

**Moultrie Constituent District 2 Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order:**

The board meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

In attendance: Pamela Jouan-Goldman, Layne Kipp, Jennifer Bilbro, Dana Krause and Diana Browder.

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

Ms. Jouan-Goldman moved, Ms. Kipp seconded, a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 5-0.

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Jouan-Goldman moved, Ms. Krause seconded, a motion to approve the minutes as written from the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting and March 3, 2022 and March 8, 2022 Special Called meetings. The motion passed 5-0.

**IV. Visitors/Public Comment:**

16 pages of public comments were submitted electronically to all board members prior to the meeting. The comments are attached.

**V. Review of FY22 Live Attend Report and FY23 Projections:**

Presentation by Ms. Angela Barnette, Director of Planning and Real Estate

**VI. Rezoning Decision:**

No action to be taken at this time for Mount Pleasant Academy and Lucy Beckham High School. Recommended to rezone Carolina Park Elementary School. Board will make official recommendation at the April meeting.

**VII. New Business:**

**VIII. District Updates:**

Ms. Karolyn Belcher, CAO, reported on the County Board meeting of March 14, 2022, status of ESSER III funding, student achievement data and State budget provisions.

**IX. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

**Approved 4.26.22**

## March 15, 2022 – Public Comments

I am a resident of IOP and have 3 school age children. I wanted to express my opinion re the school zoning for the islands. We have a current middle schooler at Moultrie and are very happy with that school, but we do not like how the IOP/SI (and a few other select neighborhoods zoned for MMS) get sent to Wando vs LBHS. While I know Wando has tons to offer, it is hard to lose most of your middle school network, support system, and friends and be sent there while most everyone else goes on to LBHS. Additionally, Wando is much further than LBHS for the island kids - a longer commute (especially with all the additional 17 traffic, longer for sports practices and parents pickup, games, and new friends in far off neighborhoods until kid driving is even an option). I would like to see both IOP and SI rezoned for Lucy Beckham.

I look forward to hearing feedback from the meeting tomorrow.

Thank you,  
Emily Faville

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My son is in eighth grade at Laing Middle School and is playing on the Lucy Beckham baseball team. As of now, we are zoned to go to Lucy Beckham High School. Where we live(One Belle Hall), he can walk to school, on all sidewalks, in about 8 minutes. With the bus situation as of now, this is an incredible solution. I hope that they are planning on keeping the current zoning maps in place. It would not make sense to send him 25 minutes(timed this morning) up to north Mount Pleasant.

Respectfully,  
Chris Kolb

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Hi there!

Not sure what school is going to be rezoned, but I sure hope that my rising high schooler will not have his 3 mile drive to Lucy Beckham replaced with a 9.7 mile drive to Wando. He should not have to drive past the high school closest to him to go to one further away.

Same goes for my other child that is four years away from high school.

No driving past one high school to get to another.

Thanks  
Bobby Simons

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I'm writing to request that the board NOT redistrict the Longpoint Road neighborhoods (Belle Hall, Grassy Creek, Hobcaw, etc) for their zoned high school. I'm a mom of three living in Grassy Creek and the proposed change is really just absurd. Lucy Beckham is 4 miles or less from these neighborhoods. Kids are able to ride bikes to school from some of these neighborhoods. To move these kids to Wando would cause an extreme amount of traffic on Longpoint Road. Furthermore, the kids and parents shouldn't have to essentially pass a high school and drive almost 9 miles to a school further away. This would be extremely hard for parents who drop/off pick up due to the amount of traffic on these roads and north hwy 17.

If this change is prompted to support the island residents to be able to attend Lucy Beckham, the traffic problem in south Mt Pleasant would be even worse. Not only do you clog Longpoint Road, but Highway 17, Coleman Blvd, and any back roads including Riffle Range Road for the kids who would be coming from the islands. It doesn't make sense for the kids who are in Lucy Beckham's back yard to attend a school farther away. Please don't allow the status or money that is on IOP and Sullivan's sway any districting decision. These are the wealthiest towns in our state and they should not have any more

influence than families living elsewhere. Especially when the high school in question is in our town, in our neighborhood.

