

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

May 23, 2017

City Hall Council Chambers

2263 Santa Clara Avenue

Alameda, CA 94501

ADOPTED 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 comments on Closed Session topics.
2. Adjourn to Closed Session - 5:30 PM
3. Reconvene to Public Session - 6:31 PM
4. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance - Lum Elementary School:
Principal Jesse Woodward and students from Lum Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Introduction of Board Members and Staff:
Board of Education Members present: Ardella Dailey, Gray Harris, Gary Lym, Anne McKereghan, and Jennifer Williams; AUSD Executive Cabinet Members present: Superintendent Sean McPhetridge, General Counsel Chad Pimentel, Chief Business Officer Shariq Khan, Chief Human Resources Officer Tim Erwin, Chief Student Support Officer Kirsten Zazo, and Chief Academic Officer Steven Fong; Student Board Member present: Amy Chu

B. MODIFICATION(S) OF THE AGENDA:

Motion to move item F-4 to occur before item F-3 and to defer the Recognition of Outgoing Student Board Member to a subsequent meeting.

MOTION: Member Dailey **SECONDED:** Member Williams

AYES: Members Dailey, Harris, Lym, McKereghan, Williams

ABSTAIN: Member Dailey

MOTION APPROVED

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the May 9th Board Meeting were considered.

Motion to approve the adoption of the May 9th Board of Education meeting minutes.

MOTION: Member Harris **SECONDED:** Member McKereghan

AYES: Members Harris, Lym, McKereghan, Williams

ABSTAIN: Member Dailey

D. COMMUNICATIONS

~~1. Recognition of Outgoing Student Board Member~~

2. Highlighting Alameda Schools - Lum Elementary School

Jesse Woodward, Principal of Lum Elementary School, gave the Board highlights of the program at Lum Elementary School. Mr. Woodward thanked Superintendent Sean McPhetridge for reaching out to ask him if Mr. Woodward still wanted to present as the Highlighted School at the meeting due to the fact the Board is deciding at the meeting if there will be students on the Lum campus for the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Woodward shared information about the recent Measure I Bond projects that have happened at the site. Mr. Woodward also shared many events of the last school year. Mr. Woodward thanked PTA President, Kelly Scott, for her work during the school year and her work on the Lum Advisory Committee along with Joe Keiser.

Mr. Woodward thanked the members of the Board of Education and explained that he knew they had a hard decision to make tonight.

Mr. Woodward listed the District's LCAP Goals and explained how staff at Lum work with the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Initiative.

Lum students passed out certificates to Board Members and staff for good behavior. The students recited the Lum "Bs" – Being Safe, Being Respectful, Being an Ally, and Being Responsible.

One Lum Elementary student shared information about the flexible seating used on the Lum campus. Student explained how the flexible seating helped to get his wiggles out. Mr. Woodward gave expanded information on the flexible seating used in the Lum Elementary classrooms.

Mr. Woodward gave information about the technology used in classrooms with students and teaching staff at Lum.

Mr. Woodward shared that Lum has a very high percentage of English Learners and have over 35% of students that speak more than one language.

3. Written Correspondence

The Board received 47 emails related to Lum Elementary School.

4. Board Members' Report

Board Member Anne McKereghan – Member McKereghan thanked the Lum Advisory Group for inviting her to speak to them. Member McKereghan stated she volunteered at the Alameda Bike Festival and Rodeo, viewed classrooms at Paden Elementary, and visited the First Annual CSEA Training Symposium. Member McKereghan shared information about an Alameda student who earned his black belt at his Botkatu Tournament.

Member McKereghan thanked Wood Middle School Principal, Cammie Harris, for allowing her to visit the campus so she could talk to Food and Nutrition Services staff about the passing of a FNS employee. Member McKereghan shared that the school site has started a fund for the family of this employee.

Board Vice President Gray Harris – Ms. Harris thanked the Lum community for working so hard to advocate for their school and thanked the community for inviting her to meet with them.

Board President Gary K. Lym – Member Lym thanked the Lum community for inviting him to speak to them. Member Lym stated he grew up in Alameda and he admires the dedication and heart from the community. Member Lym thanked CSEA 27 President Cindy Zecher for inviting him to the Lincoln Woodshop Renovation unveiling and for inviting him to the CSEA Training Symposium.

5. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sean McPhetridge stated he acknowledges that this is a very difficult time for the whole Alameda community. Dr. McPhetridge thanked Jesse Woodward for highlighting the accomplishments of the Lum community over the last school year. Dr. McPhetridge thanked District staff for the hard work they have put in surrounding this issue. Dr. McPhetridge stated he stands by his recommendation to move students and staff off the Lum campus for the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. McPhetridge stated he has spoken to many families and staff members, including former students of his that are now parents of Lum students. Dr. McPhetridge stated he knows this has been hard on the Lum community, on District staff, on the Board, and he apologized for this. Dr. McPhetridge stated it is still his legal, moral, and professional recommendation to move students and staff from the Lum campus.

6. Report of Student Board Members:

Amy Chu, student Board member from Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School. Ms. Chu gave information about Unity Week, including a big Unity Assembly at the end of the week. Senior Awards are this Thursday. Spring dance recital is on June 3rd. Ms. Chu shared information about growing up as a student at Lum Elementary School. Ms. Chu stated she doesn't think the discussion tonight (about the seismic concerns at Lum School) is about the value of Lum School. Ms. Chu asked the audience to listen with an open mind.

7. Report from Employee Organizations:

Cindy Zecher, President CSEA 27 gave information about the recent CSEA Training Symposium. Ms. Zecher thanked Superintendent McPhetridge and Chief Human Resources Officer Tim Erwin for supporting CSEA in the planning of this event over the last year. Ms. Zecher gave information on the various trainings that were offered to Classified staff at the Symposium. Ms. Zecher stated CSEA members did not get paid for attending the trainings. Ms. Zecher thanked district management for their support.

Audrey Hyman, President of Alameda Education Association stated she started her teaching career at Lum Elementary, and she is here to support her AEA members. Ms. Hyman acknowledged the heavy decision the Board must make and thanked them for listening to the Lum community.

8. Public Comments:

David Maxey, community member: Mr. Maxey stated he has been a volunteer at Ruby Bridges Elementary School for the last 12 years. Mr. Maxey stated he holds the City's Building Department responsible for the way Lum School was built and stated he doesn't believe it should have been allowed to have been built the way it was. Mr. Maxey stated he hopes the Board can think outside the box for a solution to the Lum issue.

Evie, student at Lum School: Evie stated she feels Lum School is special and she thanked her teachers. Evie stated she doesn't want to leave Lum School.

J.T., student at Lum School: J.T. stated he would be devastated if Lum were to close and he would feel very sad. J.T. stated he loves everyone and everything at Lum.

9. Closed Session Action Report:

The Board did not take any reportable action in Closed Session.

E. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Certificated Personnel Actions
2. Classified Personnel Actions
3. Approval and Acceptance of Donations
4. Approval to Accept Bid Award for Maya Lin Elementary After School Program
5. Approval of Bill Warrants and Payroll Registers
6. Approval of Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSAs) for 2017-18 School Year
7. Approval of Special Education Local Plan Area Master Contracts
8. Approval of World Language (Spanish and French) Instructional Materials Adoption
9. Ratification of Contracts Executed Pursuant to Board Policy 3300
10. Resolution No. 2016-2017.74 Approval of Budget Transfers, Increases, Decreases
11. Resolution No. 2016-2017.75 Annual Declaration of Certain Textbooks Unusable or Obsolete

Motion to approve the adoption the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Member Harris

SECONDED: Member Williams

AYES: Members Dailey, Harris, Lym, McKereghan, Williams

NOES:

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Lum Advisory Committee Second Report and Recommendations Regarding Feasible Alternatives To Address Concerns Raised By Soil Test Results at Lum Elementary

Joe Keiser, member of the Lum Advisory Committee, gave the Board information about the work members of the Committee have been doing to gather their own information about the Lum soil issue. Mr. Keiser gave a timeline on how events have unfolded. Mr. Keiser explained that on April 26, 2017, the Alameda Unified School District publicly stated that there are possible unsafe building conditions at Lum Elementary in the event of a major earthquake and is recommended that the AUSD Board vote to close the school and relocate students as of June 8, 2017. Following the April 26th announcement, parents at Lum started their own District Advisory Committee (Lum DAC) in order to ensure safety and welfare of the Lum community, to work in cooperation with Board of Education and the AUSD, and to ensure the best possible solution for the entire AUSD and larger Alameda community.

Mr. Keiser stated the Lum Advisory Group has asked for additional information from the District stating the District has done some additional analysis, but it did not state that the data gathered was gathered following industry standards.

