

**VENURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**7-11 Advisory Committee**  
**March 5, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Ventura Unified School District held a meeting of the 7-11 Advisory Committee on March 5, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Daniel Flores, 7-11 Committee Chair at 5:35 p.m. at Anacapa Middle School, Room 90, in Ventura, California

**Roll Call:**

Committee Members Present: Stephanie Caldwell, Louis Cunningham, Jorge DeLeon, Cheri Egbert, Daniel Flores, James Forsythe, Brad Golden, Gabriel Hagerty, Tanner Shelton

Absent: Christina Montero

VUSD Support Staff Present: Terri Allison, Rosi Cortez, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, Bill Elsenbaumer, Betsy George, Jackie Moran, Dr. Roger Rice

**Adoption of Agenda**

Maggie Graves, Anacapa Middle School P.E. teacher, requested placement of a presentation on the agenda. Chair Daniel Flores suggested adding the presentation before the YMCA's presentation and amending the agenda. Stephanie Caldwell moved the presentation be added to the agenda, as well as moving item #6 – now Anacapa MS presentation and YMCA Anacapa MS Proposal to #3 – right before Public Comments in order to hear both presentations before public comments start. Brad Golden seconded the motion. All in favor of adopting amended agenda. Absent: Christina Montero

**Anacapa Middle School Presentation – Keep the Green**

Maggie Graves, Anacapa Middle School P.E. Teacher and Department Head made a presentation regarding keeping Anacapa's green space. Ms. Graves acknowledged and thanked Dr. Rice for his visit to Anacapa and meeting with staff. The main focus of her presentation was to address the property being considered for surplus— demonstrating the property is not surplus due to its high use for P.E. classroom, school purposes, and community purposes.

**YMCA Anacapa MS Proposal**

Amy Bailey, Executive Director of the YMCA made a presentation on the Anacapa property proposal to Ventura USD. Ms. Bailey asked for the opportunity for Nick Diecht, Architect at Main Street Architects to speak as well since he partnered with YMCA to come up with solutions to their space challenges. Ms. Bailey stated that YMCA is a 501(c)3 organization that serves the community and children. She provided history behind the organization and the joint partnership with the school district. She mentioned the discussion regarding Anacapa started in 2011 with the Safe Routes to School Program which the City of Ventura brought to the attention of the district and the YMCA. She acknowledged the YMCA has outgrown the space they currently occupy. Mr. Diecht spoke on the traffic flow (entrances, exits, drop offs, pickups) at Anacapa, which at this time do not work well. He acknowledged that parking and traffic plans are conceptual at this time.

**Public Comments**

Due to the high volume of public comment requests, Chair Daniel Flores limited each public comment to two minutes instead of the usual three minutes.

- Skyler Nerida, 8<sup>th</sup> grader representing Anacapa, spoke on high use of tennis and basketball courts.
- Laurie Curtis-Abbe, Anacapa teacher, gave her minutes to Mark Abbe.
- Mark Abbe, representing Anacapa boundary and also parent of former students, shared his support of the YMCA program, but disagrees that school has surplus field space for YMCA proposal.

