

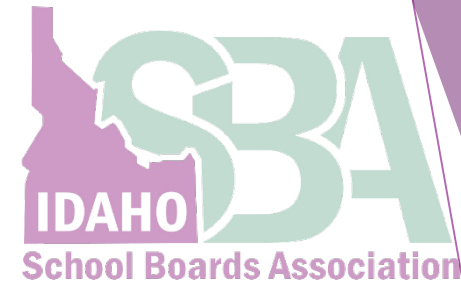
WEDNESDAY WEBINAR



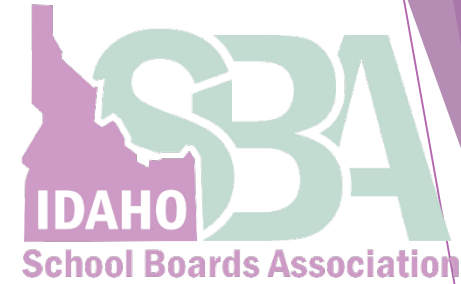
Topic: Trustee Re-Zone

A Little About Us

- ▶ Karen Echeverria, Executive Director
- ▶ David Rudeen, Rudeen and Associates

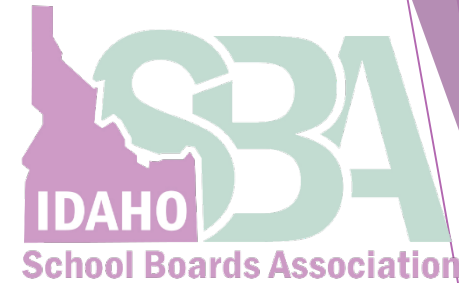


Today's Work (Outline)



- ▶ Re-zone laws
- ▶ SBOE adopted requirements
- ▶ Timelines
- ▶ Process
- ▶ What Happens If?

Statutory Requirements



33-313(4) A proposal to redefine and change trustee zones of any district

- ▶ Shall be initiated by its board of trustees at the first meeting following the report of the decennial census, and submitted to the state board of education;
- ▶ The board of trustees shall prepare a proposal for a change which will equalize the population in each zone in the district;
- ▶ Shall submit the proposal to the State Board of Education;

Statutory Requirements

- ▶ Any proposal shall include a legal description of each trustee zone as the same would appear as proposed;
- ▶ A map of the district showing how each trustee zone would then appear, and
- ▶ The approximate population each zone would then have, should the proposal to change any trustee zones become effective.

State Board of Education (SBOE) Requirements

- ▶ No more than a 10% variance in population between trustee zones within the district;
- ▶ Adjusted trustee zone boundaries shall follow census block boundaries or the exterior boundary of the school district, whichever is applicable, except in circumstances in which the census block lines and the school district boundary lines do not match, in which case the school district boundary shall be followed;

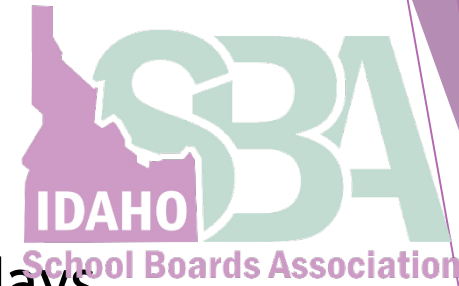
State Board of Education (SBOE) Requirements

- ▶ Splitting of census blocks will only be accepted when a school district can demonstrate to the Board that the proposed deviation will accurately account for all individuals within that census block;
- ▶ Trustee zone boundaries (legal descriptions) shall follow common identifiable lines, i.e., section lines, subdivision boundaries, road centerlines, waterways, railroad lines, etc.

State Board of Education (SBOE) Requirements

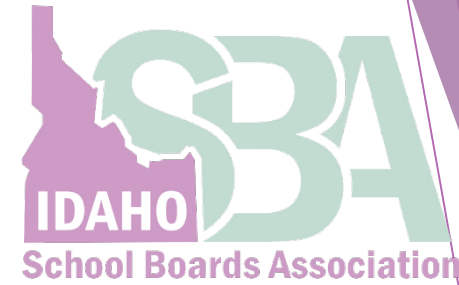
- ▶ Proposal shall include a copy of the legal description of each trustee zone, a map of the district showing each zone, and the population of each zone, based on the decennial census data; and
- ▶ School districts shall use the Board's approved legal descriptions for their school districts on file.

