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**Board Approves District Advisory Committee Members**

**Alameda, California – October 27, 2017** – At its October 24 public meeting, the Board of Education for the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) unanimously approved 11 members for a District Advisory Committee (DAC) that will study and make recommendations for what the district should do with five properties that it currently holds.

The five properties are:

- Bachelor Officer's Quarters (Alameda Point)
- Food Services Warehouse
- Lum Elementary School
- Maintenance Yard
- Thompson Field

State law requires that DACs be made up of 7 to 11 community members who are representative of the demographics of the school district and include parents, teachers, business representatives, and those with expertise in environmental impact, legal contracts, building codes, or land use planning in the City or County of Alameda.

Twenty-three community members applied to be on the DAC. District staff chose the following 11:

Christine Chilcott  
Daniel Chin  
Karin Fox  
Lisa Gallagher Goodwin  
Allison Leshefsky  
Brian McGuire

Brent Saldaña  
Helen Sause  
Kelly Scott  
Martha Silver  
Bill Sonneman

The Board also asked district staff to bring back recommendations for two alternates, at least one of which is to have experience with youth sports on the island. Those recommendations will be presented at at Board of Education meeting in November.

The DAC will have at least six public meetings and will also work with other community members to understand a wide range of perspectives to inform their recommendations to the Board of Education. The Board of Education will consider the DAC's recommendations and then make the final decision about the properties under consideration.

"I am grateful to the many community members who applied to serve on this committee," said Superintendent Sean McPhetridge. "They all had excellent qualifications, but in the end we had to choose those that would fulfill the requirements under state law. I look forward to working with our committee. I also want to emphasize that each DAC meeting is open to the public, and we welcome the community's input to this important advisory committee that will report to the Board of Education."

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