

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER HIGH SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION  
AND ALTERNATIVE SCENARIOS**

October 30, 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 and Alternative Scenarios 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, Kelly Hartlaub Gregor, Cameron Furuichi Fong, Dorothy Jones, Chuck Kapelke, Akiko Kelly, 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.

Committee members absent: Richard Bunker and Jyosna Jaslow

AUSD staff members present: Superintendent Sean McPhetridge, 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.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments under this agenda item.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes from the October 16, 2018 Committee to Consider High School Consolidation were considered.

*Motion to adopt the October 16, 2018 minutes of the Committee to Consider High School Consolidation and Alternative Scenarios meeting.*

**MOTION:** Bill Withrow

**SECONDED:** Chuck Kapelke

**AYES:** Mia Bonta, Kelly Hartlaub Gregor, Cameron Furuichi Fong, Dorothy Jones, Chuck Kapelke, Akiko Kelly, 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:** Richard Bunker and Jyosna Jaslow

## **MOTION APPROVED**

### **C. REVIEW AND DISCUSS**

Committee member Jyosna Jaslow entered the meeting at 6:33pm.

1. Consolidation and Prioritization of Alternative Scenarios

At the October 16th meeting of the Committee to Consider High School Consolidation and Alternative Scenarios, committee members broke into small groups to brainstorm alternative ideas for AUSD's high school configurations. The four small groups then reported on their brainstorm activity to the larger group. The ideas from each group were consolidated into one document, which was presented to the Committee for review and discussion.

A Committee member stated she would have liked to have received data on different scenarios prior to deciding which scenarios the Committee would like the Board to explore.

A Committee member stated she would have liked to have gone through the meetings as planned to hear what staff was going to present. The Committee member stated she believes there would have been data presented during the meetings that would have answered a lot of the questions about the scenarios that were selected by Committee members.

Committee members asked to change the second bullet under Program Alternatives from "Create specialized programs at Alameda HS, such as an ROP program or trades" to "Create specialized programs at Alameda HS and/or Encinal HS to include ROP programs, CTE classes, or trades."

Committee members asked to change the fourth bullet under Program Alternatives from "Dual enrollment with Merritt College and College of Alameda" to "Dual enrollment with Peralta College School System including bringing classes to school sites and developing a wheel for CTE and STEM courses."

Committee members asked to change the fifth bullet under Program Alternatives to "Make available all courses to the two high schools, with the additional concept of open enrollment, keeping in mind the time needed to travel between the campuses for students and teachers."

Committee members asked to change the sixth and seventh bullets under

Facilities Alternatives to make one bullet that says, “Consider elementary size and consolidation.”

***Motion to suspend the rules of the meeting in order to let Committee members move around and discuss Facilities Alternatives and Program Alternatives lists.***

**MOTION:** Chuck Kapelke

**SECONDED:** Sofía Orduña

**AYES:** Mia Bonta, Kelly Hartlaub Gregor, Cameron Furuichi Fong, Jyosna Jaslow, Dorothy Jones, Chuck Kapelke, Akiko Kelly, 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:** Richard Bunker

### **MOTION APPROVED**

2. Student Support Services Presentation

Kirsten Zazo, Chief Student Support Officer, presented an overview of the Student Support Services programs currently offered at Alameda High School and Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School. The presentation included data to evaluate the feasibility of a combined high school program.

Committee members thanked Ms. Zazo for the information presented. A Committee member asked why there are such significant differences between student stress levels at Alameda High School and Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School. Ms. Zazo explained that Alameda High School students have reported feeling significant stress related to advanced classes and college acceptance levels.

Committee members asked about the idea of combining Lincoln Middle School and Alameda High School. Ms. Zazo stated she doesn't believe 6<sup>th</sup> graders should be on the same campus as high school students.

A committee member asked if some of the savings from combining the high schools would be reduced due to the amount of staff that would need to be added in order to account for the amount of students on one campus. Ms. Zazo stated she believed all savings from consolidation of the high schools would not be realized due to the need for additional staff to handle issues that could occur due to overcrowding at one campus.

1. Consolidation and Prioritization of Alternative Scenarios

The Committee discussed the results of the activity where the Committee members “voted” for their top scenarios to explore further. The top scenarios selected (in order of preference) were:

- Separate high schools with open enrollment
- Dual enrollment with the Peralta College School system (e.g., Merritt College and College of Alameda)
- Create specialized programs at Alameda High School and/or Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School such as ROP, CTE, trades, etc.
- Expand ASTI to include more students
- Make elementary schools K-6 and high schools 7-12
- One high school on two campuses
- Combine Lincoln Middle School and Alameda High School

Committee members talked about focusing the remaining meetings on one or two of the top scenarios selected by Committee members.

A Committee member proposed exploring only the first scenario selected.

*Motion to ask staff to look at and further explore the scenario of “Separate High Schools with Open Enrollment” only.*

**MOTION:** Ron Parodi

**SECONDED:** Dorothy Jones

**AYES:** Kelly Hartlaub Gregor, Dorothy Jones, Akiko Kelly, Cheryl Lua, Liza Gabato Morse, Ron Parodi, Melanie Shannon.

**NOES:** Mia Bonta, Cameron Furuichi Fong, Jyosna Jaslow, Chuck Kapelke, Denise Langowski, Marva Lyons, Melody Ma, Sofía Orduña, Kathy Lamb-Tansey, Serena Woon, Bill Withrow, and Cindy Zecher.

**ABSTAIN:** N/A

**ABSENT:** Richard Bunker

**MOTION FAILED**

*Motion to ask staff to look at and further explore the scenarios of “Separate High Schools with Open Enrollment” and Dual Enrollment with the Peralta College School System.*

**MOTION:** Kathy Lamb-Tansey

**SECONDED:** Bill Withrow

**AYES:** Mia Bonta, Kelly Hartlaub Gregor, Jyosna Jaslow, Chuck Kapelke, Denise Langowski, Marva Lyons, Melody Ma, Sofía Orduña, Melanie Shannon, Kathy Lamb-Tansey, Serena Woon, Bill Withrow, and Cindy Zecher.

**NOES:** Cameron Furuichi Fong, Dorothy Jones, Akiko Kelly, Cheryl Lua, Liza Gabato Morse, Ron Parodi.

**ABSTAIN:** N/A

**ABSENT:** Richard Bunker

**MOTION PASSED**

*Motion to extend the meeting by five minutes.*

**MOTION:** Kathy Lamb-Tansey

**SECONDED:** Chuck Kapelke

**AYES:** Mia Bonta, Kelly Hartlaub Gregor, Cameron Furuichi Fong, Jyosna Jaslow, Dorothy Jones, Chuck Kapelke, Akiko Kelly, 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:** Richard Bunker

**MOTION PASSED**

**D. NEXT STEPS**

1. Discussion of Upcoming Agendas  
The Committee did not discuss upcoming agendas.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 8:36PM.