Mr. Keiser stated Lum has undergone various seismic improvements over the years, and the District Facilities Assessment done in 2012 did not report any seismic structural concerns at the sites.

Mr. Keiser stated the District has not proven that Lum is any more unsafe than any other school site in Alameda. Mr. Keiser stated the Lum Advisory Committee's experts do not agree that the site is not safe for students and staff.

Calin Smith, President Smith Engineering, Inc. gave information about his analysis of the District's Structural Engineering reports. Mr. Smith stated he agrees with the liquefaction analysis of the area. Mr. Smith proposed structural mitigations that could be done to the Lum Elementary buildings that would not necessitate students and staff being removed from the campus for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Smith explained that each "pod" building that makes up the campus could be strengthened individually, so that only a few classrooms would need to be displaced at any one time. Mr. Smith gave a demonstration on differential settlement using a model of one of the "pod" structures at the school site. Mr. Smith stated a system could be designed to strengthen the buildings quickly and relatively inexpensively using the properties of the demonstration he gave. Mr. Smith asked the Board to consider this as a third option, before his mitigation plan is dismissed. Mr. Smith also recommended that the District use Maintenance funds to do a class by class inspection to make sure that non-structural issues would not harm students or staff during a seismic event.

Mr. Keiser stated it is unclear if the District has completed a Tier III evaluation, and without this evaluation relocation would be premature. Mr. Keiser stated the District's experts do not agree that relocation is the only option at this point. Mr. Keiser stated the Board should not make a decision without completing a Tier III evaluation, should appoint a District Advisory Committee and explore mitigation options, explore retrofit or improvement options, and deliver recommendations to this Board in a reasonable timeframe. Mr. Keiser asked the audience to stand to show the Board and staff that they do not support the closure of Lum Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Keiser stated the Lum community chooses to have their children at Lum School.

Public Comments:

Phung (did not state last name), former Lum student: Phung asked the Board to consider the pain the students and teachers would feel if Lum were to close. Phung stated Lum is his family and his home. Phung stated everyone was respectful to him at Lum, and he felt safe at Lum School.

A Board Member asked if Mr. Smith's proposal had a plan for interior retrofitting. Mr. Smith stated he is not sure yet. A Board Member asked if soil mitigation was a part of Mr. Smith's proposal. Mr. Smith stated mini-excavators would be used, in a smaller way to mitigate the soil issues. A Board Member asked if children could be present on the site while the work was being done. Mr. Smith stated each pod would be worked on individually, and enrollment would be scaled back or portables could be used. Each pod would take between 6-8 weeks and work could be done on school breaks or weekends. Mr. Smith stated he agrees with the differential settlement analysis done by the District's experts. A Board Member asked if his estimate of a year to do the work includes the permit process. Mr. Smith stated the permit process is unknown and acknowledged there may be challenges with the permit process. A Board Member asked if Mr. Smith had done any work with public schools and asked if he is a structural engineer. Mr. Smith stated he does not have any experience working with school buildings and he is not a structural engineer.

2. Update of Engineering Evaluation of Lum Elementary School
Shariq Khan, Chief Business Officer, introduced Steve Curry of Murphy Burr Curry, Inc, Structural Engineers. Mr. Curry gave the Board information about his experience with school buildings. Mr. Curry explained he was asked to do a peer review of the liquefaction issue at Lum Elementary School. Mr. Curry has reviewed the soils engineering reports and explained that differential settlement is what creates additional stress and deflections on the structure of a building. Mr. Curry explained that 7 inches of differential settlement is not the level of settlement he is used to seeing. Mr. Curry explained the process for how he completed the peer review. Mr. Curry explained that the Lum early building and multipurpose room were built in the 1960s. Mr. Curry explained that these older buildings have very shallow foundations and there are no ties to the building. This will not provide any mitigation to differential settlement. There is a lack of reinforcement to the

interior supports that cause the concern. Mr. Curry explained the focus of any retrofit should be done to the foundation system and that anything done to the foundation system needs to be uniform, because stiffer elements could cause more differential settlement. A soil grouting mitigation would be the best option for these buildings. This would need to be done from inside the buildings. DSA approval would take approximately 6 months to review, 1 month for approval for a total of 6-8 months just to get through the DSA part of the process. If the building was on good soil conditions, it is fairly tied together, so it would be better news, but because of the poor soil conditions, any mitigation would need to be done at the foundation level.

