

**Huntington Beach City School District
Facilities Advisory (“7-11”) Committee
Minutes of Meeting No. 4, May 28, 2019**

1. Opening of Meeting:

1.1 Call to Order:

The fourth meeting of the Facilities Advisory (“7-11”) Committee was called to order by Chair Jill Hardy at 5:32 pm in the District Education Center Board Room located at 8750 Dorsett Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

1.2 Roll Call:

Members Present were: Jill Hardy, Chair; Thorsten Hegberg, Vice Chair; Joanna Lejnieks; Kathy Colorado; Frank Mignano; Albert Munoz; Joshua Yang; Michelle Halligan.

Others Present: Douglas Yeoman, Parker & Covert LLP, Alternate Facilitator & District Counsel; Brian Whitmore, BCA Architects; Jon Archibald, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance:

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

2. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by IY; Seconded by TH; Vote 8-0 in favor.

3. Adoption of Amended Minutes for Meeting No. 3, May 15, 2019:

Motion by IY; Seconded by FM; Vote 7-0-1 in favor with Mrs. Colorado abstaining.

4. Sowers School Property:

Brian Whitmore, President of BCA Architects, the architect of the proposed new (or to-be-remodeled) Sowers Middle School, described the choices inherent in remodeling Sowers on its present site or building a new Sowers School at the Gisler Site, including estimated costs for both. Jon Archibald confirmed how the Measure Q Bond proceeds allocated to each school could be utilized depending upon what choice is determined by the Board.

All but one committee member voiced their support of remodeling the existing Sowers Middle School in lieu of surplusing and selling the site and using the proceeds to build a new Sowers Middle School on the existing Gisler Site. One committee member expressed concern over the District’s current fiscal condition and continued declining student enrollment and advocated the need to surplus and sell the Sowers Middle School property to generate much needed capital funds to build a new Sowers Middle School on the Gisler Site.

5. Public Hearing on Sowers Middle School Property:

Jill Hardy next convened the public hearing on the best use of the Sowers Middle School Property. No one from the audience addressed the Committee and the public hearing was closed.

6. Discussion of Facilities Advisory Committee Report to Board of Trustees.

The revised draft Facilities Advisory Committee Report on the subject of either remodeling the existing Sowers Middle School or the possible surplusing and selling of the Sowers Middle School property for the purpose of accommodating a new Sowers School to be built on the Former Gisler Middle School Property was considered by the Committee. Based upon the comments made earlier in the meeting from Committee members on the disposition of the Sowers Middle School Property, Thorsten Hegberg moved and Albert Munoz seconded not to surplus the Sowers Middle School Property but remodel the existing school. The vote was 7 to 1 in favor of the motion. The

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Committee agreed that this draft Report be revised and resubmitted for approval at the June 11, 2019 Meeting.

7. Perry School Property:

- a. Comments from Committee Members. Discussion continued on the best use of the Perry Elementary School property. Comments included the concern that if the property were sold, a valuable place for community members to gather and meet would be lost; property values of homes in the areas would decline without the school; additional programs such as STEM should be added to the school to more fully utilize the site and attract new students; the school closure could be viewed as a social justice issue since many economically disadvantaged students attend Perry and would need to be bused if transferred to another school(s); the attendance boundaries of Perry should be redrawn to accommodate additional students.
- b. Public Comment. Two community members spoke in favor of maintaining Perry and doing more to attract additional students.

8. Proposed Additional Meetings:

Meeting No. 5 will be held on Tuesday, June 11th from 5:30 -7:00 pm, and if needed, Meeting No. 6 will be held on Thursday, June 27th from 5:30-7:00 pm.

9. Overall Public Comment. *(The Committee receives communication from the public regarding agenda items or non-agenda items. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.)*

More widespread notification of the public hearing on the Perry Elementary School Property was requested since few community members were aware of today’s meeting and public hearing.

10. Overall Comments from Committee Members. None.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.