Again, I highly disagree with any changes that would be made to redistrict kids from the Belle Hall area from Beckham to Wando. These kids should attend the school in their neighborhood, which is Lucy Beckham.

Thank you, Casey Hudson

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It is my understanding that there is a discussion of changing the zoning/districting for Lucy Beckham High School. I live in Grassy Creek which is off Long Point Rd near Belle Hall. We recently moved into this neighborhood with our two children in order to be zoned for Lucy Beckam (as decided by the previous zoning).

Removing the Belle Hall and Long Point Rd area from being zoned to Lucy Beckham makes no sense. Our neighborhood is just down the road from Lucy Beckham, much closer to Lucy Beckham than Sullivans Island and Isle of Palms. If our neighborhood was rezoned, then traffic on Hwy 17 and especially on Long Point Rd would become even more congested in the morning and afternoon commutes. Further, based on traffic, there would be instances in which we would drive by Lucy Beckham in order to get to Wando. Removing the Belle Hall and Long Point subdivisions from zoning at Lucy Beckham does not make logistical sense based on how close these neighborhoods are to Lucy Beckham.

Additionally, it seems as if this rezoning is being rushed through the Board Meetings without sufficient notice to the public as our family just heard about this rezoning this morning.

Regards,

Ben Whatley

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Please push the school board to change the transfer policy or put a halt to all transfers to LBHS. This is where the problem lies.

Thanks – Jessica

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I would like to express my desire for the Belle Hall area neighborhoods, Belle Hall, Grassy Creek & Tidal Walk neighborhoods be zoned for Lucy Beckham and not Wando. We are opposed to being rezoned to Wando as we are in very close proximity to Lucy Beckham.

We oppose Sullivan's Island and Isle of Palms students to be given our place in the rezoning as this is what it is coming down to.

We understand that the islands have "influential members" coming on the board that have the clout to pull the vote in the direction of the islands being zoned for Lucy Beckham. This is unfair representation that is happening at this critical time. I would hope that there are people on the board with a conscious. We live close to the school and deserve to go to that school as a result.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra London

Tidal Walk board member

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Good morning! I'm a homeowner in the Tidal Walk community with a daughter about to enter high school at Lucy Beckham. She's excited to try out for the cheer team next week and has excitedly toured the school and submitted her registration for classes there next year, as have many other 8th graders. We've already turned in all registration forms and had been very excited about her being a Bengal. We've already gone to the parent meeting there for cheer and have missed deadlines for Wando. We moved to this neighborhood 6 months ago specifically for the high school's proximity, as traveling from

here to Wando for athletics, etc would be extremely inconvenient. As you're probably aware, kids in our neighborhood would have to drive past Lucy Beckham to get to Wando, and travel about another 25 mins. She has a sibling in Belle Hall, and another one at Christ Kids next door, and we're so excited about the convenience of having all three kids within a 5 mile radius for the first time ever, prompting us to prioritize buying in this neighborhood. The fact that all of this could change is a complete surprise and upsetting, to say the least. How unfair to these kids who have already been making all preparations to there next year for this to be changed due to some complaints. I beg of you to reconsider and allow our neighborhood to remain zoned for LB next year.

Thanks,  
Ashley Vaughan

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I have been informed that public comments have been reduced to Pre submitted questions/ statements. I am concerned that the board is not being transparent about it's intentions. As a Parent of a child that's future school zoning could be on the chopping block, I wanted to speak up and have the board clarify their intentions on zoning. My child is currently at Belle Hall Elementary School and could walk or bike to Lucy Beckham once in high school. This is important to us as we have a 2 full time working parent household. Proximity to her school will increase her potential to participate in school Activites, decrease traffic on 17 and Long point Road (which is consistently flooding/ unsafe and classified as a failing road in town), and as the tax payers for this school- it is meant to exist for our town's residents in the 29464 zip code. Please consider these points when voting to do what is best for all of your constituents, which is why you took this position, right?!? Thank you in advance for your consideration of a concerned parent.

Respectfully,  
Kelley Esposito

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It has come to my attention that the school board is considering rezoning Lucy Beckham HS. Many of us in the community have purchased homes, planned our children's schooling and made significant family decisions based on the established zoning.

As a resident of the Grassy Creek / Longpoint Road area of Mount Pleasant, it is extremely important to my family that this zoning **not change**.

