

Huntington Beach City School District  
**Facilities Advisory (“7-11”) Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting No. 2, April 30, 2019**

**1.1 Opening of Meeting:**

**1.1 Call to Order:**

The second meeting of the Facilities Advisory (“7-11”) Committee was called to order by Chair Jill Hardy at 5:30 pm in the District Education Center Board Room located at 8750 Dorsett drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

**1.2 Roll Call:**

Members Present were: Kathy Colorado; Michelle Halligan; Chair Jill Hardy; Vice Chair Thorsten Hegberg; Joanna Lejniaks; Frank Mignano; Joshua Yang. Member absent was Albert Munoz.

Others Present: Jerry Suich, Oxbridge Development, Inc., Facilitator; Douglas Yeomans, Esq., Parker & Covert, LLP, District Counsel; Jon Archibald, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, HBCSD; Jimmy Lambos, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, HBCSD.

**1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chair Jill Hardy led the Pledge of Allegiance in the Flag salute.

**2. Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion by Mr. Hegberg; Seconded by Mr. Yang; Vote 7-0 in favor.

**3. Adoption of Minutes for Meeting No. 1, April 2, 2019:**

Motion by Mr. Hegberg; Seconded by Mr. Yang; with Ms. Colorado abstaining and passed 6-0 in favor.

**3a. Introduction:**

Member Kathy Colorado, who unavoidably missed the first meeting, introduced herself.

**4. Overview of District Demographics -- continued:**

Jon Archibald, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services at the District, referencing additional handouts, described the declining student population at the District and discussed attendance numbers at individual schools and in the District generally.

**5. Sowers School Property:**

Facilitator Jerry Suich, referencing handouts on the Sowers Middle School Property and on the Former Gisler Middle School Property, discussed the characteristics of each property and respective adjacent parks. Director of Facilities Jon Archibald then described the alternative disposition scenarios involving both school properties. If the Gisler Property (which was surplus in 1986) were to be disposed of, the existing Sowers School would then be modernized, with the District investing significantly in seismic/life safety modernization of an older school. Alternatively, the existing Sowers Property could be disposed of and the Gisler Property could host a new Sowers Middle School. Under that scenario, the existing Sowers School would operate as interim student housing until the new Sower School opened.

**6. Perry School Property:**

Characteristics of the Perry Elementary School were discussed in relation to other schools of the District. Director of Facilities Jon Archibald then described the financial drain on the General Fund caused by a school, good as it may be, which is attended by an abnormally low number of District students in relation to the optimal student housing capacity of that school.

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**7. Public Comment:**

A member of the community was concerned about the possibility of a commercial rezoning on the Sowers site were that property to be surplus.

**8. Comments from Committee Members:**

Discussion, in part, centered on the costs involved in either modernizing Sowers in place or rebuilding it entirely on the Gisler site. Additional information was requested to be brought forward by the District architect at the next meeting.

**9. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.