



**NAPA VALLEY  
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**7-11 Committee Meeting**

Napa Valley Unified School District

August 20, 2019 5:30PM

Board Room

2425 Jefferson Street Napa, CA 94558

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

PRESENT: Andrew Damron, Wendi Piscia, Jamie Magana, Katie Garibaldi, Barbara Franco, Eric Knight, Kay Vang, Arvind Nischal, Laura Miller, Arik Housley, Whitney Farris

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Rosanna Mucetti, Ed. D, Superintendent; Rob Mangewala, Assistant Superintendent Business Services; Mike Pearson, Assistant Superintendent Operational Services; Jennifer Gibb, Facilities Financial Analyst

GUESTS: Dominic Dutra, 3D Strategies; Megan Macy, Lozano Smith; Rob Murray, Jack Schreder & Associates

**3. SUPERINTENDENT WELCOME (Procedural Item)**

- Dr. Mucetti recognized all the committee members and alternates and thanked them for their service to the District, as well as thanking all members of the audience for participating in discussion.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Procedural Item)**

- Samantha Holland: discussed River School and impacts on future projections, what open enrollment will look like when two schools are closed, and the impact on students in the event of school closures.
- Amy Pierce: mentioned that the 2020/21 and 2021/22 budgets factor in the assumptions of two school closures, questioned the redrawing of District boundaries with the potential closure of two schools and how it may impact open enrollment.
- Lydia Mondavi: Yountville Elementary (YE) parent, discussed the impacts of small school closure on the budget, impacts on teachers and students, questioned the sale of the properties and at what value or use will they have in the real estate market, requested district to look at other options for sustainability other than small school closure.
- Mike Stevens: Yountville Elementary (YE) parent, commented on YE's experienced a few years ago and the impact on the school's enrollment, as well as other programs in the community that may be impacted if YE is closed.
- Jason Hutchings: YE parent, mentioned discussion of school closing for the past three years, that there will be a large stretch in the County with no elementary schools if YE were to be closed, and the potential impact to community programs. Jason also requested data on how many students from small schools enroll in college. He also stated that the District's communal responsibility should be greater than their fiduciary responsibility.
- Jonette Thorneson: West Park (WP) parent, mentioned that her son is in the TLC program at WP and is at his fifth school in the District, if WP were to close, he would be at his sixth school.
- Megan Clark: Mt George (MG) parent spoke on the issue of mental health of students and mentioned that MG is a tight knit community where all students, parents, and teachers know each other by name. Mentioned that the mental health of students would be impacted if moved to schools like Shearer and Snow.
- Adrienne Bordeaux: MG parent, spoke on how the parents at the four small schools came together when they heard of the potential for two small school closures and created a Facebook page to spread information. Adriana requested official status of Napa Valley Language Academy's (NVLA) charter status before a decision is made on the school closures.
- Peter Bartlett: MG parent, voiced concern that the committee has not been given enough time to evaluate and make an informed decision on the potential school closures, as well as requested more information on the NVLA budget.
- Kim De Sieyes: MG parent, requested the decision for potential small school closures be delayed until all other options are explored and requested test scores for the four schools in question. Also mentioned that other districts that have closed small schools have not saved as much money as anticipated due to parents of the closed schools end up sending their children to private schools.

- Sabrina Wolfson: MG parent, mentioned that though the District is experiencing declining enrollment, MG is not contributing to the decline. Sabrina also mentioned that the school has long waitlists despite being under enrolled, students are being pulled from MG in fear of potential closure, the school has low chronic absenteeism, and the IB program is a main reason that parents send their children to MG.
- Vanessa Struven: mentioned many upcoming developments in Napa County and their potential to generate additional NVUSD students that could be zoned for the four schools in question.
- Belia Ramos, Napa County Board of Supervisors District 5: requested that all information presented at meetings be posted online prior to meetings to allow the public the ability to follow along as well as be prepared prior to the meeting. Belia also mentioned the status of Napa Pipe and was concerned about the District's partnership with the City on future developments. Belia also requested that the District assign value to the culture of the four small schools.

#### **5. CONSENT ITEMS (Consent Item)**

- Dominic Dutra, 3D Strategies reviewed agenda with committee.

#### **6. DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL (Information Item)**

- Megan Macy, NVUSD legal counsel, briefed the committee on regulations of the Brown Act, conflicts of interest, and the primary focus of the committee based on Education Code 17389 and 17390.
- Education Code 17389 (Added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 277, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 1997. Operative January 1, 1998.):
  - o A school district advisory committee appointed pursuant to Section 17388 shall consist of not less than seven nor more than 11 members, and shall be representative of each of the following:
    - (a) The ethnic, age group, and socioeconomic composition of the district.
    - (b) The business community, such as store owners, managers, or supervisors.
    - (c) Landowners or renters, with preference to be given to representatives of neighborhood associations.
    - (d) Teachers.
    - (e) Administrators.
    - (f) Parents of students.
    - (g) Persons with expertise in environmental impact, legal contracts, building codes, and land use planning, including, but not limited to, knowledge of the zoning and other land use restrictions of the cities or cities and counties in which surplus space and real property is located.
- Education Code 17390 (Added by Stats. 1996, Ch. 277, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 1997. Operative January 1, 1998.):
  - o The school district advisory committee shall do all of the following:
    - (a) Review the projected school enrollment and other data as provided by the district to determine the amount of surplus space and real property.
    - (b) Establish a priority list of use of surplus space and real property that will be acceptable to the community.
    - (c) Cause to have circulated throughout the attendance area a priority list of surplus space and real property and provide for hearings of community input to the committee on acceptable uses of space and real property, including the sale or lease of surplus real property for child care development purposes pursuant to Section 17458.
    - (d) Make a final determination of limits of tolerance of use of space and real property.
    - (e) Forward to the district governing board a report recommending uses of surplus space and real property.
- Committee voted for Barbara Franco for Chair
  - o Wendi Piscia motioned, Arvind Nischal seconded, all approved.
- Committee voted for Arik Housley for Vice Chair
  - o Whitney Farris motioned, Eric Kight seconded, all approved.

#### **7. SMALL SCHOOL CLOSURE CONSIDERATION PRESENTATION BY DISTRICT STAFF**

- Rob Mangewala presented a report on the District's budget, the letter received by Napa County Office of Education, and the operational costs of the four small schools in question.
- Rob Murray presented on the demographics of the District with an emphasis on the four small schools in question.
- Mike Pearson presented on the facilities of the four small schools in question reviewing the sizes and usage of buildings as well as their age and capacity.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:28 p.m.**