It is my understanding that the board is considering swapping IOP and Sullivan's Island for neighborhoods like Grassy Creek, Belle Hall and Hobcaw Creek. Logistically, this change would create significant traffic issues on Longpoint Road and Hwy 17 N.

Practically, it would reduce the commute for island residents by approximately 35% while **increasing commute for Grassy Creek / Belle Hall / Hobcaw Creek residents by 125%+**.

There is no logical reason for this change, other than maybe influential and financially privileged residents of the islands exerting undue influence on the board. I hope that logic, reason and **the best interest of the children** and families of Mount Pleasant will be prioritized as this decision is contemplated.

Thank you,  
Charles Cuzzell

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I'm hearing that there is a meeting to potentially rezone the children in Belle Hall and Tidal Walk to Wando. Please understand that driving past one high school to get to another makes very little sense and would do nothing other than add stress to our already struggling transportation infrastructures.

Please consider the breadth of the impact. This would add pollution, a need for new roads and would likely dramatically impact traffic by forcing inexperienced drivers to traverse their way, again, past another high school.

Thank you in advance!

Lee Morris  
Tidal Walk Resident

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I am against the rezoning of Tidal Walk neighborhood students from Lucy Beckham to Wando. My input comes as a Tidal Walk homeowner, Wando graduate(2years at old campus/2 years at the new Wando from 2002-2006), and a teacher in our local community.

My primary concern is safety and well-being of the students. I was not well equipped to drive out to Wando as a student and that was many years ago. Traffic has increased to dangerous levels. We purchased our home because of the safe driving distance for new, young drivers.

Our children are being pushed and stretched to extreme levels of performance and excellency in academics and extracurriculars. We need to limit the time students are in transit to and from their learning community. This is not only practical but a mental health concern.

Homeowners of the islands are in a different socioeconomic demographic than the Belle Hall/Longpoint population. We, in the Tidal Walk community and surrounding neighborhoods, need the proximity to the local, public HS.

Molly Hare

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To all,

S.1021 was introduced to add 2 additional mount pleasant seats due to town growth. These would be filled beginning with the 2022 general election.

Any high school rezoning action should be pushed until that takes effect. Islands have outsized representation right now when compared to the population of the town of Mount Pleasant.

Rezoning would ultimately be a disservice to students as any changes are likely to be almost immediately overturned the following year. Beyond wasting time and increasing traffic, this is not fair to anyone's students and quite selfish of the board to even consider.

Thank you,  
Heather Dolan

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As you might be aware, there is proposed legislation in the SC Senate which would increase representation on the D2 Board for Mt Pleasant residents. I ask that you not make any zoning decisions until the board more fairly represents the current population with additional seats.

Thank you,  
Claudia Haire

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I am writing in stating that I am very opposed to the rezoning of Bell Hall, Long Point Rd. to Wando. Specifically the Tidal Walk and Grassy Creek neighborhoods. Logistically, this makes no sense at all. Please do not allow this to happen.

Thank you-  
Allison Ripley

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It has been brought to my attention that it will be discussed at tonight's meeting about another potential rezoning for kids off Long Point Road to get pulled from Lucy Beckham and go to Wando. We live in Grassy creek and are extremely opposed to this. We do not think it's the right thing to do to make our kids drive over 30 minutes to Wando high school versus 5 minutes to Lucy Beckham. Not only do they basically pass the new high school but all of that traffic will now be on Long Point Road. I work in Carolina Park and it takes me over half an hour to get to work now with the traffic. I grew up on Isle of Palms and the distance for those kids to drive to Wando is only 18 minutes from the center of the island and moving to Lucy Beckham cuts off only about 5 minutes. Our kids go from being in a car as a young driver and driving 5 minutes to over 30 minutes on the highway. Also, after school sports and activities are all right by our neighborhood which makes the most sense to keep that community at the close community school.