Timelines



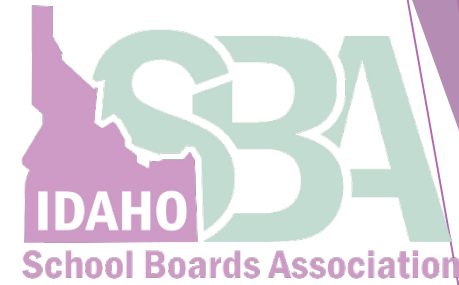
- 33-313(4) Within one hundred twenty (120) days following the decennial census ... the board of trustees shall prepare a proposal for a change which will equalize the population in each zone in the district ...
- 33-313(5) Within sixty (60) days after it has received the said proposal the state board of education may approve or disapprove the proposal to redefine and change trustee zones and shall give notice thereof in writing to the board of trustees of the district wherein the change is proposed ...
- This rezone will not impact elections this November

Step by Step Process



- ▶ Board agenda item for approval to have ISBA and consultants prepare your map and legal descriptions
- ▶ ISBA will bill Phase I of the project
- ▶ Census data will be released
- ▶ Quadrant will overlay the census data on your current map that includes your current zone boundaries
- ▶ If the zones meet all the current statutory and SBOE requirements, then your work and Phase I is complete
- ▶ The map, legal descriptions, and supporting documents will be submitted to the SDE

Step by Step Process

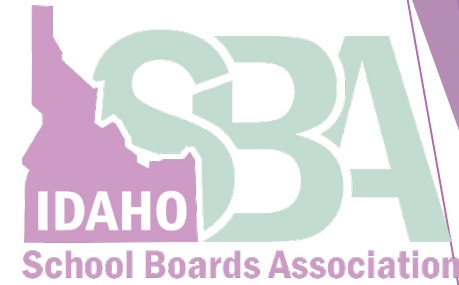


- ▶ If the zone boundaries do not meet the requirements, ISBA will notify the district and Phase II will begin
- ▶ We will send the current map with the current census data to the district
- ▶ The district will draw new preliminary boundary lines on the map
- ▶ Quadrant will assure the lines meet the new requirements, create a new map, and legal descriptions

Step by Step Process

- ▶ Rudeen will review the map and legal description, create the remaining documents, and submit everything to the SDE
- ▶ Karen and David will attend the SBOE meeting and present the proposals on behalf of each district
- ▶ Karen will notify the district when the plan is approved (or not)
- ▶ David will send the district an electronic copy of the map and legal description
- ▶ Phase II is complete

Step by Step Process



- ▶ The district is required to submit a copy of the map and legal description to the county clerk
- ▶ If the district wants a hard copy of the map, they can submit the electronic copy to their local printer
- ▶ If there is more than one trustee in each zone or a zone has no trustees, further action must be taken at the next Board meeting

What Happens If? 33-313(5) and (6)

Two Trustees in One Zone

- ▶ If the current board membership includes two (2) incumbent trustees from the same new trustee zone, the board will select the incumbent trustee with the most seniority as a trustee to serve the remainder of the term.
 - ▶ If both incumbent trustees have equal seniority, the board will choose one (1) of the trustees by the drawing of lots.

What Happens If? 33-313(5) and (6)

Vacancy in the Zone

- ▶ If there is a trustee vacancy in any of the new zones, the board of trustees shall appoint from the patrons resident in that new trustee zone, a person from that zone to serve as trustee until the next annual meeting.
 - ▶ At the annual election a trustee shall be elected to serve during the term specified in the election for the zone. The elected trustee shall assume office at the annual meeting of the school district next following the election.

What Happens If? 33-313(5) and (6)

Plan Not Approved by the SBOE

- ▶ Should the state board of education disapprove a proposal, the board of trustees shall, within forty-five (45) days, submit a revised proposal to the state board of education.
- ▶ The process would start again

Takeaways

Our Responsibilities

- ▶ Review the map to see if Phase I is sufficient or if you will need to move to Phase II
- ▶ Draw the legal map and write the legal descriptions
- ▶ Review them for assurance they meet the SBOE requirements
- ▶ Submit all necessary documentation to the SDE
- ▶ Present your plan to the SBOE at their meeting
- ▶ After SBOE approval, forward an electronic copy of the map and legal description to the district

Takeaways

Your Responsibilities



- ▶ To draw the new lines where you want them but they will still need to meet the requirements set out in law and by the SBOE
- ▶ If you want a hard copy of the map, you can send the electronic copy to your local printer
- ▶ Keep the electronic copy of the map and legal descriptions in a place where no one will destroy them in the next ten years
- ▶ Submit the final map and legal description to your local county clerk(s)

Questions and Answers



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