

**ROSS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
7-11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 1, 2023
MEETING MINUTES**

ATTENDEES

7-11 Committee Members

- Brad Bauer
- Chris Carson
- Max Edwards
- Janet Garvin
- Claudia Holko
- Tayu Neogy
- Justin Taplin

RVSD Staff & Representation

- Bryce Chastain, Attorney with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR)
- Teresa Machado, Executive Assistant to the Board, CBO, & Superintendent

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

- Committee President, Janet Garvin, called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

B. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

- None; procedural only

2. Approval of Agenda and Time Allocations

Minutes:

- Public Comment: None

Motion:

To approve the agenda and time allocations as presented. Passed with a motion by Chris Carson and a second by Tayu Neogy. Unanimous by a show of hands.

Vote:

Yes – Brad Bauer
Yes – Chris Carson
Yes – Max Edwards
Yes – Janet Garvin
Yes – Claudia Holko
Yes – Tayu Neogy
Yes – Justin Taplin

C. COMMUNICATION

1. Public Comment Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Minutes:

- None

2. Committee Announcements

Minutes:

- Janet Garvin made an announcement regarding MCOE and Deer Park site

3. Correspondence/Communication to the Committee

Minutes:

- The Committee received two communications from the community.

D. PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion on Including Additional Detail in Minutes and Report from the RVSD 7-11 Advisory Committee to the Board

Minutes:

- Presenter: Max Edwards, 7-11 Committee member
- Information discussed regarding other district's 7-11 Committee minutes and final report
- Public Comment: The committee heard from two members of the community

2. Discussion and Direction on the Draft RVSD 7-11 Advisory Committee Report to the RVSD Board, including Finalization of Findings and Recommendations

Minutes:

- The Committee reviewed and discussed revisions already made to the draft RVSD 7-11 Advisory Committee Report
- Public Comment: The Committee heard from two community members

Motion:

That the RVSD 7-11 Advisory Committee fully supports the Fairfax-San Anselmo Children’s Center and their mission to provide subsidized childcare, preschool, and after school care programs in Ross Valley School District by recommending approval of the report as submitted in item D.2., and that this report be forwarded to the Ross Valley School District. Passed with a first by Chris Carson and a second by Brad Bauer.

Vote:

Yes – Brad Bauer
Yes – Chris Carson
Yes – Max Edwards
Yes – Janet Garvin
Yes – Claudia Holko
Yes – Tayu Neogy
Yes – Justin Taplin

E. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2023

- Public Comment: None

Motion:

To approve meeting minutes from April 17, 2023. Passed with a motion by Chris Carson and a second by Claudia Holko.

Vote:

Yes – Brad Bauer
Yes – Chris Carson
Yes – Max Edwards
Yes – Janet Garvin
Yes – Claudia Holko
Yes – Tayu Neogy
Yes – Justin Taplin

2. Determine Future Meeting Schedule or Dissolving the Committee

- Public Comment: The Committee heard Public Comment from one community member

Motion:

To dissolve the RVSD 7-11 Advisory Committee and to attach any communications made before the dissolution to the meeting minutes. Passed with a motion by Chris Carson and a second by Janet Garvin. Unanimous by a show of hands.

Vote:

Yes – Brad Bauer
Yes – Chris Carson
Yes – Max Edwards
Yes – Janet Garvin
Yes – Claudia Holko
Yes – Tayu Neogy
Yes – Justin Taplin

F. ADJOURNMENT

1. Committee President, Committee Clerk, or Designee Adjourns the Meeting Minutes:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting. Passed with a motion by and a second by . Unanimous by a show of hands.

Vote:

Yes – Brad Bauer
Yes – Chris Carson
Yes – Max Edwards
Yes – Janet Garvin
Yes – Claudia Holko
Yes – Tayu Neogy
Yes – Justin Taplin

- Committee President, Janet Garvin, adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm.

From: [Peggy Dodge](#)
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Cc: [Marci Trahan](#); [Shelley Hamilton](#)
Subject: comments in regard to May 1 7-11 Committee agenda item D1
Date: Monday, May 1, 2023 3:14:54 PM

Item D1 is: "Discussion on Including Additional Detail in Minutes and Report from the RVSD 7-11 Advisory Committee to the Board."

As I mentioned in public comments time last week regarding approval of the minutes from the meeting of April 17, the minutes that were then approved by the 7-11 Committee do not contain sufficient detail to be an adequate records of a meeting that was billed as a "public input meeting".

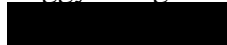
The meeting had only one agenda item: "Public Input Session Regarding 199 Porteous Avenue, Fairfax". The minutes of the meeting that were approved on April 24 say only "The Committee heard public input from 37 community members." That is not much of a record of a one item meeting expressly called to solicit community input.

Committee member Max Edwards suggested the minutes be amended to reflect at least the a sense that the bulk of the 37 comments reflected one thing - continued use of Deer Park for FSACC. Business Manager Chris Carson and paid consultant Bryce Chastain commented that minutes are "facts" reflective of what happened in a meeting, not later reflections on the meeting. That is true, but minutes are also not supposed to be an obfuscation of what actually happened in a meeting.

In what I found a particularly galling response, not one person rose to second Max Edwards motion to simply add that the majority of the input favored the continued use of the property by FSACC and the motion thus could not advance. Then the committee voted to approve the minutes, with Max Edwards voting no.

It doesn't seem that anything can be done about the lame minutes from April 17 that have been approved. I do request that both the 7-11 Committee and the RVSD Board be more attentive to detail when creating enduring records of their work.

