



7-11 Committee Meeting

Napa Valley Unified School District

September 17, 2019 5:30PM

Board Room 2425 Jefferson Street Napa, CA 94558

1. Call to Order – 5:31 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; Mary Ann Valles, Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services; Mike Pearson, Assistant Superintendent Operational Services; Jennifer Gibb, Facilities Financial Analyst

GUESTS: Kelly Rem, Lozano Smith

3. Consent Items

3.1. Acceptance of Agenda

Motioned by A. Nischal, Second by A. Damron.

3.2. Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2019

Motioned by A. Housley, Second by A. Nischal

4. Public Comment on Non Agenda Items

At this time, members of the public may address the Committee regarding a matter of public interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on comments of off-agenda items unless specifically authorized by law.

If the speaker wishes to address the committee on an item on the agenda, time will be provided during that item. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person.

- A. Olivia McCormick-Pippert, principal of Snow Elementary, expressed her understanding of the hard decision ahead of the committee and asked the committee to continue to be thoughtful in their listening and learning process of the information provided by the District.
- B. Boyd Dennington, NVUSD parent, voiced concern that the timeline is too short for the committee to make a decision.
- C. Troy Knox, principal of McPherson Elementary, mentioned that he has worked at both large and small schools, children are a beacon of hope and are supported the same at big and small schools, NVUSD is strong because of the families.
- D. Ian Ward, business owner, voiced concern about the relevance of data being provided to the committee, mentioned CDE best practices.
- E. Kristy Sammis, Mt. George (MG) parent, stated that if school closure is a process in which the District and committee need to understand and stay focused on financial issues. Kristy stated that in her opinion, some of the information being presented is irrelevant.
- F. Kirsty Shelton, MG parent, recommended that the committee and District review the Napa City general plan and the future residential developments that have potential for additional student generation that the District may or may not be aware of.

5. Presentations and Discussion

5.1. Superintendent Welcome (Information Item)

- Dr. Mucetti gave a brief presentation on the frequently asked questions and the work that the District has done over the past months on the 19-20 budget and multi-year projections.

Public Comment:

- A. Michelle Reyes, mentioned the money spent on Napa High School (NHS) mascot change, legal cases involving the NHS with football team, and the district reserves.

6. School Closure and New Boundary Plan for Impacted Schools (Information Item)

- Rob Mangewala, Assistant Superintendent Business Services, gave a brief presentation on the current and potential future

boundaries in the event that Mt. George and Yountville are closed.

Public Comment:

- A. Felicia Gagliasso, West Park parent, student in TLC program with needs for consistency, student has been moved by District multiple times throughout their time as a student. Felicia mentioned this is common for a majority of classmates in a similar program as her child. She stated if her child, and students in a like program as her child, can adapt and make the changes so can the students at Yountville and Mt. George.
- B. Megan Rose, Alta Heights parent, asked that the District involve Alta Heights (and Willow) in the discussions for potential consolidation.

7. 7-11 District Advisory Committee Study Session (Discussion Item)

- Committee discussed amongst themselves and asked questions of staff regarding the information that has been presented at the meetings so far.

8. Approval of the School Closure of Yountville Elementary School (Action Item)

Public Comment:

- A. Tom B, Yountville Elementary (YE) parent, spoke on potential impacts of school closure on the community, and mentioned the town of Yountville can work with the District.
- B. Jason Hutchings, YE parent, voiced concern that physical site will no longer be open to the community, if the school is closed.
- Motion to table vote to next meeting by E. Knight, second by A. Damron.
- Ayes: A. Damron, K. Garibaldi, E. Knight
- No: W. Piscia, J. Magana, B. Franco, K. Vang, A. Nischal, L. Miller, A. Housley, W. Farris
- Motion not passed.
- ***Motion to Approve School Closure of Yountville Elementary School by K. Vang, second by A. Nischal.***
- Ayes: W. Piscia, J. Magana, B. Franco, E. Knight, K. Vang, A. Nischal, L. Miller, A. Housley, W. Farris
- No: A. Damron, K. Garibaldi
- Motion passed.

9. Approval of the School Closure of Mt. George Elementary School (Action Item)

Public Comment:

- A. Adrienne Beaudreaux, MG parent, requested the committee work on a recommendation for consolidation if the school is closed.
- B. Mallory Macedo, MG parent, advocated for the IB program and consolidation over closure.
- C. Sabrina Wolfson, MG parent, requested that the IB program be brought to Alta Heights if MG is closed.
- D. Holly Moore, MG parent, data is changing and committee should focus their efforts around school closure, and not funding decisions.
- E. Karen Llamas, MG parent, requested that the committee move forward with a recommendation for consolidation rather than closure.
- F. Earl Kaeht, MG parent, his child performs better in a small school environment and expressed that school consolidation should have been brought up sooner.
- ***Motion to Approve School Closure of Mt. George Elementary School by K. Vang, second by A. Nischal.***
- Ayes: W. Piscia, J. Magana, B. Franco, E. Knight, K. Vang, A. Nischal, L. Miller, A. Housley, W. Farris
- No: A. Damron, K. Garibaldi
- Motion passed.

10. Adjournment - 9:45 p.m.