ADOPTED

ALVORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING New District Office Board Room 9 KPC Parkway, Corona, CA 92879

February 15, 2017

<u>Mission Statement ~ All students will attain lifelong success through a system</u> <u>distinguished by</u>: Access to learning experiences that promote a high quality of life.

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Alvord Unified School District was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Kaspereen, in the Board Room of the District Office.

A quorum was established with the following Board Members in attendance:

Present: Mr. Art Kaspereen, Jr., President

Mrs. Julie A. Moreno, Vice President

Mr. Robert Schwandt, Clerk Mrs. Carolyn M. Wilson, Member Mr. Joseph J. Barragan, Member

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by those in attendance.

<u>Hearing Session:</u> President Kaspereen extended an invitation to the audience to present matters of concern to the Board of Education. No one came forward.

Presentation:

4. <u>Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Presentation – AG Park</u>: Dot Lofstrom, Division Chief, and Peter Garcia, Branch Chief, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), provided an informational presentation on the cleanup efforts at the AG Park and information on any impacts it may have on Norte Vista High School and Terrace Elementary School.

Ms. Lofstrom clarified that there is no evidence to indicate that the local schools have been impacted by the Ag Park activities based on:

- Distance from the Ag Park,
- Air modeling data, and
- Air data indicating no detectable concentrations of PCBs.

The Board of Education relayed concerns that District stakeholders have expressed and stated that the community near the Ag Park will not be satisfied until they know the soil at Terrace Elementary School and Norte Vista High School have been sampled.

CALL TO ORDER

Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance

HEARING SESSION

PRESENTATION

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Ms. Lofstrom clarified that the orderly step by step science based approach is the best approach. Another large community meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2017, at the Arlanza Community Center. Letters will be sent out to an extensive email list. The time of the meeting will be reflected in the letter.

They are currently in Phase III at the Ag Park and they will continue to sample soil until they can confidently say the site is safe for the development of homes and people can safely live there.

Responding the question of possible "cancer clusters" in the area, the following individual came forward to respond:

➤ Russell Bartlett, Environmental Health Scientist, with the Department of Public Health, provided his contact information so that the community can contact him directly. Once he has an opportunity to review the data, he can respond better to the community; however, to address questions related to "cancer clusters" there has to be a cause and effect, same kind of cancer, from the same chemical.

Mr. Bartlett, can be reached at (510) 620-3671 or Russell.bartlett@cdph.ca.gov

The Board of Education thanked Ms. Lofstrom, Mr. Garcia and Mr. Bartlett for presenting the Ag Park information and for answering their questions. The Board looks forward to hearing another report in June or July when additional testing results will be available.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Sid Salazar, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board of Education

ADJOURNMENT