

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER HIGH SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION**

October 16, 2018

Island High School – Multipurpose Room
500 Pacific Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

UNADOPTED MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING: The special meeting of the Committee to Consider High School Consolidation was held on the date and place mentioned above.

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order/Introduction

Chairperson Mia Bonta called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

2. Establishment of Quorum

Committee to Consider High School Consolidation members present: Mia Bonta, Richard Bunker, Kelly Hartlaub Gregor, Cameron Furuichi Fong, Jyosna Jaslow, Chuck Kapelke, Denise Langowski, Marva Lyons, Melody Ma, Liza Gabato Morse, Sofía Orduña, Ron Parodi, Melanie Shannon, Kathy Lamb-Tansey, Bill Withrow, and Cindy Zecher.

Committee to Consider High School Consolidation members absent: Akiko Kelley and Dorothy Jones.

AUSD staff members present: Superintendent Sean McPhetridge, General Counsel Chad Pimentel, Chief Business Officer Shariq Khan, Chief Student Support Officer Kirsten Zazo, Chief Academic Officer Steven Fong, Senior Manager of Community Affairs Susan Davis, and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Kerri Lonergan.

Committee members Cheryl Lua and Serena Woon entered the meeting after roll call.

3. Public Comments

Sean McPhetridge, Superintendent of Schools, AUSD: Dr. McPhetridge read a letter sent to the Committee that explained his proposal to increase dual enrollment with College of Alameda at Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School High.

Dr. McPhetridge explained that a recent staff presentation showed Encinal Junior Senior High School cannot offer the number and range of AP classes Alameda High School enjoys because of the economy of scale at that larger school.

Dr. McPhetridge stated district staff and Encinal administrators are looking at ways to increase participation of historically underrepresented students in advanced coursework. Dr. McPhetridge stated that concurrently working toward increasing dual enrollment opportunities so more students are

participating in college level coursework while in high school would be a way to bridge the equity gap.

Dr. McPhetridge stated ASTI, AUSD's early college high school, offers college coursework to students in the 11th and 12th grade years in their course of study, and many ASTI students graduate with an Associate of Arts degree and a high school diploma simultaneously. Dr. McPhetridge explained this has meant those students are more competitive and better prepared for college as a result. He also shared how dual enrollment is also currently used to a lesser degree at Island High School and Encinal.

Dr. McPhetridge asked the Committee to consider making Encinal a school that leverages dual enrollment with the College of Alameda in the meetings ahead as they begin to brainstorm secondary alternatives.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the October 2, 2018 Committee to Consider High School Consolidation were considered.

Meeting minutes to be amended to include Committee Member Bill Withrow who was in attendance for the meeting but was not listed in the minutes.

Motion to adopt October 2, 2018 minutes with the modification of listing Committee Member Bill Withrow as being present during the meeting and all motions.

MOTION: Kathy Lamb-Tansey

SECONDED: Marva Lyons

AYES: Mia Bonta, Richard Bunker, Kelly Hartlaub Gregor, Cameron Furuichi Fong, Jyosna Jaslow, Chuck Kapelke, Denise Langowski, Marva Lyons, Cheryl Lua, Melody Ma, Liza Gabato Morse, Sofía Orduña, Ron Parodi, Melanie Shannon, Kathy Lamb-Tansey, Serena Woon, Bill Withrow, and Cindy Zecher.

NOES: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

ABSENT: Akiko Kelly and Dorothy Jones

MOTION APPROVED

C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS

1. Discussion and Action on Alternate Name of Committee

Prior to the discussion of this item, Chairperson Mia Bonta asked for a moment of silence for Vice Chairperson Liza Gabato Morse's family member who recently passed away.

Committee members suggested two names: Committee to Consider High School Consolidation and Alternative Scenarios and Committee to Consider Secondary School Alternatives.

A Committee member suggested keeping part of the previous name to help members of the community follow along with the process. Another Committee member reiterated this idea. A third Committee member agreed with the name being changed to the Committee to Consider High School Consolidation and Alternative Scenarios.

Motion to change the name of the Committee to Consider High School Consolidation to Committee to Consider Secondary School Alternatives.

MOTION: Bill Withrow

SECONDED: Liza Gabato Morse

Committee members discussed this name change and the scope of the Committee. Committee members stated it may have changed the makeup of the Committee had the name of the Committee been called this at the start of the process.

