

The 2021 Wicomico County Redistricting Committee met on September 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Government Office Building, Room 301, Salisbury, Maryland.

Members Present: Wendy Anspacher, Gail Bartkovich, Bernadette Cannady, Mark Danderson, Julie Giordano, and William "Kel" Nagel, M.D. Muir Boda was absent.

Staff Present: Laura Hurley, Recording Secretary; Andrew Illuminati, Esq., County Attorney Representative; and Frank McKenzie, GIS Coordinator.

**Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2021:**

Mr. Danderson said he has a question about the instructions they were given regarding contiguous and reasonable compact boundaries, one minority district, keeping changes to a minimum, following Route 50 and Route 13, and equal population. He said he is just wondering which of these instructions are a result of State statute and which are just merely preferences of the Council because he is not clear on that, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, it is actually dictated in the Charter Section that was emailed to everyone. Mr. Danderson said, he read that, but he is still not clear as to whether all of these instructions are a matter of statute, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, other than what is actually written into the Wicomico County Charter, she is not aware of any additional statutes. Mr. Danderson asked if he can conclude that, with the exception of equal population and contiguous boundaries, the remainder of these instructions are a statement of preference rather than a statute or ordinance, to which Mr. Illuminati responded, all except the majority/minority district. He clarified, the motion is to adopt the Minutes, which are what happened at the last meeting, and these questions can be addressed throughout the course of the discussion. He said, just because they adopt the Minutes does not mean they are bound to set these forth as the goals.

There being no further discussion, on motion by Dr. Nagel and seconded by Ms. Giordano, the Minutes from the meeting of August 11, 2021 were unanimously approved.

**Discussion on Appointing a Parliamentarian:**

Ms. Bartkovich said there was a question raised about whether they should have a parliamentarian for their meetings. She said, for a little history, the Council always relied on their attorney to give guidance to make sure they were doing things correctly, and they followed Robert's Rules of Order.

Dr. Nagel said he formally requests that legal counsel be parliamentarian.

There being no further discussion, on motion by Dr. Nagel, seconded by Mr. Danderson, and unanimously approved, legal counsel was made parliamentarian.

**District Boundary Lines for Incumbents:**

Mr. Illuminati referred to the presentation on the screen and said this map will be the best example. He said the Charter specifically says no member of the County Council shall be required to vacate Office by reason of any change in the boundary lines of their Councilmanic District made during their term. He clarified, they hold four-year terms, so, looking at the pink district on the screen and the black box in the blue district, if during the course of redistricting the black box in the blue district becomes part of the pink district before the first Tuesday in December 2022, when those who were elected in November of 2022 would take office, that individual who is currently in the blue would not lose their seat. He said it

just happens that this is an election year and a redistricting year, but if last year was an election and redistricting was happening now and the next election was not for an additional three years, that person would continue to hold their seat for three years as long as they did not move, even if they are not in it due to the new lines. He clarified, when it comes to filing for an election, they will have to file for where they will be for the 2022-2026 term, so they can move lines, but that does not deprive or remove anyone from their current seat, and the same is true for the Board of Education, which is in State Law Education Code Section 3-13a-01b3.

Mr. Danderson clarified, that means they could change the lines for the next election and the person could fall outside their current district, to which Mr. Illuminati responded, that is correct. He explained, it is not just for the next election, it is for the next two elections until the next redistricting. Mr. Danderson clarified, his question was that there are no restrictions for the Committee about how they draw these lines and where members currently sit, to which Mr. Illuminati responded, correct.

Ms. Bartkovich said she knows this has been a concern for past Redistricting Committees, and, as general history, they have not chosen to redistrict somebody out of their district, but that would be up to this Committee, so they have that option if they need to move a line.

Ms. Cannady asked if the same would go for the Board of Education, to which Mr. Illuminati responded, yes, and that is by State Law. He said the lines can move, but they hold that seat until the next election.

**Update from Frank McKenzie, GIS Coordinator, on 2020 Census Data:**

Dr. Nagel asked for clarification from Mr. McKenzie on some of the terms used at the last meeting. He said he does not know how precinct applies to the Committee's mission, and also parcels.

