

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 5, 2022

MINUTES

A. OPEN SESSION

1. Meeting Protocols Under COVID-19

The meeting protocols were read in both English and Spanish.

2. Attendance/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Christopher Arend, Mrs. Dorian Baker, Mr. Chris Bausch, Mr. Tim Gearhart, and Mr. Nathan Williams

Absent: Mr. Lance Gannon (joined the dais at 9:23 a.m.)

3. Adopt Agenda

A motion passed unanimously to adjust the public comment to be heard after the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services presentation (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Dorian Baker).

A motion passed unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended (motion by Dorian Baker, second by Frank Triggs).

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Trustee Triggs led the pledge of allegiance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

For the one item only, listed below.

D. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Study Session: Update of Facilities Master Plan: Options for Elementary School Boundaries and Program Location

As directed by the Board of Trustees, and as we near the end of an extensive two-year study, staff has prepared backup data, projections, and recommendations to update the District Facilities Master Plan. This session focuses primarily on two options to address the future size, number, location, and specific programmatic needs at our elementary sites. These two options primarily impact the Georgia Brown and Glen Speck Elementary school sites.

Superintendent Curt Dubost began with a message to the community with some history of this issue.

Assistant Superintendent Brad Pawlowski made his presentation which included timelines of the processes that have taken place regarding this issue, presentation of the two options that the board asked staff to look at and prepare financial information, and architectural renderings of what the options may look like.

In-person public comment was received by:
Dale Gustin, regarding concerns about the finances of the school district.

Yessenia Echevarria asked the Board to acknowledge the presence of PR City Councilwoman Maria Garcia, Joel Peterson, Hispanic business owners and Latinx press in the Board Room. The families of Speck were promised the new site and the Board should honor the language of Measure M.

Camille Katz thanked the district for trying to listen to the community.

Maria Garcia asked the Board to connect with the City Development about rezoning and housing projects that are in the pipeline. The community will grow to 45,000 but we need to align the schools with the general plan for our city. Ms. Garcia has concerns for our community and the parents at Speck.

Joel Peterson stated that parents, staff and teachers are feeling disenfranchised and complain of problems of equity.

Email from Nora Vasquez read by the recording secretary

Abimael Basunto discussed the disappointment of parents, staff and students.

Noemi Basunto, a former Speck student, shared that the VAPA program helped her as a student and concerns with the temporary campus enrollment.

Rita Koski had questions regarding acreage and comments regarding Option A.
Terri Pearl regarding the west side community.

Call-in public comment from Michael Rivera requesting to clarify the large number of vacant classrooms. Stated that he was on the 7-11 Committee and though he wants equity, this is not an emotional decision; we do not need an additional school.

Call-in public comment from Laura Parker stating that the district needs to build trust with the community.

In-person public comment from Angela Hollander supporting the Speck community and sharing information about the formation of the dual-immersion program.

E-mail received by Eric Greening in support of both schools read by the recording secretary.

In-person public comment from Amy Oberg who was also on the 7-11 committee and spoke about middle school boundaries

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. (motion by Chris Bausch, second by Frank Triggs).

Chris Bausch, Board Clerk

Chris Arend, Board President