AYES: Mia Bonta, Richard Bunker, Cameron Furuichi Fong, Liza Gabato Morse, Jyosna Jaslow, Marva Lyons, Cindy Zecher, and Bill Withrow

NOES: Chuck Kapelke, Kathy Lamb-Tansey, Denise Langowski, Cheryl Lua, Melody Ma, Sofia Orduña, Ron Parodi, Melanie Shannon, and Serena Woon

ABSTAIN: Kelly Hartlaub Gregor

ABSENT: Akiko Kelly and Dorothy Jones

MOTION FAILED

Motion to change the name of the Committee to Consider High School Consolidation to Committee to Consider High School Consolidation and Alternative Scenarios.

MOTION: Cheryl Lua

SECONDED: Ron Parodi

AYES: Richard Bunker, Cameron Furuichi Fong, Chuck Kapelke, Jyosna Jaslow, Kathy Lamb-Tansey, Denise Langowski, Cheryl Lua, Melody Ma, Sofia Orduña, Ron Parodi, Melanie Shannon, and Serena Woon

NOES: Mia Bonta, Liza Gabato Morse, Marva Lyons, Cindy Zecher, and Bill Withrow

ABSTAIN: Kelly Hartlaub Gregor

ABSENT: Akiko Kelly and Dorothy Jones

MOTION APPROVED

2. Summation of Findings to Date

Two Committee members asked how and when the agenda was changed to remove the previously scheduled Student Support Services presentation from the agenda. Chairperson Bonta stated at the last meeting Committee members expressed an interest in having time to discuss data presented to date. She also stated she worked with staff to set the agenda as Chairperson of the Committee. Brianna Garcia from School Services of California reminded Committee members there would be time to discuss future agendas at the end of the meeting.

Committee members discussed previous presentations, including the demographic information given at the first meeting of the Committee. Committee members stated, although it would not be impossible, it would be very costly to build out Alameda High School more than it is being built now in order to accommodate future growth. A Committee member stated he believes the projections are conservative and many more homes in Alameda will be turning over as the cost of living rises in the Bay Area and Alameda in particular.

A Committee member stated if the two schools were consolidated the walkability factor for West End students would be too great to make it feasible for many students and families.

A Committee member stated mental wellness of students will suffer if students are crowded onto one campus. A Committee member stated there would be greater instances of bullying if the two campuses were combined. The Committee member also stated she does not think all students are ready for dual enrollment. The Committee member also asked who would pay for books and credits. A Committee member stated her child currently takes a college course at Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School and it works well. A student Committee member stated she is currently in the Genomics program at Encinal and takes classes at the Merritt College Annex near Marina Village. The student stated she enjoyed the class quite a bit and was learning a lot. The student stated currently only 16 students can take part in the Genomics program and she would love for that to be open to more students.

A Committee member referred to the presentation previously given and specifically referred to the slide that showed County comparative data that shows Alameda has many more schools and smaller schools than surrounding districts.

A Committee member stated that in the cost savings analysis slide it showed a possible savings of \$1.5 million. The Committee member stated she did not believe this amount of cost savings would be realized due to the number of

students that will be at the site and the amount of staff that would be needed to serve this amount of students. A second Committee member reiterated this thought. A Committee member stated staffing may change based on the number of students and the conditions of the school.

A Committee member stated the two current comprehensive high schools are deeply rooted in their traditions and history. The Committee member stated if one high school were to be successful it would need to have a new name, a new mascot, new colors, etc. The Committee member suggested the cost of these new things would eat up some of the proposed cost savings.

A Committee member stated there is a cost savings listed as approximately \$600k for inefficiencies across the two schools. The Committee member reiterated the earlier thought that Alameda runs far more schools, and smaller schools, than surrounding districts.

A Committee member stated she has a child at Encinal and her child is able to take all the AP classes she wants to take. A student Committee member stated she has had a hard time taking all the AP classes she has wanted to take at Encinal because there weren't enough sign-ups for the courses and they had to be cancelled. She also stated there were some AP classes that were not offered at Encinal due to the limited size of the student body. A Committee member stated it seems like the conversation should be around equity and giving students at Encinal more choice to make sure there is equity between the two schools.

A Committee member stated his fear is that, as enrollment grows on the West End, the boundaries will change to push students to Alameda High School where they can be accommodated. A Committee member stated if Jr. Jets were not on the campus of Encinal, it would leave room for growth for the Encinal 9-12 program.

