

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
February 24, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Bogaard and President Cooper called the special joint meeting of the City Council and Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education to order at 6:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Muir High School, Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC); Joseph Henry, Jackie Morales, Isabel Pimental, and Juan Torres.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Jacque Robinson
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember John Kennedy
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Terry Tornek

Staff:

City Manager Michael J. Beck
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

Board of Education:

President Renatta Cooper
Vice President Tyron Hampton
Member Kimberly Kenne
Member Scott Phelps (Absent)
Member Elizabeth Pomeroy (Absent)
Member Mikala Rahn
Member Tom Selinske

Staff:

Jon R. Gundry, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. John Pappalardo, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Brian McDonald, Academic Chief

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

President Cooper recognized and thanked Blair Culinary Arts and Hospitality Academy High School students for providing dinner to the City Council and Board of Education; Tyler Brown, Maria Flores, German Martinez, and Cesar Quintana, under the direction of Donnetha Wallace.

**2013-14 SCHOOL/CITY/COMMUNITY WORK PLAN
PROGRESS REPORT, PROPOSED GOVERNANCE
STRUCTURE, AND DRAFT 2014-15 WORK PLAN****

Recommendation:

- (1) Receive the 2013-14 School/City/Community Work Plan Progress Report presented for information only;
- (2) Approve in concept, the proposed Governance Structure outlined in the School/City/Community Work Plan;
- (3) Appoint two members each from the Board of Education and City Council to serve on a School/City/Community Work Plan Ad Hoc Governance Committee with appointments to be made by March 30, 2014; and
- 4) Approve the proposed 2014-15 School/City/Community Work Plan

Dr. Brian McDonald, PUSD Academic Chief, and Mercy Santoro, Director of Human Services and Recreation, summarized the School/City/Community Work Plan Progress Report for FY 2013-14, and presented the Draft 2014-15 Work Plan as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

The following individual provided public comment on the item:

Zella Knight, parent advocate, urged staff to collaborate with the community and stakeholders to ensure the success of the proposed Work Plan, and cited data regarding PUSD high school students, college readiness.

Member Kenne expressed concerns regarding the proposed Draft 2014-15 Work Plan, citing the need for common goals and indicators in order to measure the success of the Work Plan.

Councilmember Kennedy requested information or data that might indicate a relationship between improved academic achievement/test scores for PUSD students and funding spent on the School District's infrastructure. In addition, Mr. Kennedy requested information on the amount of funding spent over the period of time following the approval of various bond measures.

In response to Councilmember Kennedy's request to include specific elements in the proposed Work Plan to measure the level of college preparedness for PUSD students, President Cooper stated that PUSD staff would utilize metrics gathered by the School District and provide a future report to the Board of Education and the City Council providing statistical data on those PUSD's students that are considered "college ready" upon graduation.

Member Selinske expressed his interest in improving access and availability of current technology to all PUSD's schools and students.

Councilmember Gordo encouraged staff to focus on achieving specific, measurable goals (e.g. filling up the empty slots in the early childhood programs), particularly goals that the City along with community partners may achieve jointly with the School District, and spoke in support of adding the necessary specificity to the goals in the proposed School/City/Community 2014-15 Work Plan.

Vice Mayor Robinson expressed concerns regarding the proposed 2015 Work Plan's reliance on the Flintridge Center as a resource for implementation, and suggested that staff consider additional options so as not to overburden Flintridge Center. The Vice Mayor stated her support for the recommended action, with the understanding that staff continue to provide updates on the Work Plan's progress.

Following comments and discussion, it was moved by Member Selinske, seconded by Vice President Hampton, to receive the 2013-14 School/City/Community Work Plan Progress Report presented for information only. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Members Phelps, Pomeroy)

It was moved by Member Selinske, seconded by Vice President Hampton, to approve in concept, the proposed Governance Structure outlined in the School/City/Community Work Plan. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Members Phelps, Pomeroy)

It was moved by Member Selinske, seconded by Member Kenne, to appoint two members from the Board of Education to serve on a School/City/Community Work Plan Ad Hoc Governance Committee with appointments to be made by March 30, 2014. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Members Phelps, Pomeroy)

Following further comments and discussion, it was moved by Member Selinske, seconded by Vice President Hampton, to approve the proposed 2014-15 School/City/Community Work Plan.