Mr. McKenzie said the smallest geometry they use in the mapping world is parcels. He said, if there is a subdivision with lot lines, all of those are parcel lines. He said, in some cases a parcel line will fall along a stream or along a road, and in some cases, there is a corporate limit line that may follow a parcel line, but it is not a road. He said the Census Bureau takes all of these different geographical physical features and nonphysical features and starts to overlay them on a map. He said the Census Bureau also recognizes if a stream cuts a block in half, that it could be two blocks, so they look at that as two separate areas. He said, if a corporate limit line cuts through a block, that can also be split into two blocks. He said, when they think of a block, it is not just streets, it is all types of different layers that intersect each other that can cause blocks to occur.

Mr. McKenzie said, with precincts, when they start looking at different layers like with the Legislative and Congressional boundaries, those things are also great boundaries. He said they have to follow blocks, but they might follow things differently than what the County does, so in some cases the Congressional map is going to slice those things up differently. He said each time there is a new boundary intersect it creates a precinct, and those are tracked by the Board of Elections, so in some cases there might be a lot of people in a precinct or no people in a precinct, or maybe just a few. He said, when the County does theirs, they will be okay, but when the State Legislature does theirs, they do not know what will happen with their boundaries. He said, after this process there may be some adjustments made, even after the Council has adopted the map because if the Legislature does something else after that, the Council may have to open it up and make adjustments.

Dr. Nagel asked if a block is the street or the subdivision, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, they think of subdivisions with a couple hundred houses as lots, but they are cut out as a parcel, and there may be many parcels in a block, but they are not getting down to the lot level unless that lot line happens to be a corporate limit line. He said they are dealing, basically, in the block lines that are identified by the census, and they cannot split them, they have to use the entirety of a block they have identified.

Mr. McKenzie demonstrated on the computer software an area of Salisbury with lots that are part of a block and said the Census Bureau has computer models that create the blocks.

Mr. McKenzie said a few weeks ago he received the non-adjusted numbers and was doing some preliminary work with them to see what they might be looking at, and one thing he discovered is there was not much growth compared to previous censuses over the years. He said generally they had been growing about 1,000 people a year for the last 60 years.

Mr. McKenzie said they look for anomalies to see if there are errors in the capturing of the data, and he believes there were, but he does not think there is anything they can do about it at this point because they do not have time to do that.

Mr. McKenzie said they can put the non-adjusted numbers aside, and they will talk about the adjusted numbers. He explained that they can have a deviation of 5 percent above or below the ideal population, which is basically one-fifth of the population of Wicomico County. He said, with the 2010 census the largest deviation was 2.59 percent above, but the other ones got down pretty close, which was a major goal and they spent four or five meetings working that out. He said, in addition, they have to identify a minority district, which in this case is classified as the black race, so they look at the total black race and the adjusted percentage of black of that district. He said, in 2009, District 1 had a 57.91 percent black population, and the goal is to be above 50 percent, so the Committee worked as hard as they could to get that up above the 50 percent and then let the others balance out as far as total population.

Mr. McKenzie said, looking at the 2020 census numbers, he is basically taking the existing block information and looking at the old district boundary lines. He said, in District 1 they have a total population of 21,206 with a deviation of 361 people, so they are just 1.02 percent above the ideal population. He said the black population is 12,229, which is 57.67 percent of the total, so again they are pretty close to the same percentage that occurred in the 2010 census. He clarified, there are no race calculations required for Districts 2-5.

Mr. McKenzie said, in District 2 there are 19,814 people, which is 1,031 people below the deviation, so that gets them to 4.95 percent below their target.

Mr. McKenzie said District 3 has a population of 21,713, so the deviation is 866 people, which is a 4.16 percent deviation.

Mr. McKenzie said District 4 has a population of 19,779, which is a deviation of 1,066 and is 5.11 percent below, so this is the only district identified as not being within the parameters of the 5 percent deviation of the ideal population. He said, if they add 24 people to that District, they would be in compliance.

Mr. McKenzie said District 5 has 21,715 people, which is a deviation of 870 and 4.17 percent.

Mr. McKenzie said one thing he also will point out when looking at the non-adjusted census count and the adjusted, the adjusted brought in 639 more people who were distributed throughout the County. He

said they can see the growth of each District, but the total growth of the County was 5,044 people of adjusted population, so the question becomes how the Committee wants to go about this. He said the minimum they could do to comply with their requirements would be to adjust District 4.