Thank you for listening!  
Haley Cuzzell

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I have been made aware of a potential change to the school assignment for Belle Hall and the neighborhoods on the west end of Long Point Road ( Grassy Creek, Hobcaw Creek Plantation, etc) This would add to traffic on Hwy 17 and Long Point Road, which is a historic two lane road. In addition it makes no sense for these families to drive past Lucy Beckham To get to Wando when most could bike to Beckham high School. Please be sure to keep the districts as they are.  
Marla McMahon

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My husband and I have two sons at Moultrie middle school as we live in a neighborhood south of Venning Road. Our area of town just went through a zoning a few years ago.

I am in support of the neighborhoods south of Venning Road off Rifle Range staying at Lucy Beckham high school. It does not make sense for our students to have to drive past one school in order to get to another. I'm also in support of trying to not do a new school resuming every few years. We need to look at how Mount Pleasant is growing and plan ahead.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.  
Elizabeth Slade

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Belle Hall and Snowden are less than 3 miles to Lucy Beckham. Long Point is less than 4. Many students walk and bike to school every day. It makes no sense at all to change the zoning.  
Bryan and Miranda Buzon

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My husband and I are residents of the Tidal Walk neighborhood. We've heard there will be talks of rezoning our neighborhood from Lucy Beckham to Wando. We'd like it on record that we adamantly oppose this rezoning. Thank you  
Meghan Griffin

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I am concerned parent that has heard talks of rezoning the Snowden community from Lucy Beckham High. I am not in favor of this proposal and would like to express how much this would inconvenience

both parents and students who live in this neighborhood. This would be a poor zoning decision and unfair attempt to leave certain communities out new schools.

Kema Walker

Someone posted on a community Facebook page that there will be a discussion tonight about IOP/Sullivan's Island middle school and high school zoning. As a mother of a middle school daughter, I just wanted the board to be aware that the zoning does matter to the students. My daughter has been nervous looking ahead to high school. She is not super social and has just a few good friends. Her friends will move on to Beckham and she would move on to Wando based on current zoning for IOP. I know new friends will be made but in a child's world a few familiar faces on the first day of high school makes a big difference for them and their success. Middle school and high school are already hard enough socially and add to it not having elementary and middle school friends makes it even harder. Also, from our house on IOP, the distance to school is 7.9 miles to Beckham and 12 miles to Wando! It doesn't seem like a lot but we all know that traffic on 17 is really difficult and 4 miles makes a big difference!

Thank you for your time,  
Dana Pawlucy

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As a resident of Grassy Creek (345 Shoals Drive), I am sending my comments to you regarding tonight's D2 constituent school board meeting. As a mom of two (soon to be three) who will be directly affected by this decision, I am adherently OPPOSED to the rezoning of my neighborhood back to Wando. Adding the beach island and removing Belle Hall and Long Point road area to Lucy Beckham HS is not the correct move for the town of Mount Pleasant and its residents. First, we moved to Grassy Creek for the new school district and as we'd like our kids to go to a smaller HS than Wando. In addition, this POTENTIAL rezoning will exacerbate the Hwy 17 traffic mess everyday - Grassy Creek and Belle Hall are located much closer to Lucy Beckham and logistically the move back to Wando is not considered efficient. I, along with many others in my community, see this potential rezoning issue as a rushed, UNETHICAL effort before the restructuring of the board.

Please consider the above before moving forward with this decision.

Thank you,  
**Allison Forster**

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I am respectfully submitting the following comment on the proposed restructuring regarding the Mount Pleasant high schools.

We are Belle Hall Plantation residents and my 9th grade son has LESS than a 2 mile commute to school. Not only is Lucy Beckham IN our neighborhood, a vast number of children walk, ride bikes, or car pool. For a district that is having such a struggle with attendance, test scores, and transportation-what is the reasoning behind such a misguided idea? By sending kids to a school more than 6 miles away, the move would only exacerbate the issues you're already facing.

I, for one, will not be sending my son to Wando if the change takes place. I am more than certain the majority of Belle Hall parents join me.

Sincerely,  
Kristi Novotny

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I am emailing my concern with removing Belle Hall from Lucy Beckham.

We just moved into Belle Hall in February of this year for the sole purpose of my daughter being able to attend Lucy Beckham.

This would be a tragedy. We have made several sacrifices for her to be able to go to this school in the Fall for 9th grade.

Traffic would be an even more nightmare on Highway 17 and parents who work would be challenged to get their kids to school in time.

Please consider this at the school board meeting tonight.

