

San Mateo Union High School District Minutes

Special Board Meeting
January 24, 2019 6:00 PM
San Mateo Adult School

789 East Poplar

San Mateo, CA 94401

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present:

Linda Lees Dwyer
Marc Friedman
Robert Griffin
Peter Hanley
Greg Land

A. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

President Land called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Minutes:

In attendance, Trustee Linda Lees Dwyer, Trustee Peter Hanley, Clerk Robert Griffin, Vice-President Marc Friedman and President Greg Land.

C. OPEN SESSION

C.1. Housing Study Session

Minutes:

Superintendent Skelly and Deputy Superintendent McManus presented the Housing Study Session presentation.

Vice-President Friedman stated the district needs to move forward with selling Crestmoor. Enrollment is declining in San Bruno and San Bruno needs some more housing. We need to negotiate with the city council and cities. We need to look at the financing for this project.

Trustee Hanley stated the district has done a lot of work on researching housing in the district. The housing crisis in San Mateo County and the Peninsula is real and very serious. Next steps, do an analysis, work with the City of San Bruno and the City of Millbrae. Look at the City of Foster City there maybe property there.

Clerk Griffin stated he wants to move forward but he wants to make sure all the questions from the board are answered in terms of housing prices and rent. He wants to be sure the board is fully informed before moving forward and to be sure the district has conversations with all of the cities.

Trustee Dwyer stated the district would be offering 100 units but we have 1,000 employees who many of them may be struggling to stay with the district. What happens to the other 900? She would like to know how many teachers and why have they left the district due to housing. She stated Mills is not a location site to place housing. She would like to see housing on the Crestmoor site.

President Land stated he would like to see the different approaches other districts offer who provide housing (Jefferson, Santa Clara etc). What does their housing program look like? He is not going to discount Mills because it is near a transportation hub. We need to explore the San Mateo community (Foster City). Look at Crestmoor and see what the district can do with it.

Tom Shannon, consultant, informed the board Crestmoor would need to be declared surplus before taking the first step toward selling the property.

The Board instructed staff to:

1. To explore options for Crestmoor site. Trustee Hanley, Clerk Griffin, Vice-President Friedman and President Land agreed. Trustee Dwyer did not agree but she would like to see housing built on Crestmoor site and not sell the property.
2. Provide information on the different approaches from other districts who provide housing, Jefferson, Santa Clara, etc.
2. Look into what is the legal aspect of declaring Crestmoor as surplus and selling.
3. What are the boards options and what is the timelines to this process?
4. Explore financing for teacher/staff housing.
5. Have discussions with the City of San Bruno, City of Millbrae and City of Foster City.

Staff will report back to the board with the information the board has requested at the March 28, 2019 board meeting.

Public to address the Board:

Donna Kasprovicz

Fred Baer

Carolyn Chow

Paul Ko

Nicole Robinson

Craig Childress

Gary Kasprovicz

Nathan Chan

D. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

There being no further business the special board meeting was adjourned at
8 p.m.

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Board President

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Board Clerk