- Emma McKenzie, 8<sup>th</sup> grader representing AMS, took three years of P.E. and spoke on high use of fields and tennis courts for everyday P.E. classes. They are essential to P.E. program and for the community.
- Sofia Gray, 8<sup>th</sup> grader representing AMS, spoke on daily use of fields and tennis courts for P.E. and by the community on weekends. Feels the YMCA has already taken up part of the parking lot.
- Jared Steinlecht, 8<sup>th</sup> grader representing AMS, cross country runner, plays three sports, feels fields are good for bonding with friends.
- Amber Stevens, YMCA Associate Executive Director, feels they have impacted the community in many ways. They have run out of resources and space. The AMS middle school program is maxed out with 10-15 on the waiting list. They need our support.
- Paul King, YMCA member, spoke on behalf of the YMCA and the benefits they provide. Thomas Fire support was so appreciated. The YMCA is a family that wants to stay in Ventura and continue providing services.
- Claudia Armann, district parent and McMillan homeowner, where Washington School is located. Spoke on behalf of building multi-family housing on the site. In agreement with deeming Washington School surplus.
- Lourdes Almalab, 8<sup>th</sup> grader representing AMS, spoke on behalf of saving fields. This would mean running on concrete which is the worse for joints. The field is used for many things.
- Ailanie Martinez, 8<sup>th</sup> grader representing AMS, fields, basketball and tennis courts are not surplus. They are not worth sacrificing to build a parking lot. Areas are used on a daily basis for P.E. and other activities, including fire drills.
- Randall George, YMCA volunteer, thanked Ms. Graves for presentation. Delighted in seeing the variety and scope of activities that go on. Convinced all activities can coexist with the YMCA's proposal to the district. Many community groups come to the YMCA.
- Larry Graves, local architect, served on YMCA board in past. Supports YMCA; however, YMCA expansion will further complicate parking and traffic circulation. Does not support giving more land to YMCA, even through a lease.
- Pattie Braga, Ventura resident, past AMS parent and as a YMCA board member. VUSD supporter for many years. Created Teacher of Month Program. The YMCA does not want to take away land; antithesis of what YMCA stands for. YMCA has been a longtime friendly neighbors and partners with AMS and numerous other schools and VUSD. The proposal is a win-win situation.
- Jamie King, parent, attended last meeting and am happy with committee's recommendation regarding Will Rogers. Mentioned land values not going down. Any decision made has to be thought thoroughly because we can't get the land back. Feels the meeting would have been much more pleasant if conversations had been had with SAP earlier in the process. Recognizes parking and traffic issues. Does not recommend identifying property surplus—it's too highly valued. The space was originally for the children.
- Karly Walker, reiterating co-worker and students, this is their classroom and our teaching space. Encroaching on it will be devastating. Acknowledged traffic issues. Many (74%) bussed students. Student safety is a concern. The YMCA gate not always locked. Invites walk-ins.
- Kristie Steinlicht, AMS parent of 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Children have learning a variety of sports and health lessons through P.E. While everybody thinks the YMCA is serving our community, their after-school program interferes with cross country and what the school is doing. It would be nice to know what rights the YMCA has to AMS facilities. Bottom line, open space in Ventura comes at a premium. Reducing field space reduces the use for AMS and the community.
- Cal Kingsmith, AMS 6<sup>th</sup> grader, I love the YMCA but I feel there's a lot of parking space. A lot of parents pickup students at their parking lot and back parking spaces are wide open. Doesn't think we have extra land.
- Jennifer Holland, AMS Science teacher, passionate about outdoor education. Attempted to create a native habitat a few years ago and was denied due to high use of field area by school and community. It is true—see it every time I drive home from work. Thinks it's not accurate to say space is not used for educational purposes.
- Dan Lyon, YMCA board member, all YMCA wants is to provide a win-win for the school and the community. Former P.E. teacher, coach community sports. Sees a huge opportunity to create a safer environment for students and the community. Feels proposal is an improvement for the school, the YMCA and the city.
- Stephanie Hobart, AMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent, three future students, clearly speaking sees this as robbing Peter to pay Paul. It is not convenient for YMCA to build somewhere else, but it is possible. There is no need to take away from current and future kids.
- Jennifer Robles, VUSD retiree, spoke on behalf of the Education Service Center and to encourage a creative approach to plan for the future of the Education Service Center. Was surprised to see that property is surplus.

Knows a portion of the facility is not best utilized. The services that are provided are essential to the community and are not surplus. Asks to consider the cost of replacing the facility. Urge you to solicit input, take time to develop creative solutions and find a win-win.

