

REEF-SUNSET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL JOINT CITY MEETING  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2012  
AVENAL THEATER / PEGASUS ROOM

A special joint city meeting of the Reef-Sunset Unified School District Board of Trustees and Avenal City Council was held on this date in the Avenal Theater/Pegasus room located at 233 E. Kings Street, Avenal, CA 93204

Mr. Bunch, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Gail Monohon, Bill Hatcher, Larry Bunch, Ricardo Verdugo, Dr. David East, Harlin Casida, Alvaro Preciado, Donna Curty, Dagoberto Ovalle, Melissa Whitten, Chief Jack Amoroso, and Lorena Venegas were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 9, 2012:

Motion by Gail Monohon seconded by Bill Hatcher to approve the minutes as presented.  
UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

*Update on Progress from the Responsible Athletes Program:*

Representatives were absent; however, Dr. East reported they were not present at this meeting as they are busy running their programs.

*Update on APD Community Outreach:*

Chief Amoroso reported that he has met with local church groups to establish a process in place should we have homeless people in the community. They have also discussed the gang situation in Avenal and what churches have to offer to these kids to steer them away from gangs. Chief Amoroso also reported that they had a neighborhood watch back in May in which a community member helped the police by making the appropriate calls which resulted in a couple of arrests. He stated they would continue with community outreach programs.

*Update on Measure A Projects:*

Dr. East reported that he held a couple of community meetings regarding the Avenal High School stadium renovation. They discussed the possibility of having an all-weather track and synthetic field plus adding new bleachers. The main issue discussed were the orientation of the home stands. Dr. East stated that the Board was going to hold a special meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm at the AHS cafeteria to discuss and act on the orientation of the home stands. He reported that the district is working with SIM Architects and BUSH Construction and they would like to move along with this project. Dr. East mentioned that another concern brought up by high school students was whether or not the stadium would be completed by graduation. In case of contingency for graduation; the district may move graduation to the new park.

*Update on Traffic Circulation at TES:*

Chief Amoroso reported they had no complaints. Public works painted the curb red and that seemed to have solved the issue quite a bit. Mr. Preciado stated he felt it was still congested as it is a one way in and out. Chief Amoroso suggested that the right turn into the school should get widened and maybe that would alleviate that issue.

*Discuss Student Drug Testing:*

Dr. East handed out the district's drug testing policy and stated that it was brought forth to the Board as a first reading where he suggested we delete it as it sounds too complicated.

Ms. Monohon went on to state that the policy basically would allow for drug testing on students that volunteer to be tested. Mr. Hatcher suggested teachers/coaches talk to parents rather than setting this type of policy. Chief Amoroso explained the difference between a student having traces of marijuana and a student caught smoking marijuana. He stated that it would be difficult for the JSO to respond every time the school calls for drug testing and students do not normally get booked for having 'traces of marijuana'.

*Submit Lists of Areas for Community Service for Youth:*

Dr. East handed out information provided by Ms. Drummond where it explains what the high school requires of students in regards to community service, the process and ideas for obtaining community service hours. Mr. Verdugo reported that Sheila has a lot of students who volunteer to help her set up bounce houses. This is a way for students to receive community service hours.

*Update on WHC Avenal Facility:*

Mr. Casida read a memo he received from Dr. Gornick about land preparation of possible sites. The memo then stated that because the proposed land was not suitable for their needs the best they could do was to start the WHC Avenal Facility at the Avenal High School campus as they only have \$2 million dollars available.

*Discuss Restrooms for Park/School Fields:*

Dr. East asked why Rice Park restrooms were not opened during school break in June. Ms. Whitten replied they were closed as they were in need of repairs. They have been repaired and are now open during the day.

*Consider Scheduling Next Joint Meeting:*

The next joint city meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., at the Avenal Theater.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Secretary to the Board