

Los Banos Unified School District/City of Los Banos
2x3 Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
4:30 p.m. – Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

Call to Order

Present: LBUSD: Superintendent Mark Marshall, Board Member Ray Martinez, Board Member Anthony Parreira, Mayor Tom Faria, Mayor Pro-Tem Deborah Lewis, City Manager Josh Pinheiro. Absent: Board Member Jessica Moran

Roll Call

Also in Attendance: Amer Iqbal, LBUSD Assistant Superintendent, Admin Services; Stacy Souza Elms, City of Los Banos Community and Economic Development Director.

On Motion by Mayor Faria, seconded by Board Member Parreira, the Committee approved the agenda, Ayes: Faria, Lewis, Marshall, Martinez, Parreira, Pinheiro; Noes 0, Absent: Moran. Motion carried.

Approval of
Agenda

There were no public comments.

Public Comment

There were a couple of grammatical corrections to the minutes, On Motion by Board Member Parreira, seconded by Mayor Faria the Committee approved the minutes as corrected. Ayes: Faria, Lewis, Marshall, Martinez, Parreira, Pinheiro; Noes 0, Absent: Moran. Motion carried.

Approval of
Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem, Deborah Lewis asked that her title be corrected on the agenda.

Stacy Souza Elms, City of Los Banos Community and Economic Development Director, gave an overview of current and future developments in Los Banos.

Future City
Growth Plan

Superintendent Marshall asked for input from the city on the possible areas the District was looking at for future school sites. An area of concern was noted regarding the flight path of the airport. Stacy Souza Elms stated that they were hoping to move the airport. The need for a school would be in the highly developed North and South sides of town.

Proposed Future
School Sites

Assistant Superintendent Amer Iqbal stated that the traffic problems that were expected when Grasslands Elementary was built did not occur due to the fact that the traffic light on the corner of Place and B street was completed before the start of school.

Traffic Patterns
around School
Sites

Mayor Tom Faria asked about the possibility of Speed Bumps on 11th Street. It was discussed that the majority of residents that live on a street have to agree to have the bumps installed. Since the only buildings on the area of 11th Street between Madison Ave. and Page Ave. are the District Office and LBHS, the District would have to request the speed bumps.

Speed Bumps on
11th Street

Concerns regarding the intersection of Pioneer Rd. and 11 th St. were discussed. The traffic is heavy when Los Banos High School is released and people are making dangerous u-turns in order to travel in the eastbound lane of Pioneer Rd towards Mercey Springs Rd. The City was asked if there was a possibility of a traffic light being installed at the intersection.	Intersection 11 th Street and Pioneer Rd.
There was a discussion about the increased trash around in the neighborhood surrounding Creekside Junior High due to students discarding masks on their way home from school. The District said they would look into placing more trash cans in the area.	Mask Pollution
The building of a public pool was discussed. It was indicated that it would take at least 45 million dollars to build and the maintenance costs would be very expensive. The importance of having a pool for community use was emphasized. When the school passed a bond the pool was not listed as priority when a community poll was taken. First priorities for the monies raised by the bond were the building of a new elementary school then the renovation of Loftin stadium. The District stated that if a pool for Los Banos High was built it would have to be a competition pool similar to the pool at Pacheco High and it would not be suitable for community use. The District does not have any funds currently earmarked for the building of a pool. The possibility of looking for a grant to build a community pool was discussed. LBUSD Trustee Ray Martinez asked that a committee be formed to research ideas for building a pool. LBUSD Board Trustee Anthony Parreira asked how much yearly maintenance would cost and stated that it would negatively impact the District's budget which was already deficit spending. It was decided that this item would be further discussed at the next meeting.	Public Swimming Pool
Possible sites for Pickle Ball courts at school sites were discussed. Currently San Luis High School and Pacheco High School have courts. It was suggested that the Mr. and Mrs. Balatti be contacted to look in to this matter further.	Pickle Ball
The possibility of having the District start a Truck driving class for students was discussed. There is a shortage of truck drivers and it was thought that this could be an added course to the Vocational Education offerings at the High Schools. Because the minimum age for truck drivers is 18, it was suggested that the District partner with Merced College to look into this as well as other vocational career trainings. It was asked how many students take advantage of the ROP offerings and what did the District offer as far as vocational education for students. LBUSD Superintendent Dr. Marshall stated that he would reach out to the Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Sean Richey to get the answers to the questions raised.	Truck Driving School
The District asked when they would be able to resume use of City Hall Council Chambers for monthly School Board Meetings. City Manager Josh Pinheiro stated that until the Council was able to resume meetings in person that the Council Chambers would be closed to the public.	Use of City Hall for School Board Meetings
The hosting of 2 x 3 meetings was discussed. It was determined that the City and District would take turns on an annual basis for hosting meetings as this was the practice in the past.	Hosting of Meetings

City Manager Josh Pinheiro asked what the District's plans for the property located on the corner of 7th Street and Pacheco Blvd. (the tennis courts in the corner of Los Banos Elementary). He asked if the school used the tennis courts for PE. The possibility for using the courts for basketball for public use was discussed. The District stated it would have to look into the liability insurance to see what could be worked out as well as the maintenance, upkeep and security for the property if it was left open for public use.

Open Agenda

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 P.M. by Mayor Tom Faria, seconded by LBUSD Trustee Anthony Parreira. Ayes: Faria, Lewis, Marshall, Martinez, Parreira, Pinheiro; Noes 0, Absent: Moran. Motion carried.

Adjournment



Tina Accardo, Executive Secretary
Los Banos Unified School District



Date