

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
WITH THE CITY OF CONCORD LEADERSHIP
Wednesday, April 2, 2014 (6:30 p.m.)
Dent Education Center, Board Room

Board Members: Barbara Oaks, Brian Lawrence, Lynne Dennler, Cheryl Hansen, and Linda Mayo

Administrative Staff: Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer and Tim Cody, Interim Director of Measure C

City Council: Mayor Tim Grayson, Ron Leone, Edi Birsan, Laura Hoffmeister and Daniel Helix

City of Concord Staff: Valerie Barone, City Manager; Mark Coon, City Attorney; Scott P. Johnson, Assistant City Manager; Joelle Fockler, Deputy City Clerk; Chief Guy Swanger; Joan Carrico, Director of Parks and Recreation

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Board of Education of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District was called to order by Barbara Oaks at 6:37 p.m. in the Board room at the MDUSD Dent Center. President Oaks took Roll Call with all Board members present. The Deputy City Clerk conducted Roll Call with all City Council members present. Opening remarks were provided by President Oaks and Mayor Grayson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joseph Partansky, explained a website, kids.org, run by the Federal Government that has topics like art, exercise and healthy eating, Math, jobs, safety, etc., for children, teens, parents, and educators.

Ronald Turner, Office of Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla, addressed the Assemblywoman's support for the City of Concord Family Justice Center.

Felicia Styles, Miss East Bay Cities, spoke of the importance of arts in the community.

LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) PRESENTATION BY MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, DR. NELLIE MEYER

Dr. Nellie Meyer explained and answered questions regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and its' critical part of the new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), and relayed that each school district must engage parents, educators, employees and the community to establish the plan, which will describe the School District's overall vision for students, annual goals and specific actions the District will take to achieve the vision and goals. She noted that the LCAP will focus on eight areas identified as state priorities. The plan will also demonstrate how the district's budget will help achieve the goals and assess yearly how well the strategies in the plan improved outcomes.

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER PRESENTATION BY POLICE CHIEF GUY SWANGER

Concord Police Chief, Guy Swanger, explained the vision and answered questions about the Family Justice Center, a one-stop shop for women, children and the elderly who are victims of abuse. He noted that the center is part of an effort to reduce violence in Concord that meets the needs of the victim.

INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH CONCORD CITY COUNCIL

Dr. Meyer gave an overview and answered questions about District enrollment, student achievement and Common Core State Standards. She noted that enrollment is declining in Concord. She described how by moving to the Common Core State Standards, the District will see things like joint Math and Science classes, and because of the new structure, teachers will be trained in a different way, focusing on how to deliver the Common Core State Standards.

Mr. Lawrence left the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

- Development and Educational Opportunities for High School Students
Mayor Grayson relayed information regarding trade education and the interest the building trade has shown in having a presence on school campuses, partnering with the District on classes preparing students to enter the trades. Mayor Grayson introduced Assistant City Manager, Scott Johnson, who suggested that the City can help the District enhance its' career development program by offering guest speakers, mentors, and the City participating in any career fairs the District holds.
- School Community Safety (This item was discussed with the Family Justice Center Item)
Dr. Meyer reported that a parent education night was held recently and was comprised of a partnership between the Concord Police Department and the MDUSD that focused on how to talk with students about staying away from violence, etc. She described the District's Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) and the strategic training for teachers being implemented along with a District wide discipline plan.
- Shared Fields
Joan Carrico, Parks and Recreation Director, highlighted the collaborated partnership between the City and MDUSD and noted the fields at El Dorado and Westwood, Ayers Elementary, and fields adjacent to Loma Vista Adult Center are shared by both entities. There was discussion on the possible use of fields at Glenbrook Middle School, as well as other District schools, to aid with the City's soccer field need.
- Updates on Current and Planned Improvement Projects – Measure C Construction Projects
Tim Cody, Interim Director of Measure C, presented on the current and planned improvement projects funded by Measure C. These projects include 29 new classrooms, HVAC on 20 sites with four sites remaining, the science wing renovation at both Ygnacio Valley and College Park high schools, and the sports field renovation at Ygnacio Valley High School. He directed the Council and the Board to <http://169.199.90.240/MDUSDFacilities/index.html> for additional information.
- Mt. Diablo Education Association (MDEA) Second Annual Academy Awards
Board President Oaks reported that the second annual teacher recognition awards program sponsored by the teachers' union will be held at the Centre Concord on May 15, 2014. There are nine different awards categories, and nomination forms can be obtained on the MDEA website: <http://ourmdea.org/>. She encouraged participation and stated that dinner will be provided by Serendipity, the student-run restaurant through the International Hospitality and Tourism Academy at Mt. Diablo High School.
- Closing
Mayor Grayson and Board President Oaks thanked the City Council and the MDUSD Board for their input and progressive conversation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Superintendent