Please feel free to call or email me if you need anything

Beth Hilton

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Good Evening Board Members- As we begin this process my hope is that each member will look at the facts of distance and proximity beyond all the feelings that are sure to be expressed by differing community members. The children that live closest to LBH and farthest from Wando, should be zoned for LBH. The students that are closest to Wando, should be zoned for Wando. Students on Sullivan's Island and in south Mt Pleasant should not have to drive past a high school to get to another high school. Students north of the IOP Connector (including IOP students, that should take the IOP Connector to 17N) should be zoned to Wando. These are the facts and I believe the only way the board should look at zoning in a way that is truly fair.

Sincerely,

Denise Boozer

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I write to support the inclusion of all Bicycle friendly options in proximity to Beckham remaining in the Beckham zone.

The addition of possible new housing did not sneak up on the District, it is well known and all clearly outlined in the town's written comprehensive plans.

Sending island students to Wando makes sense due to the fact there is more than one option for north/south travel, while the Long Point corridor only has Hwy 17 as a viable option. Traffic on 17 is already choked on a daily basis.

Removing the islands from Wando zoning appears to create a demographic shift where the highest property value areas are all being zoned for Beckham. This smacks of elitism and should not occur.

Regards,

Kevin Cunnane

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I am not sure which schools will be rezoned but would like to comment on the possibility of rezoning Becham. I have one girl at Becham and 2 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Whitesides that will be there in a few years. We live close to Whitesides elementary school so we are only about 1.7 miles from Beckham which puts it in our backyard. I do not one to have to drive past Beckham to go to Wando many miles away. In addition, my 9<sup>th</sup> grader has already had to switch schools and social groups because of the previous zoning changes. She has finally found the social support and is thriving with her education at Lucy Beckham.

I am not sure how you might decide to divide the groups but ask that you not divide our Whitesides community any more.

Thank you,

Scott Henderson

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This email is to state what I hope will be considered for Snowden and surrounding communities such as Long Point and Belle Hall to name a few. As was discussed during the zoning meetings prior to the opening of Lucy Beckham, "elimination of traffic on Highway 17" and "Bike to Beckham" were two considerations in which the said communities were zoned for Lucy Beckham. Hopefully those reasons will still be considered during this round of discussion. Our students being able to walk and/or bike to Beckham plays a role (crucial role) in students being able to participate in before and after school activities related to academics and extracurricular activities.

I look forward to dialogue around this and other conversations related to positive support for ALL students.

Thank you for ALL that you do and are doing.

Have SAFE Days!

Pleshette Grant, President

Snowden Community Civic Association (SCCA)

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I am writing to express my opinion that BelleHall neighborhood should continue to remain zoned for LB Highschool. We are a 3 minute drive and a 8 minute bike ride. To bus this neighborhood out to Wando with the increase population to our area makes zero logical sense due to the proximity Belle Hall is to Lucy Beckham. This is our neighborhood school. That would be like telling Isle of Palms that they can no longer attend their neighborhood elementary school at Sullivan's Island and they need to be bused to Laurel Hill. Absolutely absurd. We chose to live in our neighborhood to have proximity to our schools. They chose to live on the islands so then they need to deal with the consequences of not living near Mt. Pleasant public schools. Their choice. But those who live within a few mile radius shouldn't be penalized for their choice. The islands want their cake and eat it too and yet don't want to sacrifice. We too could live on the islands but our children's proximity to school takes first priority.

Thank you for your time,  
Colleen Rodenberg

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I ask that you please delay any rezoning votes until the D2 board has a more fair representation of the areas it represents.

Also, in regards to eliminating the Long point corridor in favor the islands, someone recently commented about the "exploding growth" along Long Point. This a not true and is lumping the with the other parts of Mt Pleasant that DO have huge developments going up. The Long point corridor area is stable as far as growth. Belle Hall Elementary enrollment has actually gone down this past year. The distance argument can be used by most communities, but bikeability/walkability is undeniable and unique to our Longpoint/Belle Hall zone.

