

AUSD/City Council Subcommittee Meeting

Draft Minutes

8/17/22

Start - 4:00 pm

Via - Zoom (recorded)

1 Call to Order/General Introduction

Jennifer Williams, AUSD Board of Education, President and chair of the meeting

Heather Little, AUSD Board of Education, Vice President

John Knox White, Council Member

Tony Daysog, Council Member

Present:

- Jennifer Williams, President, Board of Education (AUSD)
- Pasquale Scuderi, Superintendent (AUSD)
- Shariq Khan, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services (AUSD)
- Kirsten Zazo, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services (AUSD)
- Susan Davis, Senior Manager of Community Affairs (AUSD)
- Kerri Lonergan, Senior Executive Assistant (AUSD)
- John Knox White, Council Member, (City)
- Lisa Foster, Senior Transportation Coordinator, (City)
- Police Chief Joshi, (City)
- Amy Wooldridge, Recreation and Parks Director (City)
- Fire Chief Luby, (City)
- Heather Little, Vice President Board of Education (AUSD)
- Tony Daysog, Council Member (City)

2 Minutes

A. Motion to approve minutes of May 18, 2022 Meeting:

John Knox White moves/ Heather Little seconds

Vote: Jennifer Williams: Yes

Heather Little: Yes

John Knox White: Yes

Absent: Tony Daysog

Approval of Minutes passes 3-0-1

3 Oral Communication Non-Agenda (Public Comment)

There were no public comments under this agenda item.

4 City/Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) Issues

4-A: Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) Bond Projects Update, including Emma Hood Rebuild

- Shariq Khan, AUSD Assistant Superintendent, Business Services gave the Subcommittee an update recent passage of the Measure B Bond. Mr. Khan shared information on the plans for projects at Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School, Alameda High, Wood Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, and Otis Elementary School. Mr. Khan stated we would focus work on facilities that have portables as well.

Heather Little entered the Zoom at 4:10pm

- A Subcommittee member asked for the timeline of the work to be done to rebuild the Emma Hood Pool. Mr. Khan stated he believes the construction would start in January 2024, and it would take about 18 months to build.

Public Comments:

Vicki Sedlack, Alameda Education Foundation: Ms. Sedlack asked about the gymnasiums to be build at Lincoln Middle and Wood Middle Schools and she asked about the size of the facilities.

A Subcommittee member asked about the size of the gyms as well. Mr. Khan stated the gyms will have bleachers and a lobby for each.

4-B: Swim Center Operations and Maintenance Joint Use Agreement Update

- Amy Wooldridge, Director of Recreation and Parks Department gave the Subcommittee information on Joint Use Agreement for the Swim Center. The Joint Use Agreement was approved by AUSD on August 9, 2022 and is going to the City Council for action on September 6, 2022. Some changes made to this agreement from previous years include:
 - Scheduling to be done jointly in April and December of each year prior to the swim and water polo seasons.
 - The City will be able to use the Encinal Pool during the day. The priority will still be for school district programs, but the City can use the facility when AUSD is not using it.
 - The City will not use the pool past 9:30pm.

Tony Daysog entered the Zoom at 4:18pm

4-C: Collaboration on School Safety Drills

- AUSD Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi introduced Assistant Superintendent Kirsten Zazo to give information on how AUSD conducts its school safety drills. Alameda Police Chief Joshi stated he is excited to work together with AUSD and will attend the upcoming safety drills this fall.
- A Subcommittee member thanked AUSD and the Fire and Police Chiefs for their joint work on the issue of student safety.

4-D: AUSD COVID Protocols:

- Susan Davis, AUSD's Senior Manager of Community Affairs gave the Subcommittee an update on AUSD's COVID protocols. Ms. Davis stated BA 4 and 5 dominant variants have been highly contagious, but the symptoms seem to be more mild than earlier variants.
- Ms. Davis stated COVID funds from the state are running out so we don't have the amount of staff working on COVID issues as we did previously.
- Ms. Davis stated we opened schools with no health screens and masking is not mandated but is highly recommended.
- Ms. Davis stated if positive, students are asked to test on day 5. If negative, they are released to come back to school on day 6.
- Ms. Davis stated unlike having teams to test students by classroom at our Elementary sites, we are now giving home tests to students to test at home. In middle and high school students can also pick up home tests when they are exposed.
- AUSD is still providing PCR testing at two sites: AHS for students and staff Monday – Friday 10am to 5pm and at the Lum School Parking Lot, Monday – Saturday 9am – 5pm. The Lum location is a drive through site.
- Also, AUSD facilities are now open for members of the public to rent.

4-D: Update on Safe Routes to Schools Programs and Projects for the 2022-23 School Year:

- Lisa Foster, Senior Transportation Coordinator for the City of Alameda gave the group an update on Safe Routes to Schools for the 2022-23 school year.
- Ms. Foster gave information on the ongoing collaboration between AUSD and the City of Alameda.
- Ms. Foster stated the Alameda County program offers pedestrian and bicycle education, events, and programs at our schools. And the City also supplements what the County does to increase the outreach to Alameda families and schools.
- International Walk to School Day is on October 12, 2022.
- Bike to School Day is tentatively scheduled for May 11, 2023.

- Other programs include pedestrian rodeos, bike mobiles to fix student bicycles for free while also teaching basic bike maintenance, providing maps for suggested routes to schools.
- Ms. Foster showed a flyer that is available in three languages that has information on how to be a safe driver while students are walking and biking to schools.
- Ms. Foster stated the City is funding bicycle education for all 5th grade students in Alameda.
- The City has a goal of doing safety assessments of all schools in Alameda (public and private). There are planned improvements for Safe Routes to Schools for several of Alameda's schools.
- Ms. Foster
- Ms. Foster shared contact information for staff in City Hall who work on Transportation issues.
- Ms. Foster shared that the Draft Transportation Plan will be released in September 2022.

5: New Business:

There was no new business discussed.

6: Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Jennifer Williams at 4:46 pm (Zoom meeting was recorded to the cloud)

Respectively Submitted,

Kerri Lonergan
Senior Executive Assistant
Alameda Unified School District