

District Advisory Committee
June 19, 2019
Niel Tam Educational Center
Ballena Conference Room
2060 Challenger Drive
Alameda, CA 94501

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Present: Christine Chilcott, Kelly Scott, Brian McGuire, Martha Silver

Shariq Khan, CBO; Dani Krueger, Executive Assistant, Seth Eckstein, Legal Representative Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost

Absent: Helen Sause, Bill Sonneman, Allison Leshefsky, Ron Matthews, Brent Saldana, Daniel Chin, Lisa Goodwin

A-1 Welcome and Introductions: Chair Chilcott welcomed all committee members and staff members to the meeting of the District Advisory Committee. Committee and staff members introduced themselves. Seth Eckstein, attorney with Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost (FFF), introduced himself to the group. The District has contracted with FFF for legal services in the absence of a General Counsel.

A-2 Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the meeting agenda for June 19, 2019.

Motion: Member: Silver Seconded: Member Scott

A-3 Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2018 meeting

Unable to approve due to lack of quorum. Approval moved to next meeting.

B. General Business

B-1 Emma Hood Swim Complex (Shariq Khan, CBO)

CBO Shariq Khan gave the committee a detailed presentation on current facility issues at the Emma Hood Swim Complex located at Alameda High School. The pool is approximately 60 years old and has a history of safety and code violations from the Alameda Health Department. In early 2019, Alameda Environmental Health issued a Notice of Health Concerns. They communicated that the pool would have to be closed unless short-term fixes were made and a long-term replacement plan was submitted.

In response, the Board of Education and the City Council created an ad-hoc committee to discuss various issues and report to both agencies. The consensus from these committee meetings is to build a new facility. Committee narrowed down potential location options to the current Emma Hood location and Thompson Field as a second choice.

City representatives have shared that the project would be funded by the City. Sites identified as potential locations are owned by the District and would require an agreement between the City and the District. The law provides an exemption to the general restrictions on public land use so school districts may sell or lease "recreational real property" to another government entity. The Legislature recognizes – as is the case here – that such property can fall into such disrepair as to be unusable, and other government entities may have an interest in maintaining the property for the benefit of the surrounding community. The District believes the pool facility plainly qualifies as recreational and could be sold or leased under this statute, since it is a space by which the community may enjoy swimming and other leisurely activities.

The role of the District Advisory Committee is to recommend answers for up to two questions for each property:

1. Is the property needed for current or projected future student use?
2. If not, what is/are the priority use(s) of the property?

Answers will be set out in a committee advisory report that must be adopted by a majority of the committee to be presented to the Board of Education.

B-3 Next meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be scheduled in the near future in order to compile the committee report. Staff will draft the report and bring to the committee for edits as necessary. A doodle poll will be sent to the committee to schedule the next meeting for the second or third weekend of August.

C. Adjournment

Chair Chilcott adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.