Ms. Bartkovich said something for the Committee to consider is how close in population they want each district to be. She said the last Committee tried to make each district as equal as they could, so that is something they all need to think about. She said it is pretty close where it is right now, but the question is whether they want to get things closer, and that is where Mr. McKenzie comes in to help them with the software.

Mr. Danderson asked if the map Mr. McKenzie is showing is the current map, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, the lines on there are the current districts. Mr. Danderson asked how they wound up with the odd shaped appendix on District 1, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, there is really no population there as that is the City Park, so they just chose to not run it up to District 4.

Mr. McKenzie showed some pending changes he made to the map and said, if the Committee decides this is what they want to do, it will update the initial numbers. He then demonstrated how doing so changed the numbers. He said, as they go through these pending changes, they can undo the changes, they can redo them, and then go back to the beginning, but as they go along, all the numbers are being recalculated with every potential move the Committee wants to make.

Mrs. Hurley asked Mr. McKenzie if he recalls where the deviation of 5 percent came from, as she knows it has been used in prior redistricting, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, it is the number they have always used and it is a standard. He clarified, some jurisdictions may use a different number, but for Wicomico, they have always used 5 percent deviation. Mrs. Hurley said ideally, they do not want to change people's boundary lines or the district they are in unless they absolutely need to do that, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, in previous years before they had a Committee there was always a directive to move the fewest amount of people as possible. He said, in the previous redistricting, that was kind of thrown out the window and they decided they wanted to try to sharpen up the map. He then explained how the previous Committee also tried to use Route 13 and Route 50 as boundaries. He said they also are mindful of not splitting towns in half. Ms. Giordano asked if they should try to fix that because her Councilperson is Nicole Acle, but the Town of Hebron is in District 1, which does not really make sense to her. Mr. McKenzie responded, in that case they were trying to get the population up, and they also tried not to split Fruitland, but just could not get away from it.

There was then discussion about moving the City Park into District 4. Mr. McKenzie said District 4's deviation would be 4.88 and District 3's would be 3.93 percent just by moving those two blocks, but that is in compliance with everything. He said it is the Committee's decision if they want to go further. He said the last Committee also looked at how to keep the City of Salisbury intact, but there really was not a way because there is a lot of population there, so they needed to divide it between the districts to balance things out.

Ms. Bartkovich asked the group if they think they need to make some changes to make the adjusted population in each district more equal. Ms. Giordano said she understands the 5 percent, but 4.95 is very close, so do they keep it the same because it falls in that deviation, or do they try to adjust it to where it is a little bit closer. Ms. Bartkovich said the last Committee tried to make it pretty equal, but she thinks the Council had to make some changes. She said the ideal population for each district would

be 20,845, so some of these are quite close, and some of them, like Districts 2 and 4, are off by 1,000 people. She said Districts 3 and 5 are off by 800, but District 1 is only 300.

Mr. McKenzie said they could experiment starting with the Hebron area and see about moving some of that into District 2 since District 2 is short by 1,000 people who are near the border. Ms. Giordano suggested seeing what happens if they add Hebron using Route 50 as a boundary. Mr. McKenzie demonstrated how the numbers changed when he moved people to a different district. He said, if they take the area in the Town of Hebron to Route 50, that deviation for District 2 is 0.27 percent, and District 1 is 2.95 percent. He said the black population in District 1 goes up when they do that to 59.78 percent, which is one of their goals. Mr. Danderson said the goal is 50, so it has to be 50, to which Mr. McKenzie clarified, 50 or above, and they have tried to get it to 60 percent if they could because they wanted to make sure the black folks were represented.

Mr. Danderson said he thought it had to be reasonably compact, to which Ms. Giordano responded, the Town of Hebron is split, so this would take care of that, and the area of San Domingo is predominantly black. Mr. Danderson said it may be predominantly black, but they can take that out and District 1 is still well over 50 percent black. He said he does not believe that District 1 is reasonably compact. He said the connection between the two sections is only 900 feet of Maryland and runs up against Delaware. He said, if State statute requires contiguous and reasonably compact, in his view, District 1 does not meet that criteria as it does not look reasonably compact to him. He said, under the law, because the 900 feet touch, they could technically call it contiguous, but if they were going to take from District 1 to increase 2, there are about 800 people in that whole area, so that would add 800 people to District 2 and take 800 people from District 1 and still maintain 55 percent minority population in District 1.