A Board Member asked if Mr. Curry looked at the framing, beam elements, existing building drawings, structure of the building, etc. Mr. Curry stated he took a scenario where there was a loss of support to a column in the building, and his analysis showed potential or partial failure of that structure. Mr. Curry explained that the movement from an earthquake plus the differential settlement cause significant concern. A Board Member asked if Mr. Curry had an opinion on Mr. Smith's proposal. Mr. Curry stated Mr. Smith's proposal only addresses the perimeter of the building, not the interior, and it could make the situation worse because there are very important interior supports in "pod" buildings.

A Board Member asked if there was a way to "fast-track" DSA approval on an emergency project such as this. Mr. Curry stated he has been able to get a "fast-track" permit at a school in SF, but this was on a fairly simple issue. Mr. Curry stated it is his experience that a project this size would not be "fast-tracked" by DSA.

A Board Member that a community member stated to her that the drawings that are being used are from 1959, and that some retrofits have been done since this time and do these retrofits have an impact on the current issue. Mr. Curry stated he has been provided with drawings from 2000 and these drawings did not have any significant structural improvements.

A Board Member asked if Mr. Curry did his own analysis of the Lum buildings. Mr. Curry stated his analysis was done independently and he did not view the prior reports. Mr. Curry added that he did talk to the District's soils engineer.

Chris Warner, Geotechnical Engineer from ZFA Structural Engineers, explained to the Board that the foundations at Lum School are absolutely deficient. He stated he felt morally responsible to bring these issues to the attention of District personnel. Mr. Warner explained that CA Administrative Code would limit the structural work that could be done to mitigate the issues at the site because it would trigger the other parts of the building to be brought up to current code.

Mr. Warner explained minimum Administrative Code definitions, and stated that school buildings have a higher building criteria than hospital buildings

have. Mr. Warner stated he has done several earthquake mitigation projects, including the projects done after the recent Napa earthquake.

Several members of the audience spoke out of turn. A Board Member asked the audience to be respectful. A different Board Member asked members of the audience to show Mr. Warner the same respect shown to the Lum Advisory Group's experts.

A Board Member asked if portables could be placed on the Lum campus while building mitigations were being done. Mr. Warner stated he discussed this with a DSA representative, and it would take structural modifications to be done to any portables that were placed.

A Board Member stated that she talked to Assembly member Rob Bonta's office directly and was told that portables could not just be placed on the site due to the soil issues.

Mark Quattrocchi of Quattrocchi Kwok Architects (QKA) explained that earlier in the meeting a report was referred to that identified another school site that had seismic issues. Mr. Quattrocchi stated that the school is Maya Lin, and seismic mitigations are currently being done to the school now. Mr. Quattrocchi also stated that the soil issue at Lum is what makes the school different from any other school site in the District. Mr. Quattrocchi explained that if DSA tells a school district that while they cannot compel a District to move student and staff out of a school, if they say that the building will need to be brought up to current code if any mitigations were to be done. Mr. Quattrocchi stated this requirement speaks for itself. Mr. Quattrocchi stated it is highly improbable that the level of work that would be required at Lum could be done while students and staff were still present. Mr. Quattrocchi stated he has worked to save Historic Alameda High School, and this is exactly the lens he has used to look at Lum.

A Board Member asked what work was done in 2012 and 2016, and didn't this work trigger a DSA review? Mr. Quattrocchi stated it was a windows project done and it did not trigger DSA review.

Public Comments:

Deidre Abrons, Lum parent: Ms. Abrons asked the Board to address the issue of safety. Ms. Abrons stated she doesn't understand how Lum is safe today, tomorrow, or next week, but not safe on June 9th. Ms. Abrons asked the Board to slow the process down.

Debra Balot, Lum parent: Ms. Balot stated Alameda is well renowned for preservation. Ms. Balot stated she is from the Midwest, and Lum is a unique campus to her. Ms. Balot stated that where there is a will, there is a way. Ms. Balot stated she hopes the Board can find ways to preserve hope and democracy. Ms. Balot asked for collaboration.

Kelly Gregor Hartlaub, Lum parent and Alameda teacher: Ms. Gregor Hartlaub stated in the month since the announcement was made, the Lum

community has come together to work on a common goal. Ms. Gregor Hartlaub stated the decision to close Lum Elementary School is premature. Ms. Gregor Hartlaub urged the Board to delay the vote for one year.