- Elaine Paler, AMS 8<sup>th</sup> grader, spoke on use of fields for P.E. and community use; feels P.E. teachers' classrooms are being taken away. Taking away outdoor space shows how much the district cares for our school. Other organizations also use our campus for their sports. Hope you consider our protest.
- Rosie Wilcox, parent of 6<sup>h</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grader and a PTA member. Thanked committee members for their time. Came to support staff and students. Against taking space away from school. My mission has always been to support our faculty so they can better support all our children. We are seeing that staff and kids are very passionate and upset about this. While personally loves the YMCA's proposal, my mission is the kids. Text messages from other board members share same sentiments.
- Clint Ellison, AMS P.E. teacher and community coach, taking away land from kids is not a win-win situation. Rebuilding tennis courts still losing some green space and land currently used by our kids. School has a staggered drop-off in the morning for zero period. Not 600 students dropped off at the same time. It is a tragedy to me as a parent, coach, P.E. teacher. Hope this is taken into serious consideration.
- Georgia Powers, AMS 6<sup>th</sup> grader, on field hockey team that uses the tennis courts. Fields are used for many sports. Ms. Walker said we'll be running in circles; I don't want to be running in circles if fields are taken.
- Parker Powers, AMS 8<sup>th</sup> grader, speaking up for future students. Don't want future people to be affected by loss of recreational space. If the district doesn't support us on this, it's clear that we aren't as important as other schools.
- Karissa Peraiolo, AMS Special Ed teacher, spoke against a parking lot and loss of green space. Some of her students don't have a gym class, but the gym teachers allow us to share space on fun Fridays. Doesn't feel that anyone will disagree that the YMCA is great, and all they do is great, but doesn't see how adding a parking lot would help too much. Feels it would add more danger to students rather than safety. Doesn't feel it would be fair to the students or the staff to take that area away.
- Shannon Lopez, AMS Language Arts and Social Studies teacher, opposes designating AMS field as surplus. Sounds like we are choosing between two decisions. Thinks the decision today is whether it is a surplus field. In her opinion it is not. Designating it surplus will be detrimental to her students. Believes P. E. and outdoor education have a large impact on students' academic success, their social-emotional health, and well-being. We talk a lot about the importance of social-emotional health, so would like to see us invest in things that have an actual impact. Many students don't have access at home to sports of physical activities. P.E. teachers work very hard to give our students access to sports and experiences they will not have anywhere else. Losing parts of fields will limit these activities, which in turn affects academics. Asks that students be considered and what is best for them. Let's focus on whose going to be most impacted.
- Jade Torres, AMS 6<sup>th</sup> grader parent, VUSD teacher, and happy member of the YMCA. Understands the district is trying to find ways to increase revenue by reducing surplus space. Feels a middle school of almost 900 student is not an ideal place to reduce square footage. Her family is concerned with impact to P.E. and during lunch time. The various activities help students develop eye-hand coordination, follow direction, and practice calisthenics, also expose students to new sports and games that they may not have had in the past. A reduction in space would be a detriment to our students. Asks that we allow our students know that their opinions matter and that we value them by honoring their space.
- Christina Austin, AMS parent and public school educator. Had not heard the district was considering any of their land as surplus so decided to get involved. AMS and entire district need more grass, more space, more nature. The point has been well made that the space is being used. One viewpoint not heard yet is that the space can be used for classes other than P.E. As a reading teacher, knows the value of being able to take an indoor lesson outdoors. Having an open, green space around us is essential for physical and mental health. Instead of considering taking away space, let starting a conversation about fixing the grass and plant more trees on campus. We need to band together and never get rid of the very limited open green space.
- Abner Flores, cited quantified research on green space—it's been shown that physical activity for children helps stem anxiety, depression, even help with intelligence and focus, even helps fight addiction. City type spaces like asphalt d parking lots do the opposite. They create noise pollution and actually release pollutants. There is a message that will be communicated to these children depending on decision. Try to remember the message you are sending to them.

- Sarah Peters, AMS 7<sup>th</sup> grader parent, taught Special Education and also a lawyer. Daughter will be attending in another year. She is one of the community members that hasn't been mentioned yet that uses the surplus land. She is a Buccaneer's cheerleader. Feels that even though the YMCA is a great organization, it's not something that should be part of committee's consideration. Their expansion is not the district's problem—it's not something that you should be thinking about. What you should be caring about are the students—the least fortunate. Maybe P.E. classes are the only time these kids will play a sport or be outdoors in a green space. This is what you should be caring about.
- Roxanna Flores, parent of VUSD students, questions what the YMCA says. The director states all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders get vouchers. Her children did not receive vouchers for swim classes. Left with the thought of how many broken promises will AMS students will be left with. The director also stated she spoke to the Buccaneers coordinator and he was in agreement. Why isn't he here advocating for what she stated? Her biggest concern is the public being in close proximity to our students and with that many risks arise. Considers this a win-lose situation because students will be losing the opportunity to grown healthy and build on social, emotional skills .
- Perry Geue, representing Ventura County Christian School. We have been in this community for the last 27 years, leasing the Washington School property for the last 20 years. The property was in terrible condition when we started using it. Many know it was in bad shape. We have made about \$5 million of improvements over the last 20 years, mostly through volunteer labor. Would love the opportunity to continue using the facility and making improvements to the assets and property. We would like to make an appeal to be able to continue our lease agreement under the current conditions of making improvements to the building and property, and would like to appeal for the field and current size of the property to stay as is. We have a baseball, football and soccer field. Sports are critical to high school students. Was not aware that we were on the agenda. We would love to have the opportunity to have a fuller presentation. We hope you consider this.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A draft of January 21, 2020 minutes was provided. Approval was tabled to the next meeting. Lou Cunningham motioned to approve minutes for the February 8, 2020 meeting, Stephanie Caldwell seconded the motion. Minutes approved as presented. Absent: Christina Montero

