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APPROVED MINUTES
ALUM ROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2930 Gay Avenue
San Jose, CA 95127

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
of the Alum Rock Union School District
Held on Thursday, April 29, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at the Alum Rock Union School
Board Members and Superintendent participated via Zoom Meeting
Meeting #18-20/21

1. OPEN SESSION

1.01 Call to Order / Roll Call/ Pledge of Allegiance

President Corina Herrera-Loera welcomed everyone. President Corina Herrera-Loera called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by Roll Call.

Board Members Present:

Corina Herrera-Loera	President
Andrés Quintero	Vice-President
Ernesto Bejarano	Clerk
Linda Chavez	Member
Minh Pham	Member

Administrative and Support Staff Members Present:

Dr. Hilaria Bauer	Superintendent
Rene Sanchez	Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
Carlos Moran	Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Kolvira Chheng	Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Maribel Carrillo	Sr. Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office

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1. OPEN SESSION *(continued)*

1.01 Call to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

President Corina Herrera-Loera said there is a quorum.

2. Public Members Who Wish To Address The Board

2.01 Requests To Address the Board

There was none.

3. Superintendent/ Board Business

3.01 Facilities Repurposing Advisory Committee Update.

Assistant Superintendent Sanchez and Art Hand from FB 2 Solutions gave a presentation regarding the Facilities Repurposing Advisory Committee.

Public Comments:

1) Liz Sanchez said she would like the sites to be repurposed with enriched programs.
2) Adriane Vane said this was not the time to close schools.
3) Steven Zarate said he feels it is a bad idea to close Fischer Middle School.
4) Randal Barber said he urges the district not to close schools.
5) Rosa Sepulveda said it is not the time to close schools.
6) Mrs. Castillo said this was not the time to close schools during a pandemic.
7) Ms. Lowey said she is a teacher at Sheppard Middle School. She said when Pala closed the kids at the school went to a hard time when they needed to move schools.
8) Dilza Gonzalez thanked the Facilities Repurposing Advisory Committee.
9) Mr. Springer said he is a special education teacher and he said it is time to be creative.
10) Veronica Talton thanked Assistant Superintendent Sanchez and the committee for all their work.

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3. Superintendent/ Board Business *(continued)*

Public Comments:

11) Johnny Nguyen said he is in support of schools being repurposed.

12) Camille Llanes-Fontanilla said she would like the sites to be repurposed to generate revenue.

3.02 Discussion, Consideration and Action to Approve Resolution #41-20/21 Authorizing Closure of Mathson Middle School and Consolidation with Renaissance Academy at Mathson, and Closure of Fischer Middle School and Consolidation with Renaissance Academy at Fischer Beginning the 2021-2022 School Year.

Superintendent Bauer said this was a difficult decision. She said the budget has been presented to the Board and they need to take action.

Assistant Superintendent Chheng said the district has been in qualified status for the past three years. He said this year the district has been able to pay their responsibilities because of the one-time funds.

Vice-President Andrès Quintero said he would like to amend the resolution. He said he would like to add that students can access the same sites.

MOTION #01-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero it being further resolved guaranteed students already enrolled attending Lee Mathson and Fischer guaranteed access to Renaissance Mathson or Fischer whenever they are going. MOTION #01-18 was seconded by President Corina Herrera-Loera.

President Corina Herrera-Loera said she would like to add on the district open enrollment policy "students will be free to choose which Alum Rock middle school".

AMENDED MOTION #02-18 by Vice-President Andrés Quintero it being further resolved guaranteed students already enrolled attending Lee Mathson and Fischer guaranteed access to Renaissance Mathson or Fischer whenever they are going and add on the district open enrollment policy students will be free to choose which Alum Rock middle school . MOTION #02-18 was seconded by President Corina Herrera-Loera.

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3. Superintendent/ Board Business *(continued)*

Public Comments:

1) Brenda Zendejas said there is a surplus and there is no need to close the schools.

2) Adriane Vane said this was not the time to close schools.

3) Rosa Sepulveda said she is a parent of a special needs child. She said she is not going to be able to manage to send her child to another school.

4) Dilza Gonzalez said she has a child that attends Renaissance. She said as a parent she has a lot of questions.

5) Jocelyn Merz said the committee did a good job. She asked if the cost savings of school closures are worth the potential declining enrollment.

6) Ms. Lowey said when Pala closed students were upset.

7) Mr. Afazal thanked the community. He asked the Board to listen to the community.

8) Veronica said she would like to echo everyone's comments made. She said she would like to sites to be repurposed.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Vice-President Andrès Quintero, President Corina Herrera-Loera, Clerk Ernesto Bejarano, Member Minh Pham and Member Linda Chavez.
Vote: 5/0; Motion Carries

4. Adjournment

4.01 President Adjourns the Meeting

President Corina Herrera-Loera adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ernesto Bejarano
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Clerk Ernesto Bejarano
Board Clerk