Peggy Dodge



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Cc: [Marci Trahan](mailto:Marci.Trahan@rossvalleyschools.org); [Shelley Hamilton](mailto:Shelley.Hamilton@rossvalleyschools.org)
Subject: Priorities missing in 7-11 committee May 1 draft report
Date: Monday, May 1, 2023 2:53:54 PM

I am attending a professional conference out of town and wanted to make sure that my comments get to the committee.

Education Code section 17390 requires a 7-11 Committee to do all of the following:

- Review the projected school enrollment and other data as provided by the district to determine the amount of surplus space and real property.
- **Establish a priority list of use of surplus space and real property that will be acceptable to the community.**
- Cause to have circulated throughout the attendance area a priority list of surplus space and real property and provide for hearings of community input to the committee on acceptable uses of space and real property, including the sale or lease of surplus real property for child care development purposes pursuant to Section 17458.
- Make a final determination of limits of tolerance of use of space and real property.
- Forward to the district governing board a report recommending uses of surplus space and real property.

Nowhere in the May 1 draft report is a clear priority list of use of the Deer Park space acceptable to the community found.

The findings listed in the report are clear:

"The overwhelming majority of public input received from public comment during regular 7-11 Committee meetings, vocal support at the public input meeting, and written public input throughout the process (all of which is included with this report in the minutes and appendices), supports the Fairfax San Anselmo Children's Center (FSACC) at the Deer Park School Site. Considering and consistent with this overwhelming and consistent public support, the Committee supports the sale, lease, or land transfer of the Deer Park School site in a manner that facilitates the continued operation of FSACC onsite."

Yet the report only includes tolerable and intolerable uses as recommendations. The tolerable uses are not indicated as reflecting priorities, so where is that part of the Ed Code requirement clearly addressed?

After hearing public input at the 7-11 Committee meeting designated as a public input session (though no specific records of the input were officially kept) and reviewing the written submissions, it is clear that the community preferred use is to have FSACC at the Deer Park site. That clear community guidance should be listed in the final report as top priority.

I appreciate the inclusion of "childcare and early childhood education services that foster diversity and that support low- and middle-income families in Marin County" in the recommendations but I

feel that statement deliberately disguises the true sentiments of the community as clearly expressed to the 7-11 Committee.

I am requesting that there be a clear list of priorities that is reflective of community input and that FSACC be specifically identified as per the community input.

Peggy Dodge

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From: [Max Edwards](#)
To: [Teresa Machado](#)
Cc: [Janet Garvin](#)
Subject: For the agenda today?
Date: Monday, May 1, 2023 12:27:48 PM
Attachments: [2023 05 01 - RVSD 7-11 summary of public input.pdf](#)

Hi Teresa - hope you are well.

I'm unclear when the deadline is to add anything to the agenda, but if it is indeed 1PM today, could you please add the attached file? This is a tabulation that Janet and I worked on to summarize all the public input the committee has received.

Cheers,

#	Summary of response type	Total of 196 open ended survey responses	% of 196 open ended survey responses	Total of combined 196 open ended responses and 182 postcards (378 responses total)	% of combined 196 open ended responses and 182 postcards (378 responses total)	Total responses of all written input received including survey, postcards, emails from the public (4) petition (40) and those speaking at the public input meeting (37) (459 responses total)	% of responses of all written input received including emails from the public, petitions, and those speaking at the public input meeting	Emails and correspondence included as agenda attachments to 7-11 committee mtgs. (7 mtgs.); 37 public speakers, 40 neighborhood petition, 4 emails from public. Total of these responses: 44; TOTAL OF ALL RESPONSES: 459
1	Specifically call for FSACC to remain onsite	139	71%	321	85%	397	86%	76
2	Desire a childcare, daycare, or school, possibly serving low income populations (FSACC not specified)	27	14%	27	7%	28	6%	1
3	Desire a community center, open space, park, playground or access to trails	13	7%	13	3%	13	3%	0
4	Desire teacher housing	4	2%	4	1%	4	1%	0
5	Desire only "tolerable" zoning/ uses	1	1%	1	0%	1	0%	0
6	Specifically oppose FSACC or any children activities onsite	4	2%	4	1%	5	1%	1
7	Expressed concern that children from FSACC feed into RVC and not RVSD	1	1%	1	0%	1	0%	0
8	Oppose any activity that will increase traffic	2	1%	2	1%	2	0%	0
9	Transfer, given, donated, or sold to FSACC or a public entity that will retain FSACC at no cost, one dollar, nominal fee, or below market rate	36	18%	36	10%	36	8%	0
10	Transfer, given, donated or sold to FSACC or a public entity that will retain FSACC at a "reasonable", "fair", "affordable", or "equitable" price	15	8%	15	4%	15	3%	0
11	Combined two above	51	26%	51	13%	51	11%	0
12	Sold, transferred, leased or "whatever needs to be done" to transfer the property to FSACC with no value specified	61	31%	243	64%	244	53%	1
13	Neither sold nor leased, but with FSACC remaining	15	8%	15	4%	15	3%	0
14	Sold or leased with no value or entity specified	28	14%	28	7%	28	6%	0
15	Neither sold nor leased, no entity specified	9	5%	9	2%	9	2%	0
16	Not sold, but leased, no entity specified	1	1%	1	0%	1	0%	0
17	Sold with a reversionary clause to allow RVSD to take back	3	2%	3	1%	3	1%	0
18	Sale or transfer to a public entity or MCOE with FSACC allowed to remain onsite, no sale value specified	11	6%	11	3%	12	3%	1
19	Maximize sale value or sell "at market value", with some noting option to "recoup cost to district" or pay teacher salaries	6	3%	6	2%	6	1%	0