

BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 14, 2011
City Council Chambers
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA

ADOPTED MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on the date and place mentioned above.

CALL TO ORDER –The meeting was called to order by President Mooney at 5:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT OF CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: President Mooney adjourned to closed session at 5:33 PM.

PRESENT: Mooney, McMahon, Spencer, Sherratt, Tam

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION: By President Mooney at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Board of Education members led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF: Board members and staff introduced themselves.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MODIFICATION: Items E-14 and E-20 were removed to be discussed at a later date. Items E-10, E-16, and E-17 will be moved to the public calendar after F-8. Item F-8 will be moved to follow F-4.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None at this time.

E-18 –Community and Learning Service Guide

The presentation was given by Jordon Flores and Jeannette Mei. They explained what the brochure was all about, volunteer opportunities, and how their commission would keep it updated and current for the use of all students. Questions could be e-mailed to awong@ci.alameda.ca.us. Please make these brochures available at our secondary school sites.

MOVED: Member Sherratt **SECONDED: Member McMahon**
That the Board of Education adopt the revised agenda.

AYES: Mooney, Spencer, Tam, Sherratt, McMahon

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

COMMUNICATION – WRITTEN

Six e-mails were received. One in support of Project Leaf, one regarding PARS and CSEA, four regarding the Superintendent's contract.

COMMUNICATION: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT: The Superintendent read her report highlighting student scholarships and honoring our recent retiree's by reading each name to the public and thanking them for their years of service to Alameda Unified School District.

COMMUNICATION: ORAL

- Ms. Appezatto representing the 3,500 Mastick Senior Community members thanking the Board for continuing to support the Adult School programs through Measure A. They appreciate the value you place on lifelong learning.
- Ms. Bishop advocating for the Wood Middle School students who did not get to participate in the promotion ceremony. She was concerned that parents were not notified until June 2nd and this was a note hand delivered by the student. Her suggestion for next year would be that earlier notification by phone call would be a much better delivery. She also feels that "all" of the students are not being supported and a closer watch is needed to ensure every student is successful. Please do not let this happen again.
- Ms DeBartalini wanted to invite the Board of Education as well as the public to the kick off of *All Together Now* – an AEA event that raises money for our students. The actual event will be on November 10th but an advanced kick off is being held at the Harbor Bay Club on Sunday, July 3rd. The price is \$25.00 with all profits going into the *All Together Now* fund.

CALENDAR REVIEW: President Mooney reviewed the Calendar of Events for Board members.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: No reportable action was taken in closed session.

PUBLIC SESSION – PUBLIC SESSION ITEMS

Presentation began at 6:45 pm and ended at 11:10 PM

F-1 Presentation "Let's Move" Update (Information)

Presentation was given by Louise Nakado from Alameda Hospital and Tracy Jensen explaining the history and purpose of the Let's Move activities happening in Alameda this summer. The program is based on Michelle Obama's national Let's Move campaign to get youth 0-20 moving over the summer. There will be incentives and prizes awarded to youth who complete the program. All they are asking is that children who participate "move" for an hour a day, 5 days a week for 6 weeks of summer. Brochures will be available throughout the island.

Board members commended Alameda Hospital for carrying out the program. They showed their support and even self interests.

F-2 Community Partnership for a Turf Field at Thompson Field (Information)

Presentation was given by Ron Matthews from the Alameda High Booster Club, a nonprofit organization. He is seeking approval to proceed with a feasibility study to see if it is even possible to install artificial turf on Thompson Field. The first step is to hire an architect and work with our own MOF department to see if the site suggested is suitable for such a project. One of the main reasons for wanting to have this done is safety of all students participating on this field in any sport. The current condition of the field is not safe or desirable. Once the results of the feasibility study are reviewed, then the process would either proceed or be stop. If it is a go, grants would be explored and other avenues of funding would be discussed.

Board Members questioned about funding options and if the city had been involved with a study. Answered: Minimal to no costs will be from the district; the city has not conducted a study

F-3 Project Leaf (Local Edible Alameda Farm) Proposal for Eagle Avenue

Melody Ortenberg from Project Leaf provided the Board an explanation of what this project is. Community members are hoping to submit a State Prop 84 Park Development Funding proposal to create an Urban Community Garden/Farm on the old Island High School property located on the corner of Eagle and Everett in Alameda. There is overwhelming support from the immediate community for this project. The proposal needs to have a letter attached from the Alameda Unified School District in support of the idea. Ms. Vital stated that she would be happy to provide a letter of support for the project to move forward.

Board Members commended the community members for their continuous efforts. Action could not be taken this evening; the superintendent will follow up with a letter.

F-4 Annual Joint Use/Operating Agreement for District Swimming Pools between the Alameda Unified School District and the City of Alameda

Robert Shemwell explained that the agreement we will be entering with the City of Alameda is to put into writing the joint use agreement for our pool facilities. It will have an annual renewal option and will be the first agreement that has been in writing in twelve years. The agreement will clearly define and outline the responsibility of both the district and the city regarding the operations and maintenance of the pools.