Ms. Giordano said she thinks it is the same argument whether they are splitting Sharptown or splitting Hebron. Ms. Bartkovich said it would be nice if they could keep the incorporated areas together as much as possible. She said, being a past Councilmember, it is kind of hard when there are two people representing Fruitland, so keeping them together if they can is ideal.

Ms. Cannady said she thought part of this process was to not disturb a whole lot of people, so she cannot see moving Hebron out of District 1, to which Ms. Giordano responded, part of Hebron is already out of District 1. Ms. Cannady asked which part, to which Ms. Giordano responded, the Mistry Creek area, and all on the outskirts of Hebron down by Crooked Oak. She said they could just leave it alone because it meets the criteria, to which Ms. Bartkovich responded, she just thinks it would be nice if they could get some of these districts closer to the ideal population of 20,845.

Ms. Anspacher said it looks like District 4 is the one they really need to work on, to which Ms. Giordano responded, it makes sense to pull from District 3.

Dr. Nagel said he thinks the question is whether they want to live up to the letter of the law or the spirit of the law, and he thinks Ms. Bartkovich is attempting to live up to the spirit of the law, which he thinks is a very worthy objective. He said doing that without inconveniencing too many people or putting an incumbent into another district are things the staff needs to work on, and he knows they have the tools, but they certainly have to get some more people into District 4 to meet the letter of the law. He said the data showing the current districts as they were populated in 2012 when it was approved show the largest deviation was 2.59 percent, but three of them were right around half a percent. He said he thinks they did a pretty good job of trying to balance out the County, regardless of who was or was not elected.

He said he is taking a basic anti-gerrymandering position because he does not think that is what they are here for. He clarified, he does not think anybody is trying to do that, but that is why he thinks, ideally, they should try to get to within at least 2 to 2.5 percent.

Ms. Cannady asked if there is a purpose for the City Park being in District 1, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, there is no population there, so they can move it to smooth out the lines. He then demonstrated how that could easily be done. He then also demonstrated moving 49 people from District 3 to District 4.

Mr. Danderson said he is not quite sure how the process works and whether they have to vote on each change as they change the districts, to which Ms. Bartkovich responded, she knows they have to vote on the final map before they send it to the Council, but she thinks maybe right now they can do this as a consensus.

Mr. Illuminati said, every time the Committee wants to make a change or create a new map, Mr. McKenzie has to create a new map. He said, if everybody likes the park creation, they could vote on that now, and Mr. McKenzie will have that as a starting template. He said then each time the Committee agrees on another change, they could vote on that versus just playing around with it and not voting because then, at the end of the day, they are really nowhere and have just seen a bunch of hypotheticals. He said it is the Committee's decision whether it is easier to look at a bunch of hypotheticals and think about them, and then come back and try to make changes at the next meeting and institute them, but he would imagine that Mr. McKenzie would appreciate making it easier for him, especially with the way they have seen the software acting up.

Ms. Bartkovich asked if Mr. Illuminati is saying they should have a motion and a second to make these changes, or just get a consensus, to which Mr. Illuminati responded, he is fine with either, and he does not think there needs to be an answer. He said, additionally, they may make a change, but then later come back and vote to undo the change. He said a consensus is a little bit easier to manipulate along the way, but, for the hard and fast ones, such as the Park, that was just a decorum to make the lines cleaner, so that one could be more of a firm vote, but for bringing District 4 into legal compliance, they might just say they like that but then see what else there is to do, and now that they are legally compliant, they can look to see what they can touch up. He then reminded the Committee of the deadline of December.

Mr. Danderson said he would prefer a vote because then he feels like they are actually accomplishing something. There was then discussion of whether they vote on just the Park, or if they vote on the portion that Mr. McKenzie moved into District 4.

On motion by Mr. Danderson and seconded by Ms. Giordano, and unanimously approved, the City Park was moved out of District 1 and 49 people were moved from District 3 to District 4.

Dr. Nagel asked if they can undo these changes at any point in time up until their final vote, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, yes, and that is exactly how it worked the last time. Mr. Illuminati clarified, this will be the new base going forward as they make additional changes, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, correct.

