

SONORA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of
August 2, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Sonora Union High School District – District Conference Room, FL-1
100 School St., Sonora, California

Members Present: Ricky Canepa, Ty Wivell, Kirsti Dyer, Connie Williams, Stacy Ingalls, Gretchen Birtwhistle, Chet White, Dick Gaiser

Members Absent: Connie O'Connor

Also present were Superintendent Patrick Chabot, Board Clerk Jeanie Smith, and members of the public.

1.0 Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

- Connie Williams established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

- Connie Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Approve Agenda

- ✓ Motion by Ty Wivell, second by Chet White to approve the agenda as presented.
- ✓ Vote: Ayes: Unanimous

4.0 Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

- ✓ Motion by Ty Wivell to amend the 7-19-17 minutes by adding to 9.0: Future plans for Cassina and Ted Bird High, second by Stacy Ingalls.
- ✓ Vote: Ayes: Unanimous

5.0 Public Comment Period for non-agendized items

Any member of the public attending this meeting may directly address the Committee.

The Chairperson will ask if any members of the public wish to address the Committee, and if so, the member of the public shall raise his/her hand and when called upon, give his/her statement. Members of the public will be given up to 5 minutes to address the Committee.

- There was no public comment.

6.0 Discussion of Dome

- Patrick Chabot reported that the District has no plans to move Cassina High or Ted Bird High, and that we have not been able to obtain a DSA report on why the Dome building is not suitable for students.

- Ricky Canepa reported that the Alt Ed campus is already three different parcels and can be adjusted. Interim City Engineer, Jerry Fuccillo, says the school can do whatever we want to realign the parcels, and he is willing to help. There is some confusion as to the zoning, whether residential or public.
- During the discussion Connie Williams requested a copy of all of the leases, agreements, and MOUs the District has with other entities regarding the Alternative Educational campus.

7.0 Discussion of Wildcat Ranch

- Ricky Canepa reported that the Ranch is zoned RR-5, is 136.9 acres and can be split similar to the Dome property.
- During the discussion period Connie Williams suggested adding an additional agenda item “Public Comment” after the discussion items on the Ranch and The Dome.
- Patrick Chabot passed out the information from Ed Oakes entitled Guide to School Site Analysis and Development. The current population of Sonora High would the state suggests about 33 acres. If the school grew to 2200 students, the state suggests 52 acres.
- Stacy Ingalls presented a paper detailing the expense and income on a school that has an Ag Ranch that included rabbit, sheep, chicken, and greenhouse co-ops. She reported the expenses did not include the maintenance, custodial, or live-in personnel.
- A member of the public commented that a recent study indicated that Ag jobs were one of the six new jobs using technology and helping the California economy.
- Patrick McConnell spoke about his and Steven Grolle’s senior projects of which designed and constructed the Cross Country Course on the Ranch. This course is now the home course of Sonora High’s cross country team and is host to MLL meets as well as elementary school meets. Columbia College also uses the course as a walking course.
- Mike Miller also spoke about the cross country course. He mentored Steven Grolle on the design of the course. The course is also used as a tri-county meet. He suggested Summerville also be allowed to use the course.

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- Margret Grolle read the summary of Steven’s senior project write up, detailing why he chose to design a cross country course.
- Lisa McConnell spoke about being in the last class to benefit from the Jamestown Ag property, and the need for an Ag program and campus at Sonora High School.
- Stacy Ingalls reported on the Ag advisory committee, and other volunteers in support of the Ag Ranch.
- Kirsti Dyer presented a slide show on the cross country course, showing her research on the ranch.

8.0 Schedule/Confirm Subsequent Meetings

- August 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm, District Conference Room FL-1
- August 30, 2017, at 7:00 pm, District Conference Room FL-1

9.0 Adjourn

- With no further business, Connie Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

(Note: As required pursuant to Education Code Section 15280, the minutes of this meeting will be posted on the District’s web site.)