

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

August 13, 2019

City Hall Council Chambers

2263 Santa Clara Avenue

Alameda, CA 94501

### UNADOPTED MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on the date and place mentioned above.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Public Comment on Closed Session Topics

There were no public comments prior to Closed Session.

2. Adjourn to Closed Session - 5:30 PM

Board of Education Members present: Mia Bonta, Ardella Dailey, Gray Harris, and Jennifer Williams.

Board of Education Members absent: Gary K. Lym

3. Reconvene to Public Session - 6:30PM

Board President Bonta reconvened the meeting at 6:30PM.

4. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance – Board Members

Board of Education Members led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Introduction of Board Members and Staff:

Board of Education Members present: Mia Bonta, Ardella Dailey, Gray Harris, and Jennifer Williams.

Board of Education Members absent: Gary K. Lym

AUSD staff members present: Superintendent Sean McPhetridge, Chief Business Officer Shariq Khan, Chief Academic Officer Steven Fong, Chief Human Resources Office Timothy Erwin, Chief Student Support Officer Kirsten Zazo, and Senior Executive Assistant Kerri Lonergan.

6. Closed Session Action Report:

The Board of Education did not take any action in Closed Session.

#### B. MODIFICATION(S) OF THE AGENDA:

*Motion to pull consent item #4 – The Approval of Amendment to Quitclaim Deed and Environmental Restriction Pursuant to California Civil Code 1471 (240 & 250 Singleton Avenue) from the US Navy off the Consent Calendar. This item will be discussed at the end of General Business.*

**MOTION:** Member Bonta

**SECONDED:** Member Harris

**BOARD MEMBER VOTES**

**AYES:** Members Bonta, Dailey, Harris, and Williams

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:** Member Lym

**MOTION APPROVED**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Motion to approve the minutes from the March 26<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meetings.*

**MOTION:** Member Harris

**SECONDED:** Member Williams

**BOARD MEMBER VOTES**

**AYES:** Members Bonta, Dailey, Harris, and Williams

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:** Member Lym

**MOTION APPROVED**

**D. COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments during this agenda item.

2. Written Correspondence

The Board did not receive any written correspondence related to this agenda.

3. Report from Employee Organizations

*Judith Klinger, President Alameda Education Association (AEA):* Ms. Klinger welcomed Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi and Chief Academic Officer Sara Stone. Ms. Klinger welcomed back Alameda's teachers, who are busy setting up their classrooms in anticipation for August 19th.

Ms. Klinger stated she is happy District leadership is acknowledging that teacher salaries are low and need to be raised. Ms. Klinger stated AEA is still looking for solutions within the current AUSD budget to find the money for increased teacher compensation

*Cindy Zecher, President California School Employees Association, Chapter 27 (CSEA 27):* Ms. Zecher stated she was happy to sit down with new Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi this summer to talk about the year ahead. Ms. Zecher stated classified staff are hard at work getting the school sites ready for students to come back on August 19th. Ms. Zecher encouraged the

community to visit school sites to see the beautiful work and improvements their tax dollars have paid for. Ms. Zecher stated she is looking forward to a great school year.

4. Report from PTA Council

The PTA Council did not provide a report.

5. Board Members' Report

*Board President Mia Bonta:* Member Bonta shared there was a wonderful, well attended ribbon cutting ceremony for the Historic Alameda High School building. Member Bonta thanked staff for their hard work and she thanked all Board members for attending the ceremony. Member Harris stated she is thankful and grateful to Superintendent Scuderi for starting off his career in Alameda so strongly.

*Board Vice President Gray Harris:* Member Harris welcomed everyone back for the new school year.

*Board Member Ardella Dailey:* Member Dailey stated she got a chance to see the new improvements at Lincoln Middle School and she was amazed to see the work completed by classified and certificated staff.

6. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi thanked the Board, AUSD staff, and members of the Alameda community for welcoming him to Alameda. Superintendent Scuderi also acknowledged custodial staff, school office staff, principals, teachers, and many others who have been busy preparing AUSD's school sites for the first day of school on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Scuderi introduced the following new AUSD management employees:

- Sara Stone, Chief Academic Officer
- Pam Kazee, Director of Special Education
- Mary Busby, Coordinator of Special Education
- Gabriel Welcher, Program Manager in Student Support Services
- Ashley DeGrano, Assistant Principal of Alameda High School
- Danielle Pharr-Matthews, Principal of Ruby Bridges Elementary School
- Jin Kim (not in attendance), Vice Principal of Ruby Bridges Elementary School

**E. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Certificated Personnel Actions
2. Classified Personnel Actions
3. Approval and Acceptance of Donations

