

BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 29, 2010
City Council Chambers
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA

ADOPTED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Board President Mooney called the special meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSES SESSION TOPICS: There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: President Mooney adjourned to Closed Session at 6:03 PM.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Mooney reconvened the meeting in Public Session at 6:35 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Board Member Tam participated in the meeting via the posted teleconference location noted on the posted agenda]

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Member Spencer

That the Board of Education adopt the agenda.

SECONDED: Member McMahan

AYES: Jensen, McMahan, Mooney, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT: Board Members and staff present introduced themselves.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Vital reviewed follow-up items from previous meetings, visits, and other news.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Diane Alexander, community member, addressed the Board regarding the failure of Measure E and urged the Board not to give up on passing a parcel tax. Ms. Alexander presented a check in lieu of Measure E.

Christine Strena, parent and PTAC President, addressed the Board regarding Measure E and thanked the community and hundreds of volunteers for the tremendous 65.62% support. Ms. Strena noted the Measure was not supported by the entire Board, and one member used it as a

platform to make a more divisive community by actively campaigning against Measure E. Ms. Strena urged the Board to consider putting another rparcel tax on the ballot.

Sarah Olaes, Volunteer Coordinator for APLUS, addressed the Board regarding Measure E and thanked the hundreds of volunteers for their work on the Measure. Ms. Olaes indicated she is already receiving correspondence asking when another Measure will be put on the ballot.

Andy Currid, community member, addressed the Board regarding Measure E and noted one Board Member engaged in divisive behavior. Mr. Currid requested that parents wanting to donate \$359 to the District should instead fund the next campaign to put another parcel tax Measure on the ballot.

Al Wright, community member, noted a parcel tax is a temporary band aid and the community needs to descend upon the Governor and the state legislature. There are approximately 1,000 Districts in this state – if each one rented at least 1 yellow school bus and rallied in Sacramento, perhaps that would garner some attention. Voters should make it clear that legislators should promise to fund schools to the fullest intent of the law and pay back all that has been stolen.

Paige Barnes, community member, urged the Board to put another parcel tax on the ballot by spring 2011. Many community members are energized to support a new Measure. Ms. Barnes noted distress in seeing e-mails from a Board Member which appeared to advocate for one school. Ms. Barnes reiterated that one Board Member refused to endorse Measure E; the Board needs to come together as a whole to support what is in the best interest for all Alameda children.

Tom Lynch, Bay Farm PTA President, addressed the Board and urged the placement of a bond measure to build 1 high school and improve facilities on the ballot. Mr. Lynch noted Plan B will not work and will result in an East vs. West mentality; the Board needs to come up with a Plan C. Mr. Lynch noted several Districts that had passed bond measures.

Susan Davis, community member, echoed Mr. Wright's comments regarding the state legislature. Even if the Robles-Wong v. State of California lawsuit is successful, it will be a 5-8 year process; that is 1/3 to 2/3 of one child's education and we cannot let the District totally tank while we wait. Ms. Davis urged the Board to put another parcel tax on the ballot.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT: There was no action taken by the Board in Closed Session.

PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION NO. 10-0081 ADOPT FINAL BUDGET AND MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND ADOPT THE STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010/11

Robert Shemwell, Chief Business Officer, introduced the item.

Prior to the Public Hearing on the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/11, a presentation will be made which summarizes the fiscal conditions of the District for the Budget Year and multi-year projections. Education Code 42127(a) and (b) require that the District file an adopted operating

budget for all funds with the County Superintendent of Schools by July 1 of each fiscal year and that a Public hearing be held prior to the adoption of the budget.

Mr. Shemwell and Lydia Lotti, Fiscal Director, reviewed the budget via PowerPoint presentation and reviewed:

- 10/11 Budget Multi-Year Projections and Assumptions
- 10/11 Budget
- 10/11 Budget Components of Fund Balance
- Changes in Fund Balance from 3rd Interim
- Multi-Year Projections 2010/11 through 2012/13
- 11/12 Cuts
- 12/13 Cuts
- Current parcel tax uses
- 10/11 Budget Adoption Outstanding Issues Possibly Impacting the Budget
- Woodstock Child Development Center

The Board discussed the impacts of the continuing state budget cuts to the District and expressed appreciation for conservative budgeting. Mr. Shemwell clarified the contingencies information and the loss of ACLC revenue.