Ms. Bartkovich suggested they go back to talking about the Hebron issue. Ms. Giordano said, adding Hebron to District 2 accomplished quite a few things – it kept Hebron together, it helped get closer to the 0 percent deviation mark, and it upped the minority district to 59 percent. Ms. Cannady said she

does not understand how it upped the minority district, to which Ms. Giordano responded, because there is a white population in Hebron, so taking that white population from District 1 made the black population go up percentage-wise. She clarified, not the number of people, just the percentage. Ms. Cannady said she still would like to look at the streets.

Mr. Danderson said he is concerned that, though contiguous, it is not reasonably compact, and moving Hebron into District 2 makes that situation even worse.

Mr. McKenzie said, if they pull all of that area out of District 1 and put it in District 2, District 2 is now 0.27 percent deviation. He said District 1 is still 2.95 percent deviation and it has an adjusted black population of 59.78 percent.

Ms. Giordano asked if it is more important for them to be closer with the numbers or for it to be compact, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, they have to consider them all. Ms. Giordano said she did not know if one outranked another in order of importance.

Mr. Danderson asked if contiguous and reasonably compact is a matter of State statute, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, it is in the Charter. Mr. Illuminati clarified, there is not a definition, but what they currently have is legally compliant, and the 900 feet are legally compliant. He said it is for the Committee to decide whether they feel that adequately meets all the other factors and is a representation, but, as it sits, it is legal. He said it has not been challenged as illegal, so it is not like they are trying to correct an irregularity or illegality, it is just a preference, as said earlier with the Park area. Mr. McKenzie said being compact is a form of art. Mr. Danderson said, with this change, District 1 becomes a thin line diagonally across the County. Referring to the map, Mr. McKenzie pointed out San Domingo and said there is a large black population in this area, and they have always strived to keep this in District 1. Ms. Cannady said, as they move down the map, it just looks like it is chopped up.

Dr. Nagel asked what divides the 900 feet between the corner of Delaware, to which Mr. Danderson responded, it is Route 54. Ms. Giordano said that 900 feet has nothing to do with Hebron, and it is not like it pulled from that. She said it was like that on the original map, to which Mr. Danderson responded, that is correct, but District 1 is now becoming this long snake and it does meet the letter of the law in being contiguous.

Mr. Danderson said his issue is what the people in the northwest corner have in common with the people in the center of town because the issues tend to be urban versus rural. He said, in the City of Salisbury, they have their own police and fire, and the people in the bottom part of District 1 face the same issues that he faces in District 4, so they have a commonality of issues because the services that the County provides are local, not liberal, not conservative, not black, not white, they are about streets, police, and fire. He said his issue is, what do the people in the northwest corner of the County have in common with the people in the center, to which Ms. Giordano responded, they could argue that with every single one, such as what do the people in the Town of Fruitland have to do with the people all the way down in Westover. She said they could argue about every district with that same argument, to which Mr. Danderson responded, they could, but the issue is, if they look at the map of the County, 67 percent of the population of the County live between two lines, yet the 33 percent outside those lines have three districts and the people where 67 percent of the population live have two. Ms. Bartkovich responded, that is where the densest population is. She said the City of Salisbury is District 4 and a lot of it is in District 1, so their land areas will be smaller because they have a higher population. Mr.

Danderson said there are two districts in this County that are primarily urban-suburban – Districts 1 and 4. He said there are three districts – Districts 2, 3, and 5, that are predominantly rural. He said the rural population of the County is only 30 percent of the population of the County, and the urban-suburban population of the County is 65 percent, so 65 percent of the population live in an area that has two districts, and 33 percent of the population who live in rural areas have three. Ms. Giordano said that is because of the numbers. She said each one has 20,000 people, so they are equal. Ms. Bartkovich said Districts 2, 3, and 5 are more rural, but because they have a lot of farm area, houses are more spread out. She said, when she represented District 3, it is a long way to drive from Fruitland to Willards, so it is nice to have something compact, like District 1 or District 4 when campaigning.

