

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Gabino Aguirre, Councilmember Robert S. Gonzales, Councilmember Fred W. Robinson, Vice Mayor Jim Tovias, and Mayor Ralph J. Fernandez, Member Rick Cadman, Member Michelle Kolbeck, Member Gary Marshall, Clerk Dan Robles, President Anthony Perez, Member Christopher Wilson, Member Diana Ponce-Gomez, Clerk Terence P. Nelson III, and President Douglas Jackson responded to roll call. City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz, City Clerk Judy Rice, and Acting Deputy City Clerk Tiffany Leon were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Hicks, 560 Howie Court, spoke in regards to the need to emphasize on the accomplishments of the school district and the City during the City's meetings with Continental Wind Power.

Ginger Gherardi, 1183 Los Robles Drive, commended