



17575 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CA 95037



15600 CONCORD CIRCLE MORGAN HILL CA 95037

Meeting Location:	Committee Member	Steve Tate
Morgan Hill Unified School District	Committee Member	Larry Carr
Superintendent's Conference Room	Committee Member	Rich Constantine (Alternate)
15600 Concord Circle	Committee Member	Don Moody
Morgan Hill, CA 95037	Committee Member	Ron Woolf
	Committee Member	Shellé Thomas (Alternate)
	Staff	Steve Rymer
	Staff	Steve Betando

**CITY /SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2014
MINUTES**

Board Vice-President Thomas convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Mayor Steve Tate, Councilmember Larry Carr, Trustees Shellé Thomas and Bob Benevento, President Don Moody (arrived 9:25 am), Superintendent Steve Betando, City Manager Steve Rymer, Chief of Police David Swing, Capt. Shane Palsgrove, District Staff Kirsten Perez, Anessa Espinosa, and Julie Zintsmaster (note taking)

Guest: Michael Moore, Morgan Hill Times

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Agenda was posted per Government Code 54954.2

1. Information / Discussion Items

1) City of Morgan Hill updates

Chief Swing announced that Officer Jeff Brandon will replace Officer Mike Nelsen as School Resource Officer on a temporary basis until the position is filled permanently. City Manager Steve Rymer reported on the Healthy Youth Initiative, working with the school district to identify children who are not covered by health insurance and helping parents walk through the registration process for medical and dental health coverage. School district and city have worked well together.

The City continues efforts with downtown improvement projects including a proposed parking structure, streetscapes and sidewalk improvements, housing, and pedestrian

access; working with businesses and residents to make downtown more vibrant with these investments.

Budget Calendar: the City is in the final stages of internal preparation of the budget; staff will present to Council in three weeks; followed by workshop and public hearings and a mid-June adoption. Highlights of budget include a wind down of RDA and investment of new property taxes to City.

The City has planned a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 4 for the new council chamber.

Mayor Tate added a few positive comments noting Morgan Hill's recent increase in residential construction, and efforts to engage the community through outreach and communication with the addition of a position, Communications and Engagement Manager, filled by Maureen Tobin.

2) School District updates

Superintendent Betando reported that the District has been reaching out to the community for assistance and input to develop the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The new funding formula for schools in California (Local Control Funding Formula – LCFF) requires community participation in the development of the LCAP and Budget. Kirsten Perez reported that the Board will hold public hearings on June 10 with final adoption of both the LCAP and the 2014-15 Budget on June 24.

Superintendent Betando explained that one of the priorities expressed by the community is lower class size. The Board took action at its last meeting to lower class size for Transitional Kindergarten (TK), Kindergarten, and First Grade to 24 students per teacher (24:1). A few sites will have portable classrooms added to their campuses.

Anessa Espinosa reported that “old” bond resources will be used for renovations of the Live Oak High School football field with synthetic turf, track repairs, and a new press box. The District is awaiting a response from the City of San Jose regarding permanent bleachers for the Sobrato football field. In the meantime, temporary bleachers will be installed for Fall 2014 so the Bulldogs can play daytime football games on their home field. Measure G projects continue.

Superintendent Betando announced that the District has added 20 teaching positions for Fall 2014 to accommodate class size reduction at the elementary level and equity adjustments at the secondary level. Over the summer, the District will have Go-Green Fridays (summer school will be four days a week, with district office personnel working ten hours per day, Monday through Thursday, with all sites closed on Fridays—from June 16 through July 18).

3) Britton Middle School Remodel

Board is considering options for modernization of the Britton Middle School campus with Measure G funds and whether to modernize the existing facility or replace it with new construction. The District will seek community comments at two scheduled forums and an online survey. A decision is expected in June.

Superintendent Betando added that through an agreement with First 5 and Santa

Clara Valley Water District, three of our schools will have hydration stations installed: El Toro, Barrett, and San Martin/Gwinn elementary schools

City Manager Rymer reminded the group of the City's water conservation ordinance limiting landscape watering to Monday/Wednesday/Friday only. The District will adjust its irrigation timers, and continue to plan landscaping with drought tolerant plants.

4) P.A. Walsh Traffic Flow

Anessa Espinosa reported progress for addressing the traffic issues at P.A. Walsh. District staff will work with the City on the plans for additional parking on Peak Avenue and reconfiguration of the curb area on Main in front of the school. Kirsten Perez asked if City could consider flashing lights or speed bumps on Main Avenue to slow down traffic, and a crosswalk on Main at Crest would be helpful. Pedestrians are crossing without a crosswalk on Main between Hale and Peak rather than walking to either existing crosswalk. Steve Rymer mentioned that \$350,000 Safe Routes to School money may be able to help with the project; City and District staffs will work together to plan.

5) Cinco de Mayo

Superintendent Betando reported that the District and City are working hand in hand to prepare for Cinco de Mayo at Live Oak High School this year. A few outside groups have announced plans for rallies/protests at the school in response to a 9th Circuit Court ruling of a litigation involving the school district based on an incident from May 5, 2010. The goal is to make the day as normal as possible for students.

Board President Don Moody – arrived at 9:25 am.

Mayor Tate announced that the Boys and Girls Club will take over the El Toro Youth Center on Crest Avenue; they have a fund raising event tonight at Mama Mia's. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to support the effort.

2. Approve minutes of City/School Liaison meeting of February 20, 2014

Motion: D Moody / Second: S Thomas / Ayes: Unanimous

3. Topics for next meeting: Boys and Girls Club / Corporation Yard Clean Up

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 20, which is a non-work day for the school district. It was agreed to change the June meeting to Thursday, June 12, 2014, at the City's Developmental Services Center.

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Future Meetings: (all meetings start at 8:30 a.m.)

THURSDAY, June 12, 2014 (City)* *change of date

Friday, August 22, 2014 (City)

Friday, October 24, 2014 (MHUSD)

Friday, December 19, 2014 (City)