

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 24, 2023
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Meeting Held on Zoom Platform

UNADOPTED MINUTES

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Public Comment on Closed Session Topics:

The Board did not receive any public comments related to this agenda.

2. Adjourn to Closed Session - 5:30 PM

Board of Education Members present: Board President Jennifer Williams, Board Vice President Heather Little, Board Clerk Megan Sweet, Board Trustee Gary K. Lym, and Board Trustee Ryan LaLonde.

AUSD staff members present: Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent - Human Resources, Timothy Erwin, and Assistant Superintendent - Business Services, Shariq Khan.

Items discussed in Closed Session:

- Conference with Labor Negotiators: AEA, CSEA 27, CSEA 860, and Management employee groups were discussed.
- Student Discipline, Student Suspension, Student Expulsion, or Student Expulsion Readmittance Govt. Code § 35146, 489181)

3. Reconvene to Public Session - 6:30PM

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

4. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance - Board of Education President Heather Little led the Pledge of Allegiance

5. Introduction of Board Members and Staff Via TeleConference:

Board of Education Members present: Board President Heather Little, Board Vice President Megan Sweet, Board Trustee Jennifer Williams, and Board Trustee Ryan LaLonde. Student Board Members present: Alameda High Student Board Member Talia Kotovsky, ASTI Student Board Member Evan Lu, and Encinal Student Board Member Vinny Camarillo.

Board Clerk Gary K. Lym was absent from Public Session.

AUSD staff members present: Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Timothy Erwin; Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Shariq Khan; Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Kirsten Zazo; Senior Director of

Equity and African American/Multicultural Achievement, Shamar Edwards; Senior Manager of Community Affairs, Susan Davis and Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Kerri Lonergan.

6. Closed Session Action Report:

The Board vote 5-0 to approve staff's recommendation that student #84120 be expelled from the Alameda Unified School District through June, with conditions. Student may apply for readmission after June eighth, 2023.

B. MODIFICATION(S) OF THE AGENDA:

Board members discussed shortening the night's agenda due to a large number of public speakers present.

Motion to move the Update Literacy on Literacy Framework (current last item under General Business) to the second meeting in February.

MOTION: Member Little

SECONDED: Member Williams

ROLL CALL VOTE

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Camarillo, Lu, and Kotovsky

NOES:

ABSENT:

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Williams, Little, Sweet, and LaLonde

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Lym

MOTION APPROVED

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

There were no public comments under this agenda item.

2. Written Correspondence:

The Board received 62 emails related to General Business item #4: *AUSD Strategic Plan: Budget Proposals and Scenarios for 2023-2024.*

3. Report from Employee Organizations:

Charlie Satterfield, Alameda Education Association (AEA): Mr. Satterfield wished everyone a happy Lunar New Year.

Amy Keegan, California School Employees Association, Chapter 27 (CSEA 27): Ms. Keegan announced CSEA 27 voted to approve the updated job descriptions for several job titles: Behavior Tech, Accountability Specialist,

Budget Analysts for MOF, Budget Analyst and Compliance for Special Education, Records Tech for Special Education Transportation, and Database Administrator for Special Education. Ms. Keegan thanked past President Cindy Zecher, who partnered with Tim Erwin, Assistant Superintendent of HR to get these changes completed.

Ms. Keegan announced CSEA will be hosting a pre-retirement seminar at 10:00am on March 18th, in the cafeteria of Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School.

Ms. Keegan thanked the recently elected 2023 CSEA Executive Board and she announced there are two vacant seats that they hope to fill by the end of next month.

4. Report from PTA Council:

There was not a report from the PTA Council.

5. Board Members' Report:

Board Vice President Megan Sweet: Board Vice President Sweet wished everyone a Happy Lunar New Year, and she gave a hearty congratulations to our newest California Distinguished Schools: Earhart, Bay Farm and Otis Elementary.

Vice President Sweet also talked about the two mass shootings in California, where 10 people were killed, and another 10 were injured. Vice President Sweet stated there was another shooting yesterday and Half Moon Bay where seven people were killed. Vice President Sweet stated there have already been at least 39 mass shootings in the United States this calendar year.

Vice President Sweet stated there's a lot we can do, but we need to acknowledge that we have an epidemic here around mass shootings for those of us that have guns. She further stated the best thing you can do is lock them up to make sure that no one can access them.

Vice President Sweet let the audience know if you are aware of somebody who's showing that they might be considering harming themselves or someone else, please alert the authorities.

