

Meeting Minutes
CITY/SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE

January 21, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

(Virtual – WebEx)

Tracy City Hall

333 Civic Center Plaza

Tracy, CA 95376

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Dr. Brian Stephens, TUSD Superintendent.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Brian Stephens, TUSD
Rob Pecot, TUSD
Jaime Quintana, TUSD
Steve Abercrombie, TUSD
Ana Blanco, TUSD
Dan Arriola, City of Tracy
Mateo Bedolla, City of Tracy
Jenny Haruyama, City of Tracy
Andrew Malik, City of Tracy

Vanessa Carrera, City of Tracy
Sekou Millington, City of Tracy
Octavio Lopez, City of Tracy
Brian MacDonald, City of Tracy
Jolene Jauregui, City of Tracy
Don Scholl, City of Tracy
Michael Nimon, City of Tracy
Todd Lieberg, City of Tracy

3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE** – None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM:**

- a. The Regular Meeting Minutes were adopted from **November 19, 2020**

5. **UPDATE ON TRACY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (TUSD) ITEMS**

- Associate Superintendent Rob Pecot gave the following updates:

Governor Newsom released a projected budget and it's actually good news! A highlight of 3.8% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for Local Education Agency (LEA's). The American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) is held harmless so prior 2 year attendance numbers can be used as TUSD is losing enrollment in K-12. An example is 500 leaving and only 400 incoming.

Getting deferred money for the school year, \$19.4 million will be paid back out of \$25.9 million, putting into reserves. Governor also providing a one time funding for special education and summer school with a commitment to pay down Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) retirement costs. Quite happy and pleased for students, staff, and the community.

- Dr. Stephens reiterated how significant it will be to get the funds back, because in the 2008 recession it took 4-5 years to get the deferred funds returned.

- Director of Facilities & Planning Jaime Quintana gave the following updates:

North School Modernization project is currently ongoing and on schedule. Due to COVID-19, and following OSHA health and safety guidelines, additional work shifts have been implemented.

Solar projects are at various site, and the Notice of Exemptions (NOI) have been filed and approved by the county's assessor's office. Local fire and state agencies have reviewed 50% of the plans and should be up and running soon.

Energy savings project funding initiatives – The audit review is complete, with potential lighting and mechanical unit retrofits at various campus sites. Changes will occur in 2030 with regards to funding, energy use and consumption.

- Dr. Stephens offered Trustees a chance to speak, and Steve Abercrombie said he is pleased that things are moving forward in a positive direction. Trustee Blanco agreed with Mr. Abercrombie.

6. UPDATE OF JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (JSD) ITEMS

- Superintendent Jim Bridges was not able to attend the meeting

7. UPDATE ON CITY ITEMS

- City Manager Jenny Haruyama gave the following update:

The city opened its warming center on December 30th at the Tracy Community Center, with daily operation hours 6pm to 6am through March unless it gets warmer. Averaging about 10-15 people a night, and a local service provider, FIX'd is running it.

The Council adopted the Interjurisdictional Committee/Board appointments, and Council Members Arriola and Bedolla have been appointed to the City/Schools Liaison Committee. Information about other Council appointments are available on the city's website.

The City Council had a discussion about the Safe and Sane Fireworks, and have decided to not place a ban on the local fireworks, and will continue to support the existing lottery process.

COVID-19 update – The city is following the county dashboard, and the county is providing additional information, and adding the recorded number recovering in each county and municipality. The vaccine will be distributed in multiple phases following the county guidelines, currently in phase 1A from mid-December until late February for hospital staff, first responders, and long term care residents. The city's law enforcement and fire personnel have been vaccinated. The county has enough for phase 1A, and will move into phase 1B Tier 1-2 for 65+ and support logistics for the vulnerable population.

Council Member Arriola indicated that he is very excited about the warming center for the homeless and closely working on the strategic plan for the next 2 years, noting the emergency center will be built on Arbor Avenue. So much went into this project, starting with temporary short term, then will move into mid term, with permanent long term solutions, it's a good first step. Consistent dialog with staff and county, want a plan in place and operational for residents, and distribution a lot of coordination is being done.

Council Member Bedolla agreed with the City Manager and Council Member Arriola on their comments and if there is anything the city can do please let them know.

- Parks & Recreation Director Brian MacDonald gave the following update:

Sports Fields update - joint use, status quo with rentals. Right now facilities can only be used for training, conditioning, and drills. When the county moves into the purple tier for sports allowed for game play, baseball and softball will be allowed and city staff will work closely with the school district to coordinate rentals. Brian asked Dr. Stephens for an update on the reopening of schools.

- Dr. Stephens addressed the issue of reopening the schools. The state has a plan for K-6 and funding will be \$450 per pupil, but the key component is that both bargaining groups must develop and sign off on the plan, then approval by the Trustees.
- Recreation Program Manager, Jolene Jauregui gave the following update: (YAC) Youth Advisory Commission – received 18 applications and selected 13 to fill vacancies, representing all 4 high schools with 2 commissioners from each high school, and they will be appointed at the Feb 2nd meeting. The goal of this commission is community outreach to youth with projects that make a difference and get creative during the pandemic.

8. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE** - None

9. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 1:42pm