Board Members discussed that being the first formal agreement in twelve years, this will improve communication with volunteers and advocates. In addition, they were reassured that communication was being made with the County offices.

Don Krause, President of the Alameda Aquatics Organization, stated that this MOU was great news for everyone. He is hoping it will be approved. The community is really alive on this issue and is brainstorming ways to help.

F-8 (Moved to precede F-5) Recommendation to Implement Magnet, Innovative Programs and Promising Practices

Sean McPhetridge presented the five proposals for magnet, innovative programs and promising practices that have been submitted for consideration. This work started in 2010 put had to be postponed due to the failure of our last parcel tax. It was picked up again with the passage of

Measure A. AEA and the District worked collaboratively on this process. The sixth proposal was pulled from this presentation by the principal and teacher leader.

Board members discussed the need for an organized timeline and careful decisions of criteria that will determine which programs move forward. In addition, they expressed their concerns for available funding and committed community support.

June 23rd for approval to begin planning.

F-5 Update Management System “Steps to Success” Revised Targets

Terri Elkin did a presentation explaining the 10 steps that will be used to track our student’s progress made during the educational years at AUSD. We will of course use many data sources to track this but these give us a standard to use with each student. Step 10 will be the most difficult as there are no technology sources yet developed to track the students if they are not in one of the state run higher education institutes, but we are working hard to develop ways to stay on top of this.

Board members discussed standards for algebra and geometry, and how data will be focused and organized to present data to the community and staff

MOTION: Member Tam

SECONDED: Member Sherratt

That the board accept the 10 Steps to Success as presented this evening.

AYES: McMahan, Mooney, Sherratt, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

F-6 AUSD State of Technology 2011-12

Rob van Herk, Director of Technology Services presented to the Board our current state of technology throughout the district. He stated that without Measure A there would be nothing to discuss. He is grateful that the measure passed and that the district is now thriving again.

Board members discussed that they will need to set standards for the direction of investment in technology with consideration of new developments such as smart phones and social networking. In addition, they expressed their understanding of replacing aging equipment and requested to be informed of what the technology department has planned for future spending.

F-7 Presentation of Centralized Enrollment for K-12 Students

Kirsten Zazo presented to the Board a comprehensive look at what Centralized Enrollment would look like in our district. Staff members visited other districts that are already using this system. They were able to make a decision that this is a good process and could work well for Alameda. Centralized Enrollment would be for NEW students to our district. We would need to hire 2 additional staff members to assure that the process worked as planned to make the process much easier for our families to join the AUSD system.

Board members discussed who/which departments would be accountable for things such as disenrollment, tracking students, feeder schools, cum folders, and asked why they would need to hire two additional staff members. They were answered that this conclusion was made from the experiences at other districts; they need three staff members during high enrollment periods.

**MEMBER MCMAHON MOVED TO EXTEND THE MEETING PAST 10:30.
PASSED 5-0; MOTION CARRIED**

E-10 APPROVAL OF NEW AND REVISED JOB DESCRIPTIONS COORDINATOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, PERSONNEL SERVICES MANAGER, COORDINATOR OF TEACHER SUPPORT AND SCHOOL INNOVATIONS, TSA INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES (SIM,IBD) – pulled by Member Spencer

Member Spencer: What is the cost for the Human Resources position? She was told for \$112,000 Salary and benefits

MOTION: Member Tam **SECONDED: Member McMahan**

AYES: McMahan, Mooney, Sherratt, Tam
NOES: Spencer

MOTION CARRIED: 4-1

Member Spencer opposed because she is concerned about adding positions over \$112,000. Member Sherratt stated that it is not unusual that when educational needs shift – jobs shift to meet the need. Member Mooney stated that this was salary and benefits together - not just salary.

E-16 APPROVAL OF MOU FOR INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE PERMITS – Pulled by Member Spencer

She asked what other districts have signed this MOU. She was told that every other district is signing the same MOU too. It saves time and human resources to have this in place. Each districts’ policy trumps this agreement in a conflict arises.

MOTION: Member Sherratt **SECONDED: Member Tam**

AYES: McMahan, Mooney, Sherratt, Spencer, Tam
NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

E-17 BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY #3221 PARCEL TAX FUNDS – Pulled by Member Spencer

There is a sentence missing in the Financial Oversight section that was used in the original voter pamphlet that she would like put back into the language of this policy. Was this just an oversight? What would be the effect of not having it in? The language states that there would be

representation from each site. Our current language says that there will only be 11 members on the committee. Does that represent each site? We need to keep this process transparent.

MOTION: Member Mooney

SECONDED: Member Sherratt

AYES: McMahon, Mooney, Sherratt, Tam

NOES: Spencer

MOTION CARRIED: 4-1

Member Spencer opposed because she does not believe that 11 members represent all the sites and that is what the original language states.

Superintendent Vital: Would like to introduce the new AEA President Gray Harris to the Board of Education. Thanked her for staying for the whole meeting and welcomed her aboard.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:10 PM