Board Member Jennifer Williamson on behalf of Board Clerk Gary K. Lym: Board Member Williams read a statement from Board Clerk Gary K. Lym: "I am traveling out of state for a meeting that was planned last November I wanted to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. However, I am deeply saddened by the recent 2 mass shootings of Asians. During a time that should have been full of celebration and family gathering, my heartfelt prayers go out to the families of the victims who are now mourning the senseless act of violence against Asian American, I am deeply troubled at the continued violence toward Asians, in our nation."

Board Clerk Lym asked that we stand together to condemn these heinous acts for those who seek support.

Board Member Ryan LaLonde: Board Member LaLonde stated he attended the Special Education event held this weekend, and he thanked the AUSD Special Education Department for putting together the family forum this weekend.

Board Member LaLonde stated he attended the Boho Circle Park Ribbon Cutting Event in Alameda. Board Member LaLonde stated the park was named after the longest and oldest Filipino organization in California. Board Member LaLonde stated the event was beautiful, with lots of celebration, color, and music. Board Member LaLonde stated the event was vibrant, and it was a beautiful time to be outside which we haven't had it for a while.

Board President Heather Little: Board President Little thanked the staff of teachers, students, and principal Crawford for hosting a site visit last week for both Board Clerk Lym and her at Bay Farm School last week, and she stated she looks forward to attending the Bay Farm Parent meeting that's scheduled for this Thursday.

Board President Little wished everybody, along with my other colleagues, a Happy New Year, and she expressed her deep appreciation for everyone who attended Saturday's Grand Opening Celebration for the Boho Circle in Immigrant Park.

Board President Little stated, along with everybody this evening, she is deeply saddened by the shootings that have recently taken place.

6. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi: Superintendent Scuderi stated he wanted to echo and support everything the Board said, both in terms of wishing folks a Happy Lunar New Year, and he condemned all the violence that we continue to see. Superintendent Scuderi stated he would save any other comments he has for our General Business items.

7. Student Board Member's Report:

Evan Lu, ASTI: Student Board Member Lu stated ASTI just returned from Winter Break four days ago so there is not much to report other than the ASTI PTSA has a meeting tomorrow that all are invited to. Student Board Member Lu stated that while the original application for ASTI is now closed, the enrollment wait list remains open for people to sign up if they are interested in attending ASTI for the 2023-2024 school year.

Talia Kotovsky, Alameda High School: Student Board Member Kotovsky stated the first of the most frequently asked questions have gone back out to students with answers. Student Board Member Kotovsky announced the Wellness Committee has created an online form for students to anonymously report incidents of hate speech and the people writing it. Student Board Member Kotovsky stated the Diversity Committee is holding a Student Art Gallery at Phoenix from 6 to 9 pm.

Vinny Camarillo, Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School: Student Board Member Camarillo wished everyone a Happy Lunar New Year. Student Board Member Camarillo was thinking of the opening of Boho Circle Park and he

was reflecting on how lucky he is to am to live in a community that honors the historical groups. Student Board Member Camarillo stated he condemns the recent mass shootings that have occurred, and he feels fortunate to be in a District where there are an abundant amount of resources available to students, especially at a time when they are needed.

D. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Certificated Personnel Actions
2. Classified Personnel Actions
3. Approval and Acceptance of Donations
4. Approval of Bid Award per Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 023-040-01 Special Education Transportation Services
5. Approval of Bill Warrants and Payroll Registers
6. Approval of Facilities Bond Measure I and Measure B Contracts (Standing Item)
7. Approval of Special Education Local Plan Area Master Contracts
8. Proclamation: A Season for Nonviolence, January 30 – April 4, 2023
9. Proclamation: African American History Month - February
10. Proclamation: Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution - January 30, 2023
11. Proclamation: Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month - February
12. Ratification of Contracts Executed Pursuant to Board Policy 3300
13. Resolution No. 2022-2023.32 Approval of Budget Transfers, Increases, Decreases
14. Resolution No. 2022-2023.33 Recommendation to Decrease the Number of Classified Employees Due to a Lack of Work and/or Lack of Funds for the 2023-2024 School Year - June Deadline
15. Resolution No. 2022-2023.34 Recommendation to Decrease the Number of Classified Employees Due to a Lack of Work and/or Lack of Funds for the 2023-2024 School Year - March Deadline

Public Comment (Given after General Business Item #1):

Sean Benallo, Manager, EverDriven Technologies: Mr. Benallo asked the Board to reconsider the contract awarded to Zum Services for Special Education Transportation due to the fact that for two consecutive years the contractor who is being awarded the contract was not able to provide the services they contracted for.

Motion to adopt the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Member Sweet

SECONDED: Member Williams

ROLL CALL VOTE

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Camarillo, Lu, and Kotovsky

NOES:

ABSENT:

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Williams, Little, Sweet, and LaLonde

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Lym

MOTION APPROVED

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Each year, the law requires school districts to review the annual audit of the school district's financial records for the prior fiscal year at a public meeting.