Mr. Danderson clarified, he is not arguing to change all of this, he is just saying that District 1 has a part in the northwest corner that is primarily rural and meets the letter of the law of being contiguous, but it is an odd shape, and it just looks odd to him. He said he came from Massachusetts where they invented the word gerrymandering, and this looks gerrymandered to him, to which Ms. Cannady responded, that is because it is. She said they did it a long time ago, but it looks that way because they wanted to keep a Central Republican Committee person in a republican district. She said she lives there, and that is how she knows that is what they did years ago. She said, up where San Domingo is, District 1 should have come over towards Sharptown, but they did not do it. Ms. Giordano said, but that would take away from District 2, to which Ms. Cannady responded, she is not saying to do that now, she is saying that is what they did, which is why it looks that way. Ms. Giordano said she honestly thinks that the San Domingo area was kept in there to make sure that the minority population stayed the minority. She said 100 percent that is why they did it. She said she knows it does not look pretty, but that is why it was done, to keep the minority district a minority district, and she thinks they need that area in order to keep that. Ms. Cannady clarified, the area they are talking about is Mardela. She said she lives in San Domingo, and her address is in Mardela Springs, so it is a mess, but that is the reason the map looks the way it does.

Mr. McKenzie said, as an exercise, he can undo the change made for Hebron and move the area they are talking about into District 2 to see what the numbers do. He then made that change and said they need to keep a watch on the minority numbers, but, with that change, District 1 is 75 people below deviation and District 2 is 595 people below. He then adjusted the district lines some more and said the deviation for District 2 is now -2.34 percent, District 1 is -0.88 percent, and the adjusted black population is 58.66 percent. Ms. Giordano said, so it is pretty much the same thing, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, with this change, District 1 is more compact and the numbers look okay, and they are still in compliance.

Mrs. Hurley asked if there is a way to tell how many people this change would affect, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, 544 people. Ms. Cannady said that will affect them a lot because it is a rural area.

Dr. Nagel asked if this moves San Domingo from District 1 to District 2, to which Mr. McKenzie responded, yes. Dr. Nagel said his understanding is that San Domingo is historically an important neighborhood of the black community, which might be something they should consider, and maybe that is what the previous Council considered, but he would certainly defer to Ms. Cannady who actually lives there. Ms. Cannady said what Dr. Nagel just said is absolutely right, and she could not have said it any better. Dr. Nagel said he knows and has worked with a lot of people who live there. Ms. Cannady said, of course every area changes, and that is why the numbers are decreasing and why the percentage did not really make a difference because that is just the way the area is going. She said people move away and do not come back, like every other area.



Ms. Bartkovich said that is a lot of people to move. Dr. Nagel said he is pleased that they did not do anything by moving more black people into District 1 trying to pack all of the minorities into one district where they would not have any influence on any other district because that would also be something to avoid. Mr. McKenzie asked if the Committee wants him to undo that change, to which Ms. Cannady responded, she would. There was consensus to undo the change made to Districts 1 and 2.

Dr. Nagel suggested, if they are moving things along, he will move that the Committee request that staff try to come up with some hypotheticals which would get them closer to the 2 percent deviation while maintaining the minority district, not move too many people, and not move any incumbent Councilmembers or Board of Education members out of their district because, if they want them out, they should vote them out. Mr. McKenzie asked if he is asking for him to come up with some different scenarios, to which Dr. Nagel responded, he knows it will not be easy, but he has participated in redistricting 20 schools where people really cared. Ms. Bartkovich said people do care and they can get very upset over where they are placed as far as Council representatives.

On motion by Dr. Nagel and seconded by Ms. Cannady, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. McKenzie would work on different scenarios to meet that criteria.

**Meeting Schedule:**

Ms. Bartkovich said she would like them to meet every two weeks on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., but the Electrical Board meets in these Chambers, so that means that is out, and the next available meeting would be two weeks from tonight on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. She said that would give Mr. McKenzie time to work with the map. Ms. Giordano said she is not available on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There was then discussion of meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>, but a few people mentioned they were not available. Ms. Hurley suggested meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. After some further discussion, it was decided that the next meeting would be held on September 22 at 4:00 p.m.

It was decided that the first meeting in October would be October 20 at 6:00 p.m. There was then some discussion about the final meeting being held on November 10 at 6:00 p.m. and that they would be able to wrap things up at that time. There was then discussion about meeting the deadline and the possibility of having one final meeting in December, but with the hope of finishing up in November. Mr. Danderson reminded everyone that, with the few changes they made, they are currently in compliance. Dr. Nagel said they are borderline in compliance, so they asked staff to work on this further. Mr. McKenzie said, if they start balancing the districts out, there will be a couple thousand people who will be moved. Dr. Nagel said they may always decide to not move that many people.

There being no further discussion, on motion by Ms. Giordano, seconded by Dr. Nagel, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Gail Bartkovich, Chair

  
Laura Hurley, Recording Secretary