AYES: Board Members, Rahn, Selinske, Vice President Hampton, President Cooper

NOES: Board Member Kenne

ABSENT: Board Members, Phelps, Pomeroy

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve the staff recommendations. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: None)

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF PUSD-OWNED PROPERTIES

A. Linda Vista School Site

B. San Rafael School Site

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education and City Council receive and file this report

Dr. John Pappalardo, Chief Financial Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation update on the Linda Vista and San Rafael school sites, including information on the possibility of long-term leases for both sites, and responded to questions.

The following individual provided public comment on the item:

Nina Chomsky, Linda Vista – Annandale Association, spoke in support of maintaining the park-use for the community when a long-term lease is negotiated at the Linda Vista school site.

Councilmember Kennedy requested that the Request For Proposal (RFP) be posted to the City's website in order to provide broader dissemination of the project's information.

Councilmember Madison stated his opposition to the proposed closure of the San Rafael school, which would leave West Pasadena without a public school, and urged the School District to investigate all opportunities for moving San Rafael Elementary School to the vacant Linda Vista location.

Jon R. Gundry, Superintendent of Schools, provided information on the school closures in West Pasadena and responded to questions.

Vice President Hampton suggested that the City financially assist in the rehabilitation of the Linda Vista school site in order to facilitate the move of San Rafael to Linda Vista.

Following discussion, Councilmember McAustin requested that staff provide the application and information for the Citizens Oversight Committee and information on the Measure TT website to the Councilmembers' Field Representatives in order to further disseminate the information.

Following further discussion, on order of the President and Mayor, and by consensus of the City Council and the Board of Education, the information was received and filed.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON THE YOUTH MASTER PLAN

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education and City Council receive and file this report.

Dr. Eric Walsh, Director of Public Health, provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the draft Youth Master Plan (YMP), noting that the preliminary findings require further data, research, and analysis specific to PUSD, and responded to questions.

Following discussion, Councilmember Gordo asked that staff identify the number of foster homes in the City and foster kids attending PUSD schools when holding events at community centers where the City is a participant.

President Cooper expressed concerns with certain aspects of the data gathered and suggested that PUSD work with the City to survey all of the PUSD students in order to provide a more comprehensive source of data for statistical analysis.

Councilmember Madison
(Excused 9:12 p.m.)

Following discussion, on order of the President and Mayor, and by consensus of the City Council and the Board of Education, the information was received and filed.

UPDATE ON JOINT-USE PROJECTS

A. Muir High School South Sports Field Improvements – Project Update**

B. McKinley School Gymnasium

C. Washington Middle School Gymnasium

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education and City Council receive and file this report.

Councilmember Kennedy
(Excused at 9:33 p.m.)

Loren Pluth, Project Manager, summarized the Muir High School South Sports Field Improvements Project as part of the PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Dr. John Pappalardo, Chief Financial Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation updating the improvements made to the gymnasiums at McKinley and Washington Middle Schools, and responded to questions.

Vice President Hampton and Member Selinske expressed concerns regarding the amount of water usage needed to maintain the proposed sports field at John Muir High School, and the School District's overall water consumption district-wide, stating that serious consideration towards water conservation should be given whenever planning for future facility improvement projects (e.g. replacing large lawn areas with drought tolerant plants and sport fields with synthetic turf).

Following discussion, on order of the President and Mayor, and by consensus of the City Council and the Board of Education, the information was received and filed.

COLLABORATION ON PROPOSITION 39 FUNDING – THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT

Councilmember McAustin, Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, introduced the item.

Phyllis Currie, General Manager of Water and Power, and Eric Klinkner, Assistant General Manager of Water and Power, summarized the agenda report as part of the PowerPoint presentation, provided information on the informational presentation, “Your Water, Your Future”, to be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at the Pasadena Convention Center, and responded to questions.

Following discussion, on order of the President and Mayor, and by consensus of the City Council and the Board of Education, the information was received and filed.

CLOSING COMMENTS

President Cooper provided information on a foster youth scholarship program, Celebration One.

ADJOURNMENT

Following discussion, on order of the President and Mayor, the special joint meeting of the City Council and Pasadena Board of Education adjourned 10:22 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk