

DISTRICT SURPLUS FACILITIES (7-11) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 29, 2018

The District Surplus Facilities (7-11) Advisory Committee of the San Bruno Park School District held its ninth meeting on January 29, 2018 at the District Office, 500 Acacia Ave., San Bruno, CA.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

The following District members were present:

Stella Kemp, Ed.D., Superintendent

Wendy Richard, Associate Superintendent Business Services

The following Committee members were present:

Wendy Al-Mukdad, Leo Alvarez, Kerry Burns, Kathy Cannon, Teri Chavez (arrived 6:07 pm), Paul Linden (arrived 6:18 pm), Alejandra Meza, Judith Puccini (arrived 8:01 pm), Christine Sonnenburg, Denis Vorrises

Raul Gomez was absent

Committee Resource: Marilyn Cleveland, Esq., DWK Attorneys at Law

Twenty-two people signed the register.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2018

Leo Alvarez motioned to accept the minutes of January 8, 2018, Kathy Cannon second, discussion was to amend the minutes as Christine Sonnenburg requested the minutes to reflect the reasons she was not supporting the closure of Rollingwood. She stated that she had mentioned the omission of the criteria change when selecting a second school. She also wanted to make the correction that she lived in San Carlos, not that she lives in San Carlos. The motion was revised to accept the minutes of January 8, 2018 as amended, and the motion was passed 7-2. Kathy Cannon and Kerry Burns voting no.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2018

Teri Chavez made a motion to accept the minutes of January 22, 2018 with the amendment of adding to the public comment of Mrs. Higuera, her concerns with traffic issues in the Portola

neighborhood, where she lives and sees the congestion on a daily basis. Kathy Cannon second and the motion carried 9-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Denis Vorrises questioned why public comment was moved to after the approval of the minutes. Wendy Al-Mukdad reminded the committee there was a vote taken at the last meeting to move public comment. She said if there is a need, public comment can be added at the end of the agenda.

Joan Skinner read a statement "Do we close schools and lease to private schools?" She further commented that she had been part of the DDAC (District Development Advisory Committee) that recommended two schools for closure but was ignored by the superintendent at that time. She is concerned about segregating the schools into "flatlands vs. hills". Ms. Skinner feels closing schools in this way will segregate the district. She suggested that people read the San Francisco Gate report on a national study regarding segregation.

Patricia Gomez commented on social injustice. There were two apartment complexes going to Rollingwood which will affect Portola. She wants the district to think outside the box on the achievement gap. There are articles that show placing students in different surroundings do make a difference. It is just not traffic to consider, have the parents do more volunteering. Combo classes are a detriment to students. She thanked the committee for taking on this task.

Stacy Stevenson wanted to remind the district to send out information on interdistrict transfers to all parents being affected by any school closure recommendation. The vote to close Rollingwood was very close and there are still questions on construction costs. She would like to get better detailed estimates on construction. Mrs. Stevenson offered a suggestion to look at Engvall property to consider building a school on that site. She would like to see the district hold off on identifying a second site to close. Test scores were brought up at Rollingwood and she would like to see it reported as to which sites are doing better in their test scores.

Gabriel Lucchesi closing schools should be done in detailed steps. Traffic and associated studies should be done before any second school closure.

Michael Patola is a South San Francisco resident and has interdistrict transfers for his children to attend schools in San Bruno. He is concerned his students may not be allowed to continue at Rollingwood if the school is closed. Michael is very passionate about the education his children receive and believes San Bruno schools are better. He doesn't want to be excluded because his children are interdistrict children.

Lorraine is a 2 year resident of San Bruno. She moved here because of wanting good schools for her children. There are many complaints about the traffic issues but this is the same at every school and should not be a factor when considering closing a school. In her household, her spouse believes in public school and does not want to see private schools move in. Wants the district to keep in mind that there might be more development and will we have enough schools? New residents want better performing school and would like to have open enrollment to attend the school of their choice.

Chuck Zelnik questioned the 7-11 Committee charge; it should only be convened to determine if there is surplus property. He brought that El Crystal and Crestmoor were suggestions in years past to be schools that would be closed.

DEBRIEF OF PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 22, 2018

The committee discussed the concerns and issues that came from the public hearing. Having a traffic study done before closing school sites was mentioned. Surveys should be conducted to inquire where parents want to send their students. The committee was reminded that it is not the focus of the committee to determine where students will go and that no information can be shared specifically to the possible affected parents until the board has made a decision. That decision could be to accept the report from the committee in whole or part or something entirely different than the recommendations. Some members expressed concerns that some in the community do not believe the District is being transparent enough. Construction costs seem to be a major issue with the community, too many numbers with no back up is leading the community to not trust the District. Some of the members wanted to know about the kinds of programs that might be put in place after a school closure. Dr. Kemp has given a presentation to the board and to each of the sites on the vision of the District. Members heard a lot of frustration at the public hearing. Many of the community want to know what the plans are for after closure. Though the District is working on this in the background, it is not the proper time to present until the board has made a decision. Some members were concerned that there wasn't a large turnout for the public meeting and that not all sites were represented. They were all in agreement that the meeting went very well and it was organized and civil. Members brought up past issues that the District did not follow through or mismanaged money in selling property. Marilyn Cleveland stated the provision in the law to request a waiver for a portion of sale proceeds to be used for one-time general fund expenditures is no longer in existence. Any sale proceeds will need to be used for construction of new building or modernization.

EXTEND MEETING

A motion was made by Kathy Cannon to extend the meeting to 8:00 pm and second by Kerry Burns, motion carried 9-0.

Another motion was made by Kathy Cannon to extend the meeting to 8:20 pm, second by Kerry Burns, motion carried 9-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made to have additional public comment at the end of the agenda. This was not moved forward.

CONSIDER REVISIONS TO DRAFT REPORT

Marilyn Cleveland went through the report section by section to get input from the committee. The committee requested that a better copy of Exhibit A be included in the report. The committee was given information regarding to include a waiver of elements of the site disposition process. Marilyn Cleveland explained this will give the District more flexibility on any sale of property. This waiver will allow the District to get the best price without having to go through the formal bidding process. It was requested by the committee to change Exhibit B to be done in chronological order. This exhibit will be amended.

A motion was made to accept the report to the board as amended by Leo Alvarez, second by Kathy Cannon. Roll call as follows:

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| Wendy Al-Mukdad | Aye |
| Leo Alvarez | Aye |
| Kerry Burns | Aye |
| Kathy Cannon | Aye |
| Teri Chavez | Aye |
| Paul Linden | Aye |
| Raul Gomez | Absent |
| Alejandra Meza | Aye |
| Judith Puccini | Aye |
| Christine Sonnenburg | Aye |
| Denis Vorrises | Aye |

Motion carried 10-0-1

COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Stella Kemp thanked the entire committee for persevering in the process. She thanked them for being present at the meetings and understanding the necessity of moving forward for the District. She gave a special thanks to Marilyn Cleveland for all the legal support; also to Wendy Al-Mukdad for her willingness to be the chair of the committee.

The February 5, 2018 meeting will not be needed. February 21, 2018 will be the board meeting that the 7-11 Committee will be presenting the final report to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Cannon motioned to adjourn, second by Kerry Burns, motion carried 10-0.

Meeting was adjourned 8:20 pm.