#### **Discussion and Preparation of Recommendation to the Board Regarding Identification of Surplus Property**

Anacapa Middle School was discussed. Chair Daniel Flores asked the committee if there were any actions they wanted to take. Before any discussion is held, Stephanie Caldwell requested Dr. Rice or somebody else restate for the committee and the public the purpose of the 7-11 Committee and what the parameters are that they need to operate under. Dr. Rice welcomed the opportunity to thank all the students for their great job during public comments. He also stated he was very impressed with all the presentations—they were so professional and respectful of each other. He mentioned how proud he was to serve as their superintendent. In response to Ms. Caldwell's question, and to clear up some misinformation, the purpose of the group, Dr. Rice stated that during the presentations he heard a lot of misinformation and mischaracterization. He repeated "I don't want to take your land." He confirmed the committee is hearing your voice. They are a citizens' oversight committee charged with the responsibility of making a recommendation to the district. The district is prepared to bring a bond of over \$300 million to the voters in November to try to address all the needs mentioned during presentations. This is the only way the district can give the students and the community what they need—top quality facilities. Facilities are aging, beat up and rundown, and the district needs help. In order to get this help, the law requires that the district ask the community, "Should we be doing these things?" The district cannot go to the voters without doing this—asking questions about Washington School, or Anacapa or the Education Service Center, or any of the other properties that have already been discussed. Dr. Rice acknowledged the committee and thanked them for their time and energy. They have asked for information and getting facts in order to make the right recommendation to the Board. The committee is not charged with authority to act. Recommendations made to the Board regarding Anacapa have nothing to do with the YMCA proposal. The reason the YMCA proposal is on the table is because the committee is doing their due diligence to say they understand that the district has to go through this process in order to prove to voters that the district is being efficient with their resources before going for a bond. Otherwise, why would the district ask voters for money if we aren't looking at our own backyard." The committee is asking the hard questions, including why Anacapa is even on the list. At this point, the district was compelled to share the YMCA's proposal that goes back many years so the committee could make an informed judgement before making any recommendations to the board on any of the properties. Much more than \$300M potential bond is needed, so we need help figuring out what the best process is. Whatever the committee recommends to the board is fine. We

