



**City of Newark – Newark Unified School District
Liaison Committee**



Monday, January 28, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes

**City of Newark
City Administration Building
City Council Chambers, 6th Floor
37101 Newark Boulevard
Newark, CA 94560**

A. ROLL CALL – Introduction of committee members

Chair Hannon called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Present were Committee Members Collazo, Hannon, Rodriguez, and Gutierrez. City Manager Benoun, Associate Superintendent Salinas, and City Clerk Harrington were also present.

Chair Hannon thanked previous Committee Members Crocker and Preciado for their service. He welcomed new Committee Members Rodriguez and Gutierrez.

Committee Member Rodriguez announced that Bowen Zhang was recently appointed to the School Board.

B. MINUTES

B.1 Approval of June 18, 2018 minutes

Committee Member Collazo moved, Committee Member Rodriguez seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed, 4 AYES.

C. OLD BUSINESS

C.1 Update on the status of the MacGregor Playfields agreement

Associate Superintendent Salinas stated that the School District had some comments on the first draft and were seeking feedback.

City Manager Benoun stated that the draft agreement was prepared by the City Attorney and submitted to the School District approximately a year ago. The City received the School District comments on Thursday and requested that this matter be continued to the next meeting. This would allow time for legal review, staff negotiations, and a final agreement prepared for the next meeting.

Committee Member Rodriguez stated that he would like this matter settled before the next meeting. He suggested a license agreement instead of a lease, the City to assume the water expense, and any profits from the field rentals split in half between the two entities.

City Manager Benoun stated that these were new terms that the City did not have time to review because they were submitted to the City one business day ago. He stated that it was his understanding that the cost of operating the playfields exceeds the rental fees.

Committee Member Rodriguez stated that he would recommend that the Board of Education take back the fields if the City would not assume the water expense.

The Committee discussed the history of this agreement, whether a special meeting was needed, the field expenses, and the time needed to prepare a new agreement.

Committee Member Collazo moved, Committee Member Gutierrez seconded to continue this item to the April 15 meeting. The motion passed, 4 AYES.

The Committee agreed that, in the next month, the City would provide budget numbers for the fields and the School District would provide water bills. Committee Member Rodriguez stated that the School District would look into the feasibility of using well water as a possible cost savings.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1 NUSD report on status of School District Strategic Plan

D.2 NUSD report on status of School District Facility Master Plan

The Committee reviewed agenda items D.1 and D.2 concurrently.

Associate Superintendent Salinas provided a presentation on the Strategic Plan. Presentation on file with the City Clerk. She highlighted the Strategic Imperatives of academic excellence, financial stability, and increasing enrollment. She noted that the Facility Master Plan work is underway and shared the milestones.

The Committee discussed the benefits of full day kindergarten, the objectives of each of the Strategic Imperatives, and how to market the quality education available in Newark schools.

D.3 Consideration of a request from the public to place earthquake supply staging at school sites for Liaison Committee discussion on a future meeting agenda

Chair Hannon noted that Mrs. Cindy Parks requested this item; however, she was not at the meeting. He suggested deferring this to the next meeting. Board Member Rodriguez stated he could reach out to Mrs. Parks for further details. The Board concurred to defer this item.

D.4 Chair and Vice Chair Election

Chair Hannon recommended that a school board member serve as chair and Committee Member Collazo serve as vice chair. Committee Member Gutierrez offered to serve as chair.

Chair Hannon moved, Committee Member Rodriguez seconded to elect Committee Members Gutierrez and Collazo as Chair and Vice Chair. The motion passed, 4 AYES.

E. COMMENTS

Chair Hannon requested that Committee Members submit agenda titles for the next meeting to Ms. Aquino by March 29, 2019.

Committee Member Rodriguez requested that the next meeting agenda include an item to discuss the Area 3 school site. He was interested in deadlines to build a school, what happens if the Board of Education does not identify funding, and how to raise money to build the school.

Committee Member Rodriguez stated that Ohlone College Trustee Larsen suggested expanding this committee to include Newark representatives from the College Board. Chair Hannon noted that the College serves a much wider area. Committee Member Collazo asked what benefit this Committee would bring the College? Committee Member Rodriguez suggested that a special meeting could be held instead with the City, College and School District.

Committee Member Rodriguez stated that the schools have fundraising shirts for sale, he encouraged everyone to buy a shirt.

Committee Member Collazo stated that she was contacted by Ms. Chanti regarding a scholarship program. She requested inviting Ms. Chanti to speak to this Committee at a future meeting. Committee Member Rodriguez stated that Ms. Chanti could address the School Board under public comment at one of their regular meetings.

Committee Member Rodriguez suggested holding the next Committee meeting at the high school.

No one from the public came forward to speak.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hannon adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Sheila Harrington
City Clerk