Thank you for your time,  
April and Allen Coleman

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I am a resident of grassy creek and recently heard they are already discussing rezoning LBHS. Once again, this is very frustrating for the residents that live 2 miles away from Beckham. To think about the worsening traffic on a failing long point road with students commuting out and in is reason enough, not to mention extra time spent when our students can currently bike to their high school. In fact, if you consider rezoning anything it should be rezoning oyster point to laing as they live 1 mile away and go to moultrie. Right now I know they are restructuring the board and trying to rush this through without

correct representation of the actual residents of Mt pleasant. If it changes then once the board is restructured correctly this issue will continue to be revisited. This is very frustrating to all of my surrounding neighbors and really makes no sense whatsoever. Please know the residents of this area will continue to fight for our kids to go to their neighborhood school. It is just common sense, hate the politics involved. Thank you for your time,  
Lindsey Johnson

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As a tax paying parent of 3 that lives in Belle Hall I am very concerned about the possibility of rezoning that would affect Belle Hall Elementary and Belle Hall Plantation neighborhood. I have one child graduating from Laing this year to attend Beckham next year and another one that will remain at Laing and is looking forward to attending Beckham with her brother in a couple years. My oldest son attended Wando and while Wando provided a good education, the commute up and down 17 every day was dangerous and time consuming.

The topic that really should be addressed is the fact that there are countless numbers of current Beckham students that reside on Daniel Island and Sullivans Island and other places outside of Mount Pleasant. How did the students get admitted? There is a lot of cheating going on in terms of second addresses and investment properties. I know for a fact that there are many kids that reside on Daniel Island that are attending Beckham. This is not fair and quite a shame! Kids who live literally six minutes down the street should be able to attend their neighborhood high school. I trust that the board will make the right decision and keep Belle Hall where it belongs at Lucy Beckham High School. Thank you very much for your service on the board.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Hartley

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I am a resident of the Snowden community, and all my children attended the old Wando high school. It was so important and beneficial that they could attend a school in their neighborhood. When students can attend schools within a 5-mile radius from their home, they can participate in afterschool activities such as sports, clubs, and band. Mt. Pleasant does not have adequate public transportation, allowing students who do not have a car to walk or bike to Beckham. The high school students in the Snowden should continue to attend Beckham High School for the well-being of students.

*Donna Brown Newton*

With proposed legislation in the SC Senate which would increase representation on the D2 Board for Mt Pleasant residents, it would be inappropriate to make any zoning changes that affect Mt Pleasant until the board more fairly represents the current population with additional seats. In fact, the active support of the current D2 to correct the representation imbalance would be appreciated.

Elizabeth Horton  
Longpoint resident

Dear District 2 Board Members,

As it pertains to the meeting agenda and the topic of possible rezoning of Lucy Beckham High at tonight's meeting, the size of the board has not changed since the 70's and is unfairly weighted for the Islands. Many areas of Mt Pleasant do not have fair representation. There is a Bill (S.1021) introduced to enlarge the current board due to the growth of Mt. Pleasant. No rezoning should be approved until the board is enlarged and Mt Pleasant is fairly represented through this new Bill.

Sincerely,  
Kristie Buxton

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I wanted to continue to show my concern for the possible restructure that is underway for the Longpoint road communities to attend Wando vs. Lucy Beckham.

There are multiple accidents on Longpoint road, it is very dangerous as you know and I am hopeful that driving past a high school to get to another school makes no sense.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Best,  
Rachel Stapleton  
Hibben Resident - Belle Hall Community.

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First of all, LBHS should have the capacity to serve ALL of South MTP and Sullivans Island. If this had been done, we wouldn't have to rezone a brand new school a few years after it opens. When the original zoning was taking place for LBHS, there were several zoning options presented for community input. Ultimately, the board decided to split WES elementary at IOP Connector. My comment is that if any more zoning cuts need to be made it should be from other elementary zones not from WES which has already had a split occur. This was presented in the previous zoning meetings (maps still on CCSD website, one of these maps split WES, BHE and Islands to make those who are geographically closest to LBHS zoned for LBHS). Please keep currently zoned WES students at LBHS!!

Thank you!  
Jennifer Watkins Ogburn, PharmD

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Please do not take away the opportunity for Belle Hall Kids to attend LBHS. The immense traffic this potential rezone would cause is not what is best for our community.