trust in the committee's input. What matters to the district is that the committee keeps the long game in mind and helps the district figure out what the best use is for each of our properties. After going through the process, then we can go to the voters and say we have done our due diligence; we have done the best we can to evaluate the resources we have. In response to the charge of the committee—their responsibility is only to judge the property on its face (whether it is currently being used fully and completely, whether it has potential value). The committee has no authority to recommend property be considered surplus and specify making it a fishing lake or a gym. The board will make determinations about whether to consider a potential alternative use for each property. Ms. Caldwell followed up with a second question, "If committee does not deem Anacapa surplus, will the district make needed improvements concerning safety (parking area increased flow, refurbished tennis courts)?" Betsy George responded that the only thing she remembered being addressed on the Long-Range Facility Master Plan (LRFMP) concerning Anacapa was drainage work. Dave Marshall responded that asphalt improvement (pickup and drop off work) is included in Phase 1 of the LRFMP. Ms. George mentioned there are \$900 million of needs district-wide. A maximum of \$300 million would be the most the district could raise through a ballot measure. This leaves two-thirds of needs off of Phase I, which is a 5-10 year project list. Cherie Egbert referenced duties of the committee—the community can provide input through hearings regarding acceptable uses of properties, and make a final determination for use of properties. Ms. Egbert stated she interprets this as talking about acceptable uses and the vision. Dr. Rice answered by stating it's appropriate to give input, but reminded the committee that any recommendation is not binding. He mentioned there was much discussion about attaching a rider for educational use to the Avenue School property. Jackie Moran stated that committee's recommendations will have influence—the board is going to hear the committee's recommendation. She stated recommendations will have meaning for her. Dr. Jerry Dannenberg stated that once the committee has done its work, if they have determined a property be considered surplus, it is up to the board to decide if district will continue using as a surplus property. If the board decides to do something with it, then that determination will be made with another set of inputs. The board will want to know what the community thinks. Public input will be requested at that time. Daniel Flores stated that committee's job is to reflect what the community really wants and what we feel is right for students of this district. Mr. Flores shared that he has big concerns for parents and students regarding Anacapa urging the committee to not recommend the property as surplus. He shared that the committee heard from many Loma Vista and Will Rogers families and we listened to the community. He hopes the way the committee has voted so far continues because it does reflect community input. What we are hearing from students and emails is that there is not a huge community desire for YMCA project. The district provided an excerpt from the guide for school site development after the committee requested the information. This is an analysis to assist schools in determining the amount of land needed. The recommendation for middle schools is 25 acres. Anacapa has 19 acres. When Loma Vista and Will Rogers were voted on, there were 40 students per acre at Loma Vista and 65 students per acre at Will Rogers. Anacapa at 46%—already below the recommended green space for middle schools. The committee has already voted on two schools that are also below the acreage recommended for elementary schools. Mr. Flores reiterated concerns regarding green space and the consistency of already voted on properties. He stated he felt it important to continue voting on what the community desires and do what is best for the students. He expressed no disrespect towards YMCA and asked to go on record that one of the most unfortunate aspects of this is that he hopes the community and committee has no animosity towards YMCA. They are a wonderful organization. He stated this really isn't about the YMCA.

Mr. Flores followed with a motion that Anacapa Middle School be removed from consideration for surplus. James Forsythe seconded the motion. Jorge DeLeon asked to go on record that he was not advocating for any other entity, but asked for consideration of future neighbors. Why not consider an opportunity with a known neighbor? He feels the board will not be getting the time to create the partnerships that people are asking for. He stated that if the committee made the recommendation to say yes, it is not a guarantee the property will be given away or leased out. He asked the committee to take into consideration that there is an opportunity to see possibilities by creating a better partnership with a neighbor we already have, and what they can contribute to enhance the grounds for students. Mr. DeLeon shared his concerns for the safety of students being dropped off across the street. He stated he appreciates the fact that kids may potentially lose space and is sensitive to this. He shared he is not a fan of overpaving. He has had conversations with Nick Diecht regarding creating partnerships so space can be used. He asked that we keep in mind Anacapa is used 9 ½ months out of the year. There is an opportunity here to create a shared space. YMCA uses the space when we are not using it. If we go the route of saying no, we might lose out on the possibility of exploring other possibilities. He asked the board to research and get community input. Mr. DeLeon mentioned that what has been spoken tonight gave individuals responsible for writing a proposal what is important