Facundo Del Pin, Lum parent: Mr. Del Pin stated there are many structural engineers in the room, but there have not been any structural reports done. Mr. Del Pin stated he is disturbed by the engineers' assumptions that children would be safer at other AUSD schools than they are at Lum School.

Eungoo Chong, Lum parent: Mr. Chong stated that the District's reports are incomplete. Mr. Chong stated the District was looking for more vulnerability in a peer review and they hired someone to confirm these findings. Mr. Chong stated the Lum community was not consulted about the hiring of a third party firm to review the findings.

Molly Stoufer, Lum parent: Ms. Stoufer stated if the Board makes a decision to close Lum School, the community feels very left behind in the process. Ms. Stoufer stated she is disappointed in the District and the process. Ms. Stoufer says the community will remember this come election time.

Liam and Lennon, Maya Lin students: Liam stated he and his brother have empathy for their friends and teachers. They learned about empathy from school. They asked the Board to do the right thing and not close Lum Elementary School.

Lennon deferred his time to Gregg DeHaan.

Gregg DeHaan, AUSD parent: Mr. DeHaan stated the Board has just made 5,000 voters very angry. Mr. DeHaan stated he analyzes buildings that fail for a living. Mr. DeHaan stated this project could be approved by DSA, because of the severity of the building. Mr. DeHaan listed projects he has worked on. Mr. DeHaan stated there have been many design engineers that have worked on the buildings that have not done their due diligence. Mr. DeHaan read from a publication from a member of the ZFA Geotechnical Structural Engineer Firm.

Rob Dekker, Lum parent and engineer: Mr. Dekker referenced the District's report that referenced joint weakness. Mr. Dekker stated this report was done without showing any calculations. Mr. Dekker referred to the model shown earlier by the Lum Advisory group and gave the Board calculations showing that the differential settlement would not be as much as stated in the District's reports.

Calvin Wong, Lum community member and retired building inspector: Mr. Wong stated there are buildings that are much more hazardous than the Lum structure and every agency he knows of has allowed those buildings to be filled with people. Mr. Wong asked what is the maximum timeframe the District's engineers would allow for relocation.

Lindsey DeHart, Lum parent: Ms. DeHart stated she thought she was representing a minority at the school. Ms. DeHart stated this would be the third school change for her daughter due to work reasons. Ms. DeHart stated she was only listening to one side and respects the amount of work the Board has to do to do their due diligence.

Trish Spencer, Mayor, former Board member, speaking as an individual: Ms. Spencer read information on recommendations for best practices for closing a school. Ms. Spencer stated the job of the Superintendent and Board is not to gather facts but to evaluate facts. Ms. Spencer stated the Board has heard from many well educated community members.

4. Resolution No. 2016-2017.76 Indefinitely Relocating Students and Staff from Donald D. Lum Elementary School Due to Seismic Risk and Ordering Comprehensive Review of Site Remediation and Alternative Use Options
Chad Pimentel, General Counsel, gave the Board information about what the process would be should they vote to approve the resolution to move students and staff from the Lum site for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Pimentel stated the following would need to happen should the Board vote to approve the resolution.

- Relocate students and staff to other sites chosen consistent with Board guidance no later than the first day of the 2017-18 school year and not return students or staff to Lum without future Board approval;
- Require staff to develop detailed cost and timeline estimates for possible remediation or replacement of the existing buildings at Lum and publicly present those findings to the Board;
- Create a District Advisory Committee tasked with considering the District's long-term facility needs, including possible future uses of the Lum site.

Public Comments:

Martha Silver, Lum parent: Ms. Silver stated she attended the Special Board meeting last night and saw that Lum is still listed in the budget for the 2017-2018 school year and asked the Board to please vote to keep the school open.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-2017.76 Indefinitely Relocating Students and Staff from Donald D. Lum Elementary School Due to Seismic Risk and Ordering Comprehensive Review of Site Remediation and Alternative Use Options.

MOTION: Member Dailey

SECONDED: Member Harris

Member Dailey explained her reasons for supporting staff recommendation to approve this resolution. Member Dailey stated she has had a very hard time coming to a decision on this issue but it comes down to student safety for her. Member Dailey explained she would not feel comfortable leaving her child at Lum Elementary knowing what she now knows.

Member Williams gave a timeline for what has happened in the process.

