

MINUTES**CITY AND SCHOOL ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ELECTED BODIES**

**December 13, 2011, 6:00 PM – District Office Board Room
2503 Lawrence Street – Ceres, California**

Present for the meeting representing the City were: Vice Mayor Ken Lane and Councilmembers Bret Durossette and Mike Kline. Absent: Mayor Chris Vierra and Councilmember Eric Ingwerson. Present for the meeting representing the District were: Board President Faye Lane, Board Clerk Jim Kinard and Trustees Betty Davis, Lourdes Perez, Mike Welsh and Valli Wigt. Absent: Trustee Teresa Guerrero. City staff present: Chief of Police/Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Safety Art de Werk; City Attorney Michael Lyons; Planning, Building & Housing Division Manager Tom Westbrook; and Deputy Police Chief Mike Borges. District staff present: Superintendent Dr. Scott Siegel; Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Dr. Fred Van Vleck; and Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services Jay Simmonds.

PUBLIC MEETING – Preliminary Proceedings

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Trustee Welsh led the salute to the flag.

HEARING SECTION – Public Comments

President Lane opened the meeting for those wishing to address an item not on the Agenda. With no one wishing to address the Elected Officials, the Public Hearing was closed.

INFORMATION/ACTION/DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION**1. DISCUSSION/ACTION****a. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2011**

Councilmember Durossette moved and Councilmember Kline seconded, to approve as presented the minutes of the Joint Meeting of June 22, 2011. The minutes were unanimously approved by Council (3/0/2).

Trustee Davis moved and Trustee Kinard seconded, to approve as presented the minutes of the Joint Meeting of June 22, 2011. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board (6/0/1).

b. City and School Strategic Plan Annual Report for 2010-2011

Superintendent Dr. Scott Siegel reviewed the status of objectives and performance measurements in the 2010-2011 City and School Strategic Plan, noting that the goals for 2012-2013 will be presented for approval next spring/summer.

It was noted that the contents of Attachment 6 were missing from the materials provided. Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services Jay Simmonds indicated that he would provide the missing information.

Under Shared Parks, Space and Buildings, Measurement #3, there was discussion concerning the Memorandum of Understanding on Facilities Use relative to recurring issues involving Mr. Don Donaldson of the Basketball for Youth program, particularly with regard to scheduling. It was determined that Chief Art de Werk would facilitate another meeting between the City and District to clarify and formalize any remaining points regarding the MOU.

Under Public Safety, Measurement #5, there was discussion concerning increased prevention of student altercations after school. Deputy Police Chief Borges reviewed prevention and enforcement measures and specific challenges. Chief de Werk reported on a grant opportunity

for in-kind support which the City will look into for funding opportunities. Dr. Siegel emphasized the importance of parent communication with school officials and/or law enforcement to address problems or potential problems. Mr. Simmonds noted that school safety will be the focus of a presentation to the Board of Trustees on January 12, 2012.

Councilmember Durossette moved and Councilmember Kline seconded, to accept as presented the City and School Strategic Plan Annual Report for 2010-2011. The report was unanimously accepted by Council (3/0/2).

Trustee Davis moved and Trustee Welsh seconded, to accept as presented the City and School Strategic Plan Annual Report for 2010-2011. The report was unanimously accepted by the Board (6/0/1).

c. Future Development and Impact on City and Schools

Dr. Siegel reported that, given slowed development and a shift in the direction of planned growth, the District attempted to change the location of Elementary 15, a hardship elementary school proposed at the corner of Central and Grayson avenues; however, the Office of Public School Construction rejected the change. Elementary 15 as well as two other hardship schools, Walt L. Hanline Elementary and Lucas Elementary, are scheduled to be approved by the State Allocation Board on December 14, to be fully funded by the State. These schools are necessary to serve as a pressure valve for overflow students from the other elementary schools, and to accommodate an anticipated return to Class Size Reduction at 20:1 when the economy improves. In the interim, the District will consider magnet schools at one or two of these sites, the first of which is scheduled to open in the 2013-14 school year.

Dr. Siegel noted that both Hanline Elementary and Lucas Elementary will have access to city water; however, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has not approved the extension of water and sewer service to the third hardship school, Elementary 15. Planning, Building & Housing Division Manager Tom Westbrook reported that Elementary 15 is outside the City's primary sphere of influence and sewer and water cannot be extended to the site unless there is a documented health and safety hazard. Mr. Westbrook suggested that Dr. Van Vleck facilitate a meeting with the project architect and engineers to find out which water tests have been completed at the site, and the outcome of those tests.

d. Upcoming Facility Expansion and Improvement Projects, Including New Schools and the Possibility of Stadium Upgrades

Dr. Siegel reported that, as assessed property values have dropped, the District has lost its ability to sell more bonds and raise funds to complete its building program. Though local redevelopment is currently frozen pending a Supreme Court decision on redevelopment agencies, the City has a fairly sizable redevelopment fund. Dr. Siegel suggested that, if there is interest on the City's part in redeveloping the Ceres High School football stadium as a joint stadium for both high schools should redevelopment funds become available (comparable to Turlock's redevelopment of the Joe DeBely Stadium to serve both Turlock High School and Pitman High School), a group of staff members from both agencies meet to consider legalities and scope, and to develop a tentative plan. It was decided by consensus to hold a preliminary staff-level discussion coordinated by Dr. Van Vleck.

e. Issues of Mutual Concern

Dr. Siegel thanked the City for its patience and support while the District negotiated a reduced fee schedule with Bertolotti Disposal.

Mr. Simmonds thanked the Ceres Police Department for its ongoing support, noting that the School Resource officers are doing an outstanding job, and the positive relationship between the City and District is greatly appreciated. Chief de Werk added that the citizens of the community benefit from the stability and collaboration of the two respective political bodies and their staffs.

Trustee Perez suggested additional collaboration between the City and District to offer recreational programs during the After School Education and Safety (ASES) program. Mr. Simmonds noted that because CUSD allows every student to attend ASES, rather than limiting attendance as other districts do, resources are limited. The District will continue to explore grant opportunities as available.

f. **Comments**

None.

2. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No future Agenda items were presented.

3. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 8:00 a.m. - 2+2+2 (City Manager's Conference Room)

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 6:00 p.m. - Joint Meeting (City Council Chambers)

ADJOURNMENT

President Lane adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:

City of Ceres

Date

Ceres Unified School District

Date