

MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE WALNUT CREEK CITY COUNCIL
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Northgate High School, Little Theater, 425 Castlerock Road, Walnut Creek
Monday, June 29, 2015 (6:30 p.m.)

Board Members: President Cheryl Hansen, Vice President Debra Mason, Brian Lawrence, Linda Mayo, and Barbara Oaks

Administrative Staff: Superintendent Nellie Meyer

Walnut Creek City Council Members: Mayor Bob Simmons, Mayor Pro Tem Loella Haskew, Rich Carlston, Cindy Silva, and Justin Wedel

Administrative Staff: Acting City Manager Kevin Safine, Acting City Clerk Sherry Kelly

CALL TO ORDER

President Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:30* p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hansen conducted Roll Call with all Board members present.

Mayor Simmons conducted Roll Call with all City Council members present except Mr. Wedel.

President Hansen gave opening remarks and introduced Superintendent Meyer.

Mayor Simmons gave opening remarks and introduced Acting City Manager Kevin Safine.

Mr. Wedel arrived at 6:34 p.m.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Information Exchange between Walnut Creek City Council and Mt. Diablo Unified School District

The Mt. Diablo Unified School District Governing Board and the Walnut Creek City Council will provide each other updates on items of mutual interest and discuss current partnerships and other areas of cooperation.

Discussion items may include:

Mt. Diablo Unified School District:

- District/School Supports
- Academics/Common Core State Standards
- Facilities Upgrades

City of Walnut Creek:

- Summary of City Funds allocated to School Functions
- Police Department Update on Resource Officer
- Drought Plan for City and School District
- Capital Projects Update
- Development Project Update

Dr. Meyer gave an overview of discussion topics on the agenda, and introduced school site and District staff attending the meeting.

Dr. Meyer gave a presentation addressing the topics of District/School Supports and Academics/Common Core State Standards. Dr. Meyer emphasized the five Board goals of creating a strong learning environment; increasing parent support; increasing staff morale; increasing customer service; and prioritizing educational needs in the budget; as well as the three primary goals in the District's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP): preparing all students for college and career; professional learning; and parent and community engagement. Dr. Meyer used examples to illustrate the ways in which the District is addressing each of these goals.

Public Comment:

James Mills expressed his concerns about the Mt. Diablo Unified School District and shared his opinion that the City of Walnut Creek is a good model for other public agencies.

Ken Caldwell encouraged the Mt. Diablo Unified School District to implement an online data scorecard system to keep parents and community members informed. Dr. Meyer thanked Mr. Caldwell for his comments, and shared that the District has recently invested in a data dashboard system.

Tim Cody gave a presentation on facilities upgrades at Walnut Creek school sites, and responded to City Council member questions. Northgate High School Principal Michael McAlister provided additional information.

Mr. Lawrence thanked Mr. Cody for his presentation, and noted that he is pleased with the HVAC systems in the schools. Mr. Lawrence agreed with Mr. Caldwell's comments about the importance of sharing data with parents. Mr. Lawrence thanked Mr. Mills for sharing his concerns, and shared examples of some of the changes which the Board and Superintendent have made over the past two years to address these issues.

Kevin Safine gave a presentation on District programs which are supported by the city of Walnut Creek, including crossing guards, crisis counselors, school resource officers, and after-school sports programs. The Board discussed the difference between the academic counselors and crisis counselors and any potential overlap between the District and the City.

Police Captain Steve Skinner gave an update on the School Resource Officer program, and responded to Board member questions.

Leo Harrod, Recreation Program Manager, gave a presentation on after school programs and responded to Board member questions.

Mike Vickers, Public Works Manager, gave a presentation on the drought plan for the city and the school sites.

Heather Ballenger, Public Works Director, gave an update on capital projects and responded to Board member questions.

Sandra Meyer, Community and Economic Development Director, gave a development project update and responded to Board member questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

Ms. Mason thanked the City Council for collaborating on this meeting.

Mayor Simmons thanked the Board and Northgate High School for hosting the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53* p.m.

*All times listed are approximate.

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Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Superintendent