

District Advisory Committee  
August 14, 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 6:32 p.m.

**Present:** Christine Chilcott, Kelly Scott, Brian McGuire, Martha Silver, Ron Matthews,, Brent Saldana, Daniel Chin, Lisa Goodwin

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

**Absent:** Helen Sause, Bill Sonneman, Allison Leshefsky

**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 August 14, 2019 with one edit to date of minutes for approval to item A-3

**Motion: Member: Matthews      Seconded: Member Scott**

#### **A-3 Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2018 and June 19, 2019 meeting**

Motion to adopt meeting minutes from October 24, 2018 as presented.

**Motion: Member McGuire      Seconded: Member Silver**

**AYES:** 7 (Member Goodwin not yet arrived)

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**Motion Carried**

Motion to adopt meeting minutes from June 19, 2019 as presented.

**Motion: Member McGuire      Seconded: Member Scott**

**AYES: 4**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 3** –Members Matthews, Chin and Saldana not in attendance for meeting, member Goodwin not yet arrived)

**Motion Carried**

## **B. General Business**

### **B-1 Committee Recommendation to Board – Emma Hood Swim Center (Alameda High School)**

On June 19, 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?

Staff drafted the Recommendation to the Board based off feedback in the June meeting where members expressed their belief that the property was not needed for current or

projected future student use as well as a preference in leasing the Emma Hood site to another government entity as allowable by state law. Committee members reviewed the draft report and minor changes were made to language. This report will be presented to the Board of Education at its August 27, 2019 meeting. Staff and committee engaged in extensive discussion before calling for a motion to approve the Committee Recommendation to the Board.

Motion to approve the Committee Recommendation to the Board of Education

**Motion: Member McGuire      Seconded: Member Matthews**

**AYES: 8**

**NOES: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**Motion Carried**

### **B-3    Next meeting**

Member Sause has resigned from the committee. Staff informed current committee members to please reach out directly if they are wanting to resign their positions so that if necessary the District can advertise for open positions at one time.

No committee meeting planned for the immediate future. Staff will communicate to the committee as necessary and continue to utilize Doodle polling to schedule the next meeting.

### **C. Adjournment**

Chair Chilcott adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.