Sarah Appleby

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It has come to my attention that a rezoning of Lucy Beckham will be discussed at tonight's meeting. As someone who drives past Lucy Beckham on almost a daily basis, it is difficult to understand why a neighborhood within that close of a proximity to the school would be removed from the zoning. Belle Hall to Lucy Beckham is not only walkable but is a much shorter and safer drive especially for new teen drivers. Additionally, beyond Belle Hall residents having to pass Lucy Beckham to continue on to another school, the added influx of residents from other, further neighborhoods will compound the ever increasing congestion and traffic in the area. All that we ask is that when making your final decision on what is best for the community, please do consider us here who have Lucy Beckham essentially in our backyard.

A sincere thank you for your service to our community. The tough job you have does not go unnoticed.  
Best,  
The Potvin Family

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Please do not consider removing Belle Hall from Lucy Beckham high school. The High School is practically in our backyard (2 miles away!), forcing everyone go to to Wando will increase commute times, add MORE traffic to 17 (especially as talks about construction on 41) and makes it harder for all of us working parents to take our kids to after school activities. Please take this into consideration.

Ashleigh Berkowitz

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We bought our house in Belle Hall on purpose to be zoned for that school and would be extremely frustrated if this changed and our kids would have to go all the way to Wando. I am sure there are many other parents in the same boat. I hope that even though we can't make it to the meeting, our comments can be heard and make a difference.

If there's a petition to sign or something else we can do, please let me know.

Thanks.

Tatiana Yagecic

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As a resident of the Tidal Walk neighborhood, we are strongly opposed to being redistricted to Wando highschool. Wando is substantially further away from our neighborhood. In fact, our kids would be passing Lucy Beckham on the way to Wando!

The driving distance to Lucy Beckham HS from our neighborhood is 3.1 miles. (Lucy Beckham HS is **in our community**)

The driving distance to Wando HS is 8.6 miles. (**Nearly 3 times as far of a drive!**) Redistricting our neighborhood would put additional traffic pressure on Long Point and 17, and is the last thing that Mount Pleasant needs.

While I understand that there are likely challenging logistics with the limited high school options in the area, it is nonsensical to redistrict Tidal Walk, or any Belle Hall Elementary School neighborhoods, away from Lucy Beckham. Belle Hall Elementary School is the closest CCPS to Lucy Beckham HS.

We urge Charleston County to do the right thing today, which is keeping the Tidal Walk neighborhood at Lucy Beckham.

Thanks,

Tory Grayson

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We live in Belle Hall and are 3.4 miles from Lucy Beckham, but are 8.6 miles from Wando High School. We are hoping common sense will prevail and we will not re-zoned to Wando High School when we are bike ride away from Lucy Beckham.

William O'Neal

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It is shocking to hear rezoning for Belle Hall/Long Point is being considered when do many kids can and do ride their bikes to school. High 17 congestion is already high and there are many other schools where the school commute is similar even if they go to Wando. Proximity must be a key or even a top consideration.

Thanks,

Katie Hanson

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I'm telling you how rezoning HS's to accommodate other neighborhoods is unacceptable.

I just heard that there is discussion about rezoning the Belle Hall neighborhoods from Lucy Beckham to Wanda HS. I live at 148 Historic Drive, Mt Pleasant 29464.

My wife and I moved to this neighborhood for the schools. Changing our HS zoning will interfere with my family's priorities. The commute to that HS will add more burden to the traffic on 17 and long point road. The soon to be addition of a road connecting rifle range to Long Point will not help us. It will help the islands commute to Wando.

Also the sleep that is so very important to adolescents will be compromised due to that added commute time.

I haven't become a member of the PTA, or school meetings. Your decision to change the zoning will change my participation and want for change; that change being you.

Sincerest Regards  
Andrew Yagecic

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As a resident of Belle Hall, and a mom to 2 kids, I am extremely concerned about the possibility of Belle Hall zoning changing from Lucky Beckham to Wando.

Lucky Beckham is less than a 3 mile drive from our neighborhood. 8 minutes from point to point. So close that students could bike ride, and how fortunate that both Long Point and Whipple have sidewalks to allow that.

Wando is 8 miles, and 20 minutes on a good day.