The audit examines the District's compliance with state and federal standards and procedures for the District to implement sound fiscal management practices for the most effective and efficient use of public funds.

Arthur Ngo gave the Board the District's Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 ended June 30, 2022, as performed by audit firm Moss Adams, LLP.

Motion to approve the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022.

MOTION: Member Sweet

SECONDED: SB Member Kotovsky

ROLL CALL VOTE

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Camarillo, Lu, and Kotovsky

NOES:

ABSENT:

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Williams, Little, Sweet, and LaLonde

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Lym

MOTION APPROVED

2. Measure I Bond Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Each year, the law requires school districts to review the annual audit of the school district's financial records for the prior fiscal year at a public meeting.

The Measure I Bond audit examines the District's compliance with state and federal standards and procedures for Measure I, a facilities bond, which the citizens of Alameda approved in November 2014. Measure I authorized the District to issue General Obligation Bonds (GO Bonds) up to \$179.5 million.

Arthur Ngo gave the Board the District's Measure I Bond Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 ended June 30, 2022, as performed by audit firm Moss Adams, LLP.

Motion to approve the Measure I Bond Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022.

MOTION: Member Sweet

SECONDED: Member Williams

ROLL CALL VOTE

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Camarillo, Lu, and Kotovsky

NOES:

ABSENT:

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Williams, Little, Sweet, and LaLonde

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Lym

MOTION APPROVED

3. Governor's Budget Proposal for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Shariq Khan, Assistant Superintendent Business Services provided a briefing on the Governor's budget proposal for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Governor Newsom submitted his 2023-2024 State Budget proposal to the legislature on January 10, 2023. Staff attended School Services of California Governor's Budget Workshop in Sacramento on Wednesday, January 18.

The budget proposal includes significant investments in the K-12 education system made possible due to the unexpected turnaround in the State revenue. The proposal also includes creating various categorical resources rather than providing unrestricted funds for Schools Boards to make local decisions.

The Governor will provide his revised 2023-2024 budget proposal in May 2023.

Mr. Khan discussed the following with the Board:

- Budget timeline
- AUSD priorities
- Themes for 2023-24 Governor's Budget Proposal
- State budget and economy
- Governor's proposal and impact on AUSD

Mr. Khan also discussed other proposed state proposals and funding/grants, including:

- Discretionary Block Grant
- Universal Transitional Kindergarten

- Museum Block Grant, and
- Changes to the LCAP

4. AUSD Strategic Plan: Budget Proposals and Scenarios for 2023-2024

On August 9th, the Board of Education had a study session on AUSD's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and how it intersected with the District's budget priorities.

The study session opened the discussion of what the Board, working with Superintendent Scuderi and his Executive team, wanted to prioritize for the 2022-2023 budget and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

At the September 13th Board of Education meeting, the Board and the Superintendent, along with members of his Executive team, had a discussion about how the District's Strategic Plan intersects with the LCAP. As a part of this discussion, a presentation was shown that focused on Strategic Plan Goal 1 and current related LCAP expenditures.

Subsequent presentations on the topics of LCAP, budget priorities, and the District's Strategic Plan came to the Board at regularly scheduled meetings held in October and November.

Tonight's presentation will continue to focus on providing the Board budget scenarios and staff suggestions for reductions for the 2023-2024 school year. Staff is asking the Board to take action on the following items tonight:

- Reduction in staffing for Teen Parenting Program at Island
- Approval of staff recommendation regarding COVID Relief Balance Expenditures
- Approval of staff recommendation regarding Learning Recovery Block Grant Expenditures

Public Comment (student speakers were prioritized):

Max Gurevich, AUSD student: Max asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Pouncy, AUSD student: Pouncy asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Mateo Esparrago, AUSD student: Mateo asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Nia Esparrago, AUSD student: Nia asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Helen Sze, AUSD student: Helen asked the Board to continue funding Innovative program at Earhart Elementary School.

Bay Farm Student, AUSD student: The Student (no name given) asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Maithili Tiche, AUSD student: Maithili asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Jeremy and Robyn, AUSD students: Jeremy and Robyn asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Lincoln Medeiros, AUSD student: Lincoln asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Luke W, AUSD student: Luke W. asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Gigi, AUSD student: Gigi asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Ryan G., AUSD student: Ryan asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Nicolas Ferguson, AUSD student: Nicholas asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Christian Popalardo, AUSD student: Christian asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Aiyana Beck, AUSD student: Aiyana asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Carmen Warming, AUSD student: Carmen asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Isaiah Mendoza, AUSD student: Isaiah asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Lilah Kaufman, AUSD student: Lilah asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Lita Sze, AUSD student: Lita asked the Board to continue funding the Innovative program at Earhart Elementary School.