The Board continued to discuss furlough days, class size reduction, and the possibility of programs being cut due to a discontinuation of state funding. The Board discussed the cost of the swim centers, the portion of the budget going to salaries and benefits, and current parcel tax uses.

A Board Member asked about the cost of 7th period in middle school and/or zero period in high school. Another Board Member asked about the impact on kindergarten if WCDC were to close.

President Mooney opened the Public Hearing at 7:55 PM.

Jenni Marr, teacher, asked for clarification on the savings noted of \$796K.

Hearing no further public comment, President Mooney closed the Public hearing at 7:58 PM.

Superintendent Vital clarified that the savings of \$796K is a result of savings based on FTE.

MOTION: Member McMahon

SECONDED: Member Spencer

That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 10-0081 Adopt Final Budget and Make Appropriations and Adopt the Standards and Criteria for the Fiscal Year 2010/11.

AYES: Jensen, McMahon, Mooney, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 10-0083 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT TO IMPLEMENT SCENARIO B OF THE DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

The Board of Education of the Alameda Unified School District approved a District Master Plan for 2010-2015 at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 23, 2010. One of the primary strategies of the Master Plan is to pass a parcel tax that will allow the District to build the highest quality education for all students. On March 2, 2010, at a special meeting, the Board of Education approved the calling of an all-mail ballot election to be held on June 22, 2010, and which ballot Measure was titled Measure E. Although more than 65% of the voters supported Measure E, the Measure fell short of the requisite 2/3 vote to pass.

The Master Plan sets forth “Scenario B: The No Parcel Tax Scenario” and acknowledges the District will be forced to cut programs and make other painful changes and reductions in the event that Alameda rejects a new parcel tax. This Resolution provides Board direction to the Superintendent to begin planning the implementation of Scenario B and to bring back to the Board a phased approach to implementation in September 2010.

Elaine Spencer, EHS student, addressed the Board regarding the possibility of closing EHS and adding grade 9 to middle school. Ms. Spencer noted EHS recently achieved a “9” ranking in API similar schools and is a newer facility located on prime real estate with more room for expansion. More EHS students are dependent upon public transportation than AHS students, which would result in more tardies should AHS remain as the single high school in Alameda. Ms. Spencer added that 9th grade students benefit from being located on a high school campus and participating in clubs, sports, band, etc. It would be harder to transition as a sophomore, the same year many students enroll in AP classes for the first time.

The Board discussed areas of focus including facilities and adding a parcel tax to the ballot in spring 2011. The Board discussed that due to the uncertainties of state funding, it would be difficult to guarantee anything in a parcel tax.

A Board Member suggested adding a paragraph about the District encouraging direct solicitation. The Board Member added we need to look at the District as a whole and see the best way to configure our sites in total without separating secondary from elementary. Language should not be so specific as to limit options.

Superintendent Vital noted a timeline of November/December, possibly early January at the latest and suggested a format to solicit community input.

The Board Members discussed how to engage the community without the ability to guarantee certain programs/items could be “protected.”

A Board Member suggested adding another paragraph to direct the Superintendent to include the possibility of pursuing another parcel tax in the spring in her recommendation to the Board.

Superintendent Vital clarified the majority of the Board requested an additional “be it further resolved” to include direction that the Superintendent shall report to the Board as to the feasibility of placing a new parcel tax for election on or before March 2011.

MOTION: Member Mooney

SECONDED: Member Jensen

That the Board of Education approve Resolution 10-0083 of the Board of Education of the Alameda Unified School District Providing Direction to the Superintendent to Implement Scenario B of the District Master Plan.