Changing the zoning has a major impact to the traffic on our already busy roads, increasing the length of time inexperienced drivers are behind the wheel during high volume times, and putting a lot of extra strain on families who now have to go very far out of their way to accommodate what seems like a poorly thought out decision.

Please seriously take into account what's being discussed and the impact it will have on our families and community.

Belle Hall (and the surrounding Long Point area) needs to remain at Lucky Beckham.

Thank you  
Lindsay Waters

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Constituent District 2 Board,

I am a longtime resident of Belle Hall Plantation (since 2002) and my husband has been a homeowner here since 1998.

We have two children--one currently at Belle Hall ES and the other child at Laing MS, and they are eagerly looking forward to attending Lucy Beckham High School, which is only 2.8 miles from our house. There are concerns about an attempt to redraw attendance lines in a way that would push out children who live in Belle Hall to allow in children who live on Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island. It would make absolutely zero sense to make children who live so close to campus that they could safely bike there, than to send them by bus or carpool to another high school that is 8 miles away. That would be impractical and a complete lapse in judgement.

I strongly encourage our board members to make the RIGHT decision, which is to keep kids who live in Belle Hall, Snowden, Long Point, Hobcaw Creek, and elsewhere on Long Point Rd. and Whipple Road in the attendance lines of Lucy Beckham High School.

Sincerely,  
Angela May

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It is come to my attention that the contingency board may be considering rezoning Lucy Beckham High School. What I have heard is that they are considering removing the Belle Hall/Longpoint area and including children from the islands of Isle of Palms and Sullivans Island.

I respectfully request that this does not happen. My son currently attends a Lucy Beckham High School and has been able to ride his bike from our neighborhood (Longpoint) to school and back. This has been extremely beneficial not only to him, but our family as a whole.

This school has only been open for two years. There should be no need to re-evaluate at this point. All the same information was used to determine the current zoning. These children develop loyalties to their schools, which aides in their education. It is unfair to ask them to shift every couple of years to a different school.

Further, I have, first hand, seen the traffic that builds on Longpoint Road toward 17, and the havoc that is created when Longpoint floods during peak tides. Making all the students travel to Wando just adds more traffic to an already congested (and sometimes completely flooded) area.

Please keep the zoning of LBHS the same.

Sincerely,  
Shaw Goodrich

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Hello. My name is Ivy French and we live in the Belle Hall subdivision of Mt Pleasant. We have two boys currently enrolled at Belle Hall Elementary. I cannot believe we are having to worry about our kids community all the way to Wando AGAIN. This is such a hot topic for all of us moms in the Belle Hall neighborhood in Mt Pleasant that would literally and physically DRIVE BY Lucy Beckham High School if the Islands win this fight. Please see this to end and again, we appreciate you more than you know.

With proposed legislation in the SC Senate which would increase representation on the D2 Board for Mt Pleasant residents, it would be inappropriate to make any zoning changes that affect Mt Pleasant until the board more fairly represents the current population with additional seats. In fact, the active support of the current D2 to correct the representation imbalance would be appreciated.

Best,  
Ivy French

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I am writing on behalf of a parent with children zoned for this high school, and a resident of Tidal Walk neighborhood. It has come to our attention that you are trying to remove our neighborhood along with others in order to accommodate room for children from Isle of Palms, and Sullivan's Island. I certainly hope that the board makes an ethical decision to not change the zoning this evening. Tidal walk is in a much closer proximity to Lucy Beckham. With traffic flow from Isle of Palms and Sullivan's island it is a much more reasonable expectation for those children to travel up 17N to Wando High School. Rezoning these neighborhoods would cause significant congestion on Longpoint road.

I certainly hope that political donations are not swaying some decisions here. To be transparent if you look at this from a superficial perspective, it certainly seems like this is the motivator.

Thank you for your time.

Carrie Anne Wilcox

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I am the parent of one child at Beckham and two at Laing and I live in the Long Point neighborhood in Mt Pleasant. I understand there is a motion to move Long Point out of Beckham zoning. I feel strongly that this would be a mistake. Beckham is closer to our home, and has been a wonderful high school for my older son. We moved last summer and I only considered neighborhoods that were zoned for Beckham for this reason. I am hopeful that the current zoning can be maintained. Thank you so much –  
Laura Carpenter