- On March 17, 2017, Miller Pacific Engineering firm delivered a report to AUSD documenting soil testing results under Lum School that resulted in high levels of liquefaction that in their opinion, with 6.7 magnitude earthquake, could result in ground settlement of 4-8 inches with differential settlement of 3-5 inches.
- A second geotechnical engineering firm agreed with these conclusions (RGH Consulting).
- Miller Pacific's report was then reviewed by ZFA Structural Engineers, who sent a letter dated April 24, 2017 to the district with their findings and conclusions. Engineers there concluded that the "existing buildings located on the Lum campus consist of shallow continuous spread footings. This foundation type is not appropriate for potential settlements of this magnitude" resulting in "potential life safety concerns." (partial building collapse/inoperable doors)
- At a special meeting held on Friday, April 28, District Counsel Mr. Pimentel laid out the legal standard that the Board is operating under when dealing with the issues facing Lum School: We have a duty to take reasonable steps to correct known, dangerous conditions at a school site, and to do so in a reasonable amount of time.
- Also at this meeting, the ZFA structural engineer, Chris Warner, gave a presentation of his findings and answered questions.

Member Williams stated in her opinion it would be irresponsible to ignore the analysis of the firms who primarily work on public school buildings. Member Williams stated she supports staff recommendations to relocate students and staff for the 2017-2018 school year.

Member McKereghan stated she understands exactly how the community feels about Lum Elementary School. Member McKereghan stated the Lum neighborhood is her neighborhood. Member McKereghan stated the recommendations from the experts stated to plan to move students and staff as soon as feasible. Moving students at this time is as soon as it is feasible. Member McKereghan stated she has talked to the Superintendent and made it clear that if families or staff asked to be moved when the news was released, she wanted District staff to do whatever they can to make this happen. Member McKereghan stated some families have already done this. Member McKereghan stated she was happy that there are provisions in the resolution that call for a District Advisory Committee to be put together. Member McKereghan stated she knows some that don't believe that there is imminent danger, but as a Board member she is not comfortable with the level of danger that has been presented.

Member Harris thanked Student Board Member Amy Chu for her comments earlier and agreed with Ms. Chu when she said the Board was not being asked to evaluate Lum Elementary School as a whole. Member Harris stated Lum is a special place and if she had been given a permanent teaching job there at the start of her career she might still be teaching there. Member

Harris stated it is the most supportive community she has been a part of. Member Harris thanked the Lum Advisory Committee for their work to come up with proposals, and she stated she is fully committed to investigating these proposals. Member Harris stated she would not be able to live with herself if something happened and she had a chance to move students and staff and she didn't.

Member Lym stated he appreciates his fellow Board members and stated he believes they are all very caring individuals. Member Lym stated he spent many childhood hours on the playground at Lum Elementary. Member Lym stated he also had a value in getting an additional report on the conditions of the school. Member Lym stated many have asked if there is a process that can occur without moving students and staff for the 2017-2018 school year. Member Lym stated in his conversations with the Lum Advisory Group the shortest amount of time it would take for their recommendations is many months and the work could not be done with students and staff remaining on the site. Member Lym stated the resolution does not close the school, it only relocates the students while site mitigations can be examined.

MOTION: Member Dailey **SECONDED:** Member Harris
AYES: Members Harris, Lym, McKereghan, Williams
NOES:

MOTION APPROVED

3. Lum School Relocation Feasibility Planning: Follow-up Information and Possible Enrollment Scenarios

Kirsten Zazo, Chief Student Support Officer, gave the Board information of where Lum students could be moved. This information also includes results from a survey put out to families and results from a survey put out to teachers. Ms. Zazo also incorporated feedback given by the Board at the May 9th Board of Education meeting. The Board gave direction at the May 9th meeting to explore the option to move more elementary students to Ruby Bridges Elementary, despite its distance from Lum Elementary School. Ms. Zazo explained that 12 students have already moved from the Lum School since the announcement of the soil issues on April 26th.

Ms. Zazo gave information on three different plans for the relocation of Lum staff and students. Ms. Zazo also gave the Board information on why students could not be moved right away.

Board President Gary K. Lym stepped outside Council Chambers for three minutes.

Motion to extend Board meeting beyond 10:30pm.

MOTION: Member Dailey **SECONDED:** Member Williams
AYES: Members Dailey, Harris, McKereghan, Williams
ABSENT: Member Lym

MOTION APPROVED

Board President Gary K. Lym returned to Council Chambers.

Public Comments:

Brenda Curtis, AUSD parent: Ms. Curtis stated science is not always exact. Ms. Curtis asked if geotechnical coring was done at Wood. Ms. Curtis stated her concern was the safety of every school in the community.