AYES: Jensen, McMahon, Mooney, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 10-0082 APPROVAL OF FURLOUGH CALENDAR OPTIONS FOR:

AEA , ASTI (AEA); CSEA 27 – 150 DAY; CSEA 27 – CAMPUS SUPERVISOR; CSEA 17 – 180 DAY; CSEA 27 – 200 DAY; CSEA 27 SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONALS – 182 DAYS; PRINCIPALS; ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS; CSEA 27 – 12 MONTH OFFICE TECHNICAL; CONFIDENTIAL, CERTIFICATED AND CLASSIFIED DIRECTOR, CERTIFICATED AND CLASSIFIED SUPERVISORY; WCDC AEA AND CSEA 27; CSEA 860 – 12 MONTH; CSEA 860 12-MONTH (ALTERNATIVE); LICENSED EMPLOYEES AND CSEA 860 – FOOD SERVICES

Laurie McLachlan-Fry, Chief Human Resources Officer, introduced the item.

The District is making strategic budget reductions due to inadequate funding from the state as the result of changes in state education funding.

The District is committed to maintaining a balanced budget. Therefore, a reduction of up to \$7M must be implemented in the 2010/11 budget. This resolution supports the implementation of up to 8 furlough days for all employees.

A Board Member noted a correction to the ASTI calendar – school ends May 27, not June 27.

MOTION: Member Jensen

SECONDED: Member McMahon

That the Board of Education approve the furlough calendars as presented, with the corrected noted.

AYES: Jensen, McMahon, Mooney, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN AUSD AND BAY AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR 21ST CENTURY ASSETS-FUNDED HIGH SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM SERVICES

The 21st Century ASSETS grant will continue to provide academic and enrichment activities for Encinal HS and Island Continuation HS in the 2010/11 school year. AUSD desires to contract

with a Community-Based Organization to manage the personnel and programmatic aspects of the program.

This MOU spells out a variety of details including the various legal, financial, programmatic, and compliance terms and conditions that form a partnership between AUSD and Bay Area Community Resources to provide after-school services required by the 21st Century ASSETS grant. The agreement will increase the efficiency of operations and insure the continuation of a high-quality program to students.

A Board Member asked if the cost is comparable to what it has been for the District. Superintendent Vital clarified that the District has kept back monies in order to fund the Grants Coordinator position to keep the programs in compliance with all mandates.

A Board Member asked about the background qualifications of the organization. General Counsel Houck noted Jeff Knoth solicited from many different agencies and this agency did come highly recommended by other districts that use them to run their after-school programs. The Board Member encouraged staff to pursue service providers in Alameda in the future.

MOTION: Member Jensen

SECONDED: Member Mooney

That the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between AUSD and Bay Area Community Resources for 21st Century Assets-Funded High School After-School Program Services.

AYES: Jensen, McMahon, Mooney, Spencer, Tam

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN AUSD AND BAY AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR AFTER-SCHOOL EDUCATION AND SAFETY GRANT-FUNDED ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM SERVICES

Grant-funded after-school programs will continue to provide academic and enrichment activities for Washington, Haight, and Ruby Bridges elementary schools. AUSD desires to contract with a community-based organization to manage the personnel and programmatic aspects of the program.

This MOU spells out a variety of details including the various legal, financial, programmatic and compliance terms and conditions that form a partnership between AUSD and Bay Area Community Resources to provide after-school services required by the After School Education and Safety Program (ASES). The MOU will increase the efficiency of operations and insure the continuation of a high-quality program to students.

MOTION: Member Jensen

SECONDED: Member Mooney

That the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between AUSD and Bay Area Community Resources for After-School Education and Safety Grant-Funded Elementary and Middle School After-School Program Services.

AYES: Jensen, McMahon, Mooney, Spencer, Tam
NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

CLARIFICATION OF THE NUMBER OF WORK YEAR DAYS FOR UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

The purpose of this item is to correctly reflect the number of work days and ensure the proper job titles for all licensed and administrative positions in AUSD.

Ms. McLachlan-Fry clarified that this will align with furlough calendars and letters will be sent to each employee with furlough calendars so they understand how each reduction will look.

MOTION: Member Jensen

SECONDED: Member McMahon

That the Board of Education approve the revised work year days for unrepresented employees.

AYES: Jensen, McMahon, Mooney, Spencer, Tam
NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

President Mooney thanked all who attended and staff who worked so hard this fiscal year. President Mooney offered special thanks to Ms. McLachlan-Fry as she transitions into her new position.

President Mooney adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.