4. Approval of Amendment to Quitclaim Deed and Environmental Restriction Pursuant to California Civil Code 1471 (240 & 250 Singleton Avenue) from the US Navy
5. Approval of Bill Warrants and Payroll Registers
6. Approval of Measure I Contracts (Standing Item)
7. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Alameda Unified School District and Alameda Family Services
8. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Alameda Unified School District and Peralta Community College District for Special Admit Classes
9. Approval of Memorandums of Understanding between Alameda Unified School District and Alameda County Office of Education: Integrated Learning Specialist Program, Tobacco Use Prevention Education, K12 SWP STEAM Ahead, and K12 SWP Alignment Bay Area Alternative Pathways to Teaching
10. Approval of Secondary Course Description: Accelerated 7 Math
11. Approval of Special Education Local Plan Area Contracts
12. Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
13. Ratification of Contracts Executed Pursuant to Board Policy 3300
14. Resolution No. 2019-2020.01 Approval of Budget Transfers, Increases, Decreases
15. Resolution No. 2019-2020.02 Appointment of Authorized Agents for the Board of Education
16. Resolution No. 2019-2020.03 Delegation of Authority to Purchase and Contract
17. Resolution No. 2019-2020.04 Signature Authorization for the State of California Department of Rehabilitation Grant Documentation
18. Resolution No. 2019-2020.05 Appointing Members of the Disciplinary Hearing Panel(s) for 2019-20

***Motion to approve the adoption of the Consent Calendar.***

**MOTION:** Member Harris

**SECONDED:** Member Williams

**BOARD MEMBER VOTES**

**AYES:** Members Bonta, Dailey, Harris, and Williams

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:** Member Lym

**MOTION APPROVED**

**F. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Resolution No. 2019-20120.06 Appointment of Board Secretary  
Pursuant to Board Bylaw BB 9122: Secretary, the Board shall appoint the Superintendent to serve as Secretary to the Board. The Secretary to the Board shall be responsible for maintaining a record of Board proceedings and shall:

- Prepare, distribute, and maintain the Board agenda
- Record, distribute, and maintain Board minutes
- Maintain Board records and documents
- Conduct official correspondence for the Board
- As directed by the Board, sign and execute official papers
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Board

At its Annual Organizational meeting on December 2019, then Superintendent Sean McPhetridge was assigned as the District's Board Secretary. Since then, Pasquale Scuderi was approved as the Superintendent at the Board's June 25th meeting and he will now, pending approval of the attached resolution, be the District's Board Secretary.

***Motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-20120.06 Appointment of Board Secretary.***

**MOTION:** Member Dailey

**SECONDED:** Member Harris

**BOARD MEMBER VOTES**

**AYES:** Members Bonta, Dailey, Harris, and Williams

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:** Member Lym

**MOTION APPROVED**

2. Update on Exploration of Potential Parcel Tax for Increasing Employee Compensation

Shariq Khan, Chief Business Officer introduced Sara LaBatt from EMC Research who gave the Board and public information on polling results from a recently conducted poll on the potential for a new parcel tax to increase employee salaries.

Ms. LaBlatt gave the Board information on the questions asked during the polling, and she shared key findings from the poll. Key findings included:

- Alameda voters believe AUSD employees
- Alameda voters believe Alameda Unified School District is doing a good job and many agree quality schools are worth increased taxes.
- Few feel that the District pays teachers and staff adequate salaries and benefits.
- Support today for a parcel tax measure for teacher and staff salaries and benefits falls.
- Additional information about what the measure would increase support to near the two-thirds threshold, including helping to sustain strong academic programs, attracting, retaining, and supporting teachers and employees, and making salaries and benefits competitive with local districts.
- There is some evidence that opposition messaging could have an impact on support.

Public Comments

*Beth Aney, parent of AUSD students and PTA Council President:* Ms. Aney stated all parents appreciate the hard work of teachers, staff, and administrators. Ms. Aney thanked AUSD staff for supporting children and families in Alameda. Ms. Aney stated she wants all children in Alameda to have the best educational opportunities. Ms. Aney stated she has spoken to many families across Alameda, and everyone she has spoken to has been in support of a potential parcel tax to increase compensation for teachers and staff. Ms. Aney stated parents want to support teachers but they need their support and partnership to make the parcel tax successful.

3. Approval of Amendment to Quitclaim Deed and Environmental Restriction Pursuant to California Civil Code 1471 (240 & 250 Singleton Avenue) from the US Navy

Chief Business Officer Shariq Khan introduced this resolution which was pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion. At its June 25, 2019 meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2018-2019.57 which authorized the updated application for Parcel 2 of the former Alameda Naval Air Station (the former Singleton Avenue properties).

In 2015, as the District experienced growth and the City of Alameda continued developing, the District took advantage of the Naval property's availability, applied, and was granted ownership. That application had the intention of the District using the property to rehouse WDCD and Island High. Since then the District has discovered that the buildings are not suitable for direct educational services, the District proposed using the parcel to house a maintenance yard, food services warehouse, and office space for itinerant staff members. The District received approval of its updated application from the US Navy on July 5, 2019.

*Motion to approve the Amendment to Quitclaim Deed and Environmental Restriction Pursuant to California Civil Code 1471 (240 & 250 Singleton Avenue) from the US Navy.*

**MOTION:** Member Williams

**SECONDED:** Member Bonta

**BOARD MEMBER VOTES**

**AYES:** Members Bonta, Dailey, Harris, and Williams

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:** Member Lym

**MOTION APPROVED**

G. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Bonta adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm