2016; no trustee is forced to leave the board due to inability to meet residency requirements without relocating.
- Trustees Millis and Martin both run in 2018 for a single trustee area seat.
- Nipomo elects new (2nd) trustee in 2018.
- No trustee serves a two year term.

	1 - Nipomo	2 - AG	3 - Oceano	4 - Pismo/Grover
2016	no election	Meagher	no election	Santos Stewart
2018	New Seat Robertson	Millis/Martin (1 seat)	Dahl	No election
2020	no election	Meagher	no election	Santos Stewart