

MINUTES OF THE JOINT CITY COUNCIL/MESQUITE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M., JANUARY 20, 2009, CAYUSE ROOM, MESQUITE CONVENTION CENTER, 1700 RODEO DRIVE, MESQUITE, TEXAS.

Present: City of Mesquite: Mayor John Monaco and Councilmembers Shirley Roberts, Greg Noschese, Al Forsythe, Stan Pickett and Dennis Tarpley

Staff Members: Ted Barron, Carol Zolernowich, Mark Hindman, B. J. Smith, Richard Gertson, Jerry Dittman and Valerie Bradley

MISD: Board of Trustees President Robert Seward and Boardmembers Cary Tanamachi, Greg Everett, Kevin Carbo and Rita Crump

Staff Members: Dr. Linda Henrie, Dr. Cathy Rideout, Dr. Denise Kutch, Michael Coffey, Lanny Frasier, Richard Koonce, Laura Jobe and Jonathan Royle

CALL TO ORDER.

I. Welcome and Introductions.

City Manager Ted Barron called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Barron welcomed attendees and introduced City staff. Dr. Linda Henrie, MISD Superintendent, introduced MISD staff members.

II. Invocation.

Invocation was given by Councilmember Stan Pickett.

III. Dinner.

IV. District Presentations.

MISD Construction Update and Attendance Zone Changes.

Michael Coffey, Assistant Superintendent, provided an update on MISD construction projects recently completed, currently in progress and planned for the near future.

Mr. Coffey made presentations on the attendance zone changes which will be implemented with the opening of Don Achziger Elementary School in August 2009. Achziger will be populated with students from Thompson and Gentry Elementary Schools, and middle school attendance zones for A. C. New, Berry and Terry Middle Schools will be adjusted to create "feeder schools" for the three elementary schools. Mr. Coffey also described zone changes for Kimbrough Middle School which are being

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implemented to address declining enrollment at Poteet High School and to relieve increasing enrollment at Mesquite High School.

Student Achievement.

Dr. Cathy Rideout, Associate Superintendent, made a presentation on trends in MISD student achievement and how that relates to student demographic changes. She also contrasted Mesquite's achievement status and school funding status to state averages.

V. City Presentations.

Zoning Ordinance Modernization and Mixed-Use Development Goals.

Richard Gertson, Director of Community Development, provided information regarding the City of Mesquite's efforts to update its current Zoning Ordinance into a "unified development code" that incorporates all ordinances and regulations that relate to development in Mesquite. He described the types of density and mixed-use development the City desires to attract and how the new form-based codes will facilitate such development.

Transportation Project Update.

Jerry Dittman, Assistant Director of Public Works, presented an overview of the regional transportation outlook for North Texas including the funding difficulties for identified projects. He provided an update on transportation projects currently underway in the city.

VI. Closing Remarks.

Mayor John Monaco and MISD Board of Trustees President Robert Seward provided parting comments regarding the longstanding working relationship between the City of Mesquite and the Mesquite Independent School District and expressed their desire to continue partnership into the future.

VI. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.