

# **EXHIBIT 4**

**APPROVED**  
12/9/13 THE SCHOOL BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY  
Special Meeting – October 29, 2013  
JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The Jefferson County School Board met in Special Session on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were: Chairperson Charles Boland, Phil Barker, Sandra Saunders, Larry Halsey and Shirley Washington. Superintendent Al Cooksey and Board Attorney Opal Williams were also present.

The meeting was called in order to have a "live" meeting with Mr. Bill Cooper, a mapper engaged by the Board in order to design redistricting maps to take to the table in talks with the County's Board of Commissioners.

Chairperson Boland called the meeting to order and led in an invocation immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board member Barker moved to approve the agenda and Board member Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Cooper was engaged via phone and the Board Recording Secretary joined a webinar through, "Go-to-Meeting;" an internet based meeting software that was utilized by Mr. Cooper in order for the Board to see his maps and map data in real time. Mr. Cooper was able to manipulate the maps he had designed and the Board was able to see his manipulations as they asked questions and/or asked for certain population blocks to be manipulated within the four map options available to the Board.

As in a previous meeting the Board and community's main concern revolved around population block 3006, as well as a final judgment filed in the United States District Court, Tallahassee Division, on December 18, 1985. Community members engaged the Board's legal

counsel, Opal Williams in a discussion of whether the Board would be in violation of the Voter's Rights Act if they were not careful to abide by the stipulations in the 28 year old judgment. It was counsel's opinion that the judgment provides history of what the county has gone through. She stated that there are no constitutional provisions for school boards; only those provisions found in statute; specifically 1001.36, F.S. The Board has not done anything in the redistricting process arbitrary to statute or the judgment.

Much time was spent manipulating maps in regard to population block 3006 as well as manipulating maps in an attempt to have all five districts within a 5% deviation.

Following discussion, Board member Washington moved to accept map B-2 for presentation at the Joint Workshop with the County Commission on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Saunders seconded the motion. There was discussion whether or not a vote would exclude any other map, or make this map preclude any others presented to the Commissioners by the School Board. It was decided amongst the Board that other maps could be voted on to be presented during the Workshop. Following discussion, the motion passed 5-0.

Board member Halsey moved to present, "Alternate A" map, a map designed by using the presented A map with the transfers of enough population blocks into District 3 in order for District 3 not to suffer any loss of block voter strength. Barker seconded the motion. The vote was 2-3 so the vote failed. Barker, Saunders and Washington voted no.

Board member Barker moved to accept the original Map A for presentation in the Workshop. There was not a second on the motion so the motion died.

The Board will meet on November 4<sup>th</sup> with the Commissioners and will present map B-2 for discussion. It was verified with Mr. Cooper that he would make himself available by phone if the Board needed to call him during the November 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop.

Board member Saunders moved to adjourn and Washington seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 and the time was 8:30 p.m.



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Superintendent & Secretary

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Chairperson