

**Los Banos Unified School District/City of Los Banos  
2x3 Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 25, 2013  
12:00 p.m.

City Hall

Present:

LBUSD: Steve Tietjen, Chase Hurley, Dominic Falasco,  
Tommy Jones (arrived at 12:40 p.m.)  
City: Mike Villalta, Gary Brizzee, Tom Faria

Call to Order

Absent: All Present

On Motion by Member Tietjen, seconded by Member Faria, the Committee approved the agenda as submitted. Carried: Ayes 6, Noes 0, Absent 1.

Approval of Agenda

On Motion by Member Falasco, seconded by Member Faria, the Committee approved the minutes from the January 23, 2013 meeting. Carried: Ayes 6, Noes 0, Absent 1.

None

Public Forum

District staff will participate in a conference call with Caltrans administrators on February 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss technical details for the Mercey Springs Elementary School project including future development of the site. After receiving the traffic study addendum, Caltrans has tentatively granted the District a modified approval for the school to open in August 2013. At this time Caltrans is recommending a Hawk System be installed at the Scripps/Mercey Springs intersection which is a single red stop light that is activated by pedestrians needing to cross Mercey Springs Rd. The Hawk System would reduce the amount of traffic that would be required to stop on Mercey Springs Rd. as compared to the standard three-light system; this would allow for a smoother, more efficient flow of traffic. The District would pursue a grant to cover 90% of the cost for the Hawk System; and hopes the City will agree to share in the cost of the remaining 10%. Dr. Tietjen has been in contact with Representative Costa's aide to request this item be placed on the One Voice agenda for their lobby trip to Washington, D.C. in May.

Traffic Light Update  
for Mercey Springs  
Elementary

There may not be enough time to install the Hawk System prior to the beginning of school. Parents will not be allowed to park along Mercey Springs Road to drop off their children; no parking signs may need to be installed. The speed limit in the surrounding area would be reduced when the school is ready to open. A possible student pick-up/drop-off area might be created on the south side of Scripps Avenue at the far rear

area of the school. Activity at the nearby community center would take priority. The District anticipates the majority of students will either walk or ride bicycles each day.

Merced Springs Elementary School is slated to open in August 2013 with an anticipated enrollment of 150-175 students. The site will not exceed 330 students as currently planned. The District has experienced a 3% increase in enrollment each year for the last three years and as the local housing market continues to strengthen the District must anticipate the need for additional space. The current acreage would accommodate a future expansion for a total capacity of 800 students.

Dr. Tietjen inquired about the prospect of including the City Community Center in the Joint Use Agreement; the City will research the possibility and will provide further information at the next 2x3 meeting. Mr. Villalta asked if the District planned to offer a summer swim program. It was noted that the Pacheco High School pool was not designed for small children and may be a potential hazard for them. Dr. Tietjen indicated the pool would work well for an adult swim program but there may be limitations for young swimmers. Parent signed waivers and swim proficiency tests for children may be options. The City is willing to work with the District in developing a swim program. Asking the Racquet Club about the use of their pool and working with Merced College to train lifeguards were also discussed. The cost to run the 2010 summer swim program at the old pool was approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000 and brought in between \$6,000 to \$8,000 for a total cost to the District of \$4,000.

Joint Use Facilities

Dr. Tietjen said the Merced High School District is paying .06¢ over the rack rate (the District currently pays .07¢); the local distributor would charge .08¢ over the rack rate for another vendor to use his pump and tanks. The District indicated they will not pursue a gasoline filling station.

Gasoline Fueling Station

Mr. Jones stated that future school sites are included in the City's General Plan and should be modified whenever the General Plan is updated. Once designated, these sites cannot be used for any other purpose other than for schools. Dr. Tietjen said that all school sites the District is currently considering are outside City limits. The District is working with Anderson Homes on the Prairie Springs property for a new junior high school site. The site was considered a good option by both District and City committee members.

General Plan/Sites for New Schools

Mr. Hurley asked Dr. Tietjen to provide an update to City staff regarding the District's plans to increase security at its school sites. Dr. Tietjen said there are several schools that are easily accessible to the public; he would like to work with the City to develop a plan to increase security at all sites. Some schools would have to be redesigned so visitors would have

Other

to enter through the main office to gain access to the campus. The School Resource Officer has arranged for two days of safety training in March for District leadership staff. Each school site has developed their own safety plan; the District would like to create a plan with common practices for all sites. The expense of redesigning sites, moving classrooms and adding additional security would have to be taken into consideration. Chief Brizzee said each violent incident brings new information resulting in new procedures and processes. He said the current opinion from professionals is for students to run-hide-fight (with fighting being the last resort) when they are faced with a violent situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Adjournment

Signed:

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Mary Cotta, Executive Secretary  
Los Banos Unified School District

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Date