A Committee member stated he believes the Superintendent's idea of dual enrollment at College of Alameda is a great idea for Encinal and students can be accommodated at a campus less than a mile away. The Committee member stated the program at ASTI is a strong program, and he gave details about which very competitive, hard-to-get-into colleges ASTI graduating seniors have been accepted to due to the dual enrollment program.

Motion to suspend rules of the meeting.

MOTION: Bill Withrow

SECONDED: Marva Lyons

AYES: Mia Bonta, Richard Bunker, Kelly Hartlaub Gregor, Cameron Furuichi Fong, Jyosna Jaslow, Chuck Kapelke, Denise Langowski, Marva Lyons, Cheryl Lua, Melody Ma, Liza Gabato Morse, Sofía Orduña, Ron Parodi, Melanie Shannon, Kathy Lamb-Tansey, Serena Woon, Bill Withrow, and Cindy Zecher.

NOES: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

ABSENT: Akiko Kelly and Dorothy Jones

MOTION APPROVED

3. Small Group Work on Alternative Scenarios/Small Group Report Out
The Committee broke up into four groups to discuss possible scenarios and topics.

Topics suggested from the small groups included:

Group 3 (read by Serena Woon)

- Bring COA classes to campus, such as the radio program
- Closing Lincoln and creating 6-12 program at AHS
- Otis and Edison combining
- Franklin/Haight/Maya Lin combining
- Elementary schools become K-6, secondary 7-12
- One high school, two campuses
- Expanding ASTI to include more students
- Specialized program at AHS, such as ROP program or trades
- Specialized programming divided between EHS and AHS, (for example Liberal Arts and STEM)
- Course via webinar, livestream, facetime to help kids who want to enroll in AP classes that aren't offered at their campus
- Aligning bell schedules at AHS and EHS – students can travel, teachers can travel
- Charter schools, creating more charter high or middle schools

Group 2 (read by Sofía Orduña)

- Take advantage of Merritt and College of Alameda
- Include more CTE and practical skills classes that all students can take
- 6-12 program on the East End like it is at Encinal. Combine Lincoln and Alameda High School. Numbers work out, there would be enough space for both programs.
- Lincoln campus could be freed up to combine elementary schools or a specialized program

Group 4 (read by Cameron Furuichi Fong)

- Aligning bell schedules across AHS and EHS. Adjust block schedules so one day students could take classes at AHS and one day students could take classes at EHS.

- Increase CTE classes to include trades such as woodshop, electrician, plumbing, etc.
- Closing Junior Jets and AOA to reinstate Chipman Middle School (idea of west end true middle school)
- Make elementary schools K-6 and high schools 7-12
- Keep athletic program capacity as is (*added from post-it, not read by Committee member*)

Group 1 (read by Mia Bonta)

- Align schedules to allow for travel time between AHS and EHS
- Not lose any offerings at Encinal
- Superintendent's idea of dual enrollment and college credit
- Keep AP course active
- Scheduling alignment at COA
- Create premiere identity for Encinal High School on the west end
- Having one site be grades 10-12, and two junior high schools that would be grades 7-9, and elementary grades K-6
- Two high schools but offerings where students can take classes through Skype, etc.
- Making sure there is a wheel concept to rotate through College of Alameda for both schools and AP classes wheel
- Remove geographic boundaries to focus on specific programming - ability to have schools that have a particular focus

Brianna Garcia stated she will aggregate the data collected to see where there are similarities and she will bring this information to the next meeting.

D. NEXT STEPS

1. Discussion of Upcoming Agendas

The next meeting will include the presentation from Student Support Services.

Brianna Garcia summarized the next meeting agenda ideas include:

- Summary of ideas from small workgroups – deeper dive into ideas presented
- Student Support Services presentation

A Committee member asked that any agenda changes be explained to the committee at large.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Bill Withrow

SECONDED: Ron Parodi

AYES: Mia Bonta, Richard Bunker, Kelly Hartlaub Gregor, Cameron Furuichi Fong, Jyosna Jaslow, Chuck Kapelke, Denise Langowski, Marva Lyons, Cheryl Lua, Melody Ma, Liza Gabato Morse, Sofía Orduña, Ron Parodi, Melanie Shannon, Kathy Lamb-Tansey, Serena Woon, Bill Withrow, and Cindy Zecher.

NOES: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

ABSENT: Akiko Kelly and Dorothy Jones

MOTION APPROVED

E. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 8:25PM.