for us as parents, and what can we do to maximize what we have. Saying no may hinder the possibilities of exploring. Mr. DeLeon stated he would be against the motion because of these things. Tanner Shelton, a city planner, commented the City of Ventura is the owner of the land the YMCA is currently on. He shared that the YMCA is a valued community partner and has good space to expand. The proposal leaves him desiring a lot, but he stated it is not committee's charge to look at that. He stated he felt comfortable considering a portion of the property being considered surplus, but not all of it. He thought what YMCA is asking for parking is a bit excessive. If the committee is open to considering a smaller portion, it would be a conversation he would be willing to have. Not in agreement in deeming the whole property surplus. James Forsythe, a Special Education Para-Educator, understands teaching and what P.E. teachers feel about their classrooms. He would be really upset if somebody took his classroom away. As a community we have to see it as surplus without looking at the YMCA. Mr. Forsythe stated he is not in favor of taking away classrooms from P.E. teachers and students. Brad Golden, inquired what the timeline is for Long-Range Facility Master Plan Phase I projects. Dave Marshall responded that it depends on passing a ballot measure. Betsy George responded that the Board would need to take action to place the measure on the November 2020 ballot and if it passes, then Phase I projects will be initiated. It will take between 3-6 years to complete all Phase I projects. Mr. Golden inquired if improved flow would be part of the AMS projects. Ms. George confirmed it is, as well as other pick up/drop off projects at other schools. He mentioned his children attended Mound School when the pick up/drop off areas were completed, which took away field space. Mr. Golden feels that we have a perfect partner next door, and this partner has plans already. None of the other parcels are in this situation. To think we can lose this partner and they could possibly move, so at this time, Mr. Golden does not support the motion. Stephanie Caldwell heard the students and staff loud and clear. She praised the students for their articulate comments and passion for their learning environment and their future. It is their future Ms. Caldwell is looking at in making her decision. She mentioned the partnership created between Mavericks and Foothill Technology High School for P.E. Ms. Caldwell recalled the YMCA's presentation regarding an MOU dated back to October 2017. Shows discussions have continued to make sure that it's the best and highest use for both parties. Feels there is potential to create classroom space for P.E. teachers. If the bond passes, only 1/3 of necessary improvements will be made. Not only does this affect the students of Anacapa, it affects all the students in the district. Consequently, Ms. Caldwell is unable to support the motion. She feels the benefit to the school district, by deeming property surplus, would create the opportunity to continue this discussion. Gabriel Hagerty inquired about the timing to implement plans if the board decides to declare property surplus and allows the district to enter into negotiations. Betsy George responded that it would be in partnership with the YMCA, so we can't speak to the timeline. She mentioned the YMCA would probably need to fundraise. It would probably be a year before the district could enter into negotiations. Mr. Hagerty reminded everyone that in the year before the YMCA could do anything, if the bond measure comes to fruition in November 2020, the district may not need to go down the path with YMCA. By making the decision to not allow the district to have the flexibility, we are cutting them off. Brad Golden inquired whether the YMCA has capital improvements ready or would they need to fundraise. Amy Bailey confirmed they would need to fundraise for the entire two phase project. All plans shown tonight for parking lot improvements and sports courts would be done before adding any square footage to the building. Cheri Egbert praised speakers tonight and stated that it gives her hope for the future. She heard the open space and green space value. One student spoke to her that it gives them peace to have that extra space, which statistically reduces blood pressure. Sees value in open space, but also sees value in YMCA. They are a perfect partner to have next door over another business. Community buy in is needed. Ms. Egbert is not able to make a decision, as she would like more community buy in from AMS teachers and students to see if there is anything they need from the YMCA. Jorge DeLeon responded to Ms. Egbert's comment, and might help her make a decision. If committee goes with the motion, we would not be able to give the community the opportunity to do that, if the committee makes the recommendation to declare property surplus, then the board would have to make the decision and open it up, at which time it would be a great opportunity for the community to participate in the process, making the assumption that they will go with the recommendation to declare property surplus. Lou Cunningham, former Operations Manager and Director of Facilities, doesn't remember when this started that we were looking at Anacapa being surplus property. We were looking at the possibility of working something out with the YMCA to change the structure of the site to use land. It wasn't actually taking land away, except for moving tennis courts.

Daniel Flores restated there is a motion on the table to remove Anacapa from consideration for surplus and it has been seconded. Inquired if there was any more discussion. Lou Cunningham questioned the term "surplus" stating he thought the word was wrong. Betsy George confirmed the word surplus comes from the Education Code, which is what the district is following by forming this committee. There are certain legal steps that must be followed. The