Maithili Tiche reading for Sammy, AUSD student: Sammy asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Josh, AUSD student: Josh asked the Board to continue funding the Innovative program at Earhart Elementary School.

Cruz Ortiz, AUSD student: Cruz asked the Board to continue funding the Innovative program at Earhart Elementary School.

Neil, AUSD student: Neil asked the Board to continue funding the Innovative program at Earhart Elementary School.

Lydia, AUSD student: Lydia asked the Board to continue funding the Innovative program at Earhart Elementary School.

Rose, AUSD student: Rose asked the Board to continue funding the Innovative program at Earhart Elementary School.

Brody, AUSD student: Brody asked the Board to continue funding the Innovative program at Earhart Elementary School.

Orion Mitchell, AUSD student: Orion asked the Board to continue funding the Innovative program at Earhart Elementary School.

Joe Maise, parent of AUSD student: Mr. Maise asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Jennifer Russo, parent of AUSD student: Jennifer asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Amanda Sibley, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Sibley asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Alicia Mills, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Mills asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Marin Medeiros, parent of AUSD student: Mr. Medeiros asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Erica Hartono, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Hartono asked the Board to continue funding the Innovative Program at Maya Lin School.

Kitty Aquino-Esparrago, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Aquino-Esparrago asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Lauren Daley, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Dailey asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Robert Pilawa-Podgurski, parent of AUSD student: Mr. Pilawa-Podgurski asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Judi Stanton, parent of AUSD student: Dr. Stanton asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Melissa Anderson, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Anderson asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Caitlin Kenney, AUSD teacher: Ms. Kenney asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Kasturi Maitra, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Maitra asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Brooke Pilawa, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Pilawa asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Karen Vigna Watson, parent of AUSD student: Dr. Vigna Watson asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Susan Lindtner, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Lindtner asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Daria Mehra, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Mehra asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Tina Low, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Low asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Kristen Weiss, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Weiss asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Daira Popalardo, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Popalardo asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Merideth Mehiberg, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Mehiberg asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Kjerste Lee, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Lee asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Carmen Henrikson, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Henrikson asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Roxanne Clement, AUSD teacher: Ms. Clement asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Matthew Esparrago, parent of AUSD student: Mr. Esparrago asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Chez Min, parent of AUSD student: Chez asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Anna Leah Ah, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Leah Ah asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Marie L, parent of AUSD student: Marie asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Chuck Kapelke, parent of AUSD student: Mr. Kapelke asked the Board to continue funding the Earhart Innovative Program.

Paul Schinke, parent of AUSD student: Mr. Schinke asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Anna Leah Ah, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Leah Ah asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Lily C., parent of AUSD student: Lily asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Assia Day, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Day asked the Board to continue funding the Maya Lin School Innovative program.

Caroline Brossard, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Brossard asked the Board to continue funding the Maya Lin School Innovative program.

Athena Breuer, parent of AUSD student: Ms. Breuer asked the Board to continue funding the Bay Farm School 6-8 program.

Motion to extend meeting beyond 10:30pm and until 11pm.

MOTION: Member Williams

SECONDED: SB Member Camarillo

ROLL CALL VOTE

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Camarillo, Lu, and Kotovsky

NOES:

ABSENT:

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Williams, Little, Sweet, and LaLonde

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Lym

MOTION APPROVED

Board members discussed what the funding for Earhart Science Program covers. Staff responded that it covers one dedicated science teacher.

Board members asked if the decision on Bay Farm Middle School could be delayed for a bit in order to get more data on enrollment? Staff responded that the decision needs to be made as soon as possible because there are layoff implications and families need to know what programs are available to them for the 2023-2024 school year.

Board members remarked that there is a long pattern of families sending students out of AUSD for middle school but bringing them back for high school.

Motion to approve a reduction in staffing for the Teen Parenting Program at Island High School, and the Staff Recommended Expenditures as shown for COVID Relief Balance on the Proposed Learning Recovery Block Grant.

MOTION: Member Williams

SECONDED: SB Member Camarillo

ROLL CALL VOTE

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Camarillo, Lu, and Kotovsky

NOES:

ABSENT:

BOARD MEMBER VOTES

AYES: Members Williams, Little, Sweet, and LaLonde

NOES:

ABSENT: Member Lym

MOTION APPROVED

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- F. ADJOURNMENT** – Board President Heather Little adjourned the meeting at 10:52pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Kerri Lonergan
Senior Executive Assistant
Alameda Unified School District