Kelly Scott, Lum PTA President: Ms. Scott thanked Kirsten Zazo for her collaborative work she did with the Lum community, and Ms. Scott stated she greatly appreciates Ms. Zazo. Ms. Scott stated she is very much in favor of 4th and 5th grade students being relocated to Wood Middle School. Ms. Scott stated she fully supports Wood Principal Cammie Harris and believes the program could work there. Ms. Scott says, as the PTA President, the current Lum PTA will support all Lum families as they go through these transitions.

Joe Keiser, Lum Advisory Group member and Lum parent: Mr. Keiser stated he fully supports having the Lum 4th and 5th grade students to Wood Middle School. Mr. Keiser stated he has a child at Wood currently, and he appreciates the way Principal Cammie Harris helps to separate the younger 6th grade students.

Molly Stoufer, Lum parent: Ms. Stoufer supports the plan to move Lum 4th and 5th grade students to Wood Middle School. Ms. Stoufer asked how IEP resources would be allocated to elementary students at Wood Middle School.

Ms. Keiser, Lum parent: Ms. Keiser stated she supports the 4th and 5th grade Lum students moving to Wood Middle School. Ms. Keiser stated she understands that this plan may be different from what is best for teachers and she is unhappy that this could break up a community that has come together so much recently.

Audrey Hyman, AEA President: Ms. Hyman stated having teachers move from one school for one year and to another school the next year is incredibly disruptive. Ms. Hyman stated it isn't treating employees with respect to do this to them. Ms. Hyman stated elementary prep time is very different from middle school prep time and there will be contractual issues with the plan to move 4th and 5th grade students to Wood School.

Jennifer Howell, AEA Executive Board Member: Ms. Howell stated there could be a problem with curriculum issues if 4th and 5th grade students are moved to Wood School.

A Board Member stated she understands why teachers would not want to move two years in a row. A different Board member stated she always goes back to what is best for kids. The Board member agreed and stated what is best for teachers is what is best for kids.

Ms. Zazo agreed and stated she knows that there is not a solution that will make everyone happy, but she knows the Lum teaching staff very well and knows they care very deeply for the Lum students.

Chad Pimentel stated the District is working with AEA to decide how teachers will get to choose the sites they go to.

Board Members asked Ms. Zazo where the combo classes are currently located. Ms. Zazo stated currently there are three 4/5 combo classes in the District, at Franklin, Edison, and Paden. Ms. Zazo stated there would not be enough students to solve all three combo classes. Ms. Zazo stated there are currently interdistrict transfer requests that will have to be evaluated. Ms. Zazo stated the priority of keeping siblings together, but through the interdistrict process she will better understand if families value sibling preference over having 4th and 5th grade students at Wood.

A Board Member asked if there would be supervision issues if students were added to Otis School. Ms. Zazo stated that the possible addition to Otis School would be 50 students and this would not greatly impact supervision and space issues.

A Board Member asked if a preschool class could be moved to another site, since the preschool was not a “neighborhood” class. Ms. Zazo stated that she has heard this from many community members and the class in question is an Autism Specific Preschool Class. Ms. Zazo stated the preschool students are all AUSD students and all our students.

The Board gave Ms. Zazo unanimous direction to implement Plan C. The Board also gave direction to look at the boundaries of Ruby Bridges Elementary School to help stabilize enrollment at the school site.

The Board Reconvened to Closed Session. Before reconvening to Closed Session, Board President Gary K. Lym made the following statement:

The statement given was in honor of Kim Contaxis, an AUSD employee who passed away last week.

Kim Contaxis grew up in Alameda and was a graduate of Encinal High School class of 1981. Kim began her 20 years with Food Services on March 10, 1997 at Chipman School. In October of 1997 Kim transferred schools to Earhart Elementary where she worked for over a decade. In 2008 Kim began working at Haight Elementary and in 2011 started working in the production kitchen at Wood Middle School full-time. Kim took great pride in her work. Kim knew every single student by name and took care of them like her own. Kim enjoyed seeing her kids from the elementary sites she worked at become middle schoolers and would always ask how they were doing along with how their siblings were too. Kim had a great sense of humor and was a joy to be around. Kim was very devoted to the students of Alameda Unified and cared deeply about them. Kim was truly one of kind and will be greatly missed by her colleagues and the students.

E. ADJOURNMENT: 11:35pm