terminology comes from the Education Code. Tanner Shelton asked a question for clarification—in order for the board to have the conversation with the YMCA, would the board have to deem said land surplus? James Forsythe shared that Ventura is growing. The state says we have to build 5,200 units every eight years. Our enrollment is going down, but eventually it will go back up and our schools will need to grow. Once we deem this land surplus, it's gone. If the YMCA outgrows the new facility that it has built and goes somewhere else, we don't have the land. Are we sacrificing long-term goals for short-term gains? This is where Mr. Forsythe has conflict. Jorge DeLeon mentioned that if the committee made that recommendation it would be an actual sale. The board, based on the input from the community, if it's a lease and the land is no longer used by the YMCA, then the land reverts back to the district. The land is not going to be given away forever—leases have terms. Daniel Flores is concerned that it is speculative. He also feels that the YMCA's plan encompasses a lot of space. Mr. Flores does not accept the narrative that because we decide we don't recommend the property for surplus that the conversation is over. Mr. Flores feels the YMCA has worked for years with the district to help our district—maybe the conversation can continue and an amended version of this plan, in collaboration with teachers and the community, a new proposal can be submitted for consideration. As a committee that is charged with reflecting what the community desires, and as a teacher for VUSD, it is difficult for me to make that determination getting the feedback that we I'm getting. Fellow teachers feel very strongly that this is important for their students, so it's difficult for me to accept that the entire space is not utilized and meets the definition of surplus. This is why he cannot accept this would have a negative impact on students. Mr. Flores inquired if there was more discussion. Cheri Egbert also stated she could not call it surplus without buy in from people and community that use the school every day. She asked if the discussion could continue. Stephanie Caldwell acknowledged she understood what Ms. Egbert was trying to say, which is why she will vote no because she feels the vote will allow the district to have those discussions (community dialog and engagement) to see if there is community support and if they want to move ahead with a more formal agreement. Ms. Egbert's concern is that we are reaching out to the public too late in the process. Jackie Moran clarified that the process has not begun, that this is the beginning of the process—a recommendation will allow the process to begin. Ms. Caldwell stated that by the committee not recommending the property as surplus, the conversation will never happen.

Mr. Flores repeated the motion, all in favor to remove Anacapa from consideration for surplus. A raise of hands vote followed: Yes - 4; No - 5. The motion failed.

Jorge DeLeon made a second motion to make a recommendation for the board to consider portions of the Anacapa field for surplus property. Stephanie Caldwell seconded the motion. Tanner Shelton shared he feels having this conversation is good. Feels there are opportunities to be explored for doing this concept on a reduced footprint (i.e. joint partnerships after hours). He mentioned if there might be support for recommending half of the amount for surplus recommendation. Mr. DeLeon said he is making this recommendation to be able to explore all possibilities. If it is deemed by the board and they explore possibilities, then this will open up the opportunity for community input. All that Mr. DeLeon would like to see is if there is a better way of maximizing what we have and give students a better experience on this campus. A raise of hands vote followed: Yes - 4; No - 4; Abstain - 1. The motion failed. Dr. Rice clarified for the public that the motion failing means Anacapa is not being recommended to the board as surplus.

Tanner Shelton made an attempt for a third motion to deem 50% of what staff has determined as surplus. After a short discussion, the committee did not feel they could do this. The committee felt it needs to be all or nothing. A second motion was not made. Mr. Shelton mentioned going back to the second motion and reconsidering it. The committee determined this could not be done as a vote had already taken place. At his time, Betsy George recommended the next meeting be scheduled for the remaining three properties and let Anacapa fall off the list as it seems the committee is very split. Daniel Flores asked if the committee could just say a determination could not be made. Ms. George confirmed they could. Stephanie Caldwell asked Chair Flores if the minutes of these meetings, this discussion, and the intent of this committee be forwarded to the board for consideration. Mr. Flores confirmed it would be done. Dr. Rice added that there was nothing in any of the actions today that would prevent ongoing discussions with any community partners.

Brad Golden made the last motion to recommend portions of the field surplus with exclusive negotiations with the YMCA. Jorge DeLeon seconded the motion. Some committee members did not feel they should attach a rider to the property, and there were different motions already voted on. Tanner Shelton stated that the message the committee is sending to the board is that the community a bit muddled and that the minutes will reflect this. This

is clear indication to the board that they need to continue to engage the community and let the board make the decision. Before voting on Mr. Golden's motion, he added that he would hate to see the YMCA opportunity disappear. If they decide to move to another location, and afterwards got the City on the property we would lose a parking lot. Not known if we will be making parking lot improvements with the bond. Mr. Flores opposes this motion due to lack of community support—they have spoken loud and clear. Mr. DeLeon respectfully addressed Mr. Flores' opinions saying all he is asking for is continue exploring the possibilities. A raise of hands vote followed: Yes -2; No - 4; Abstain - 3. The motion failed.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the 7-11 Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 5:30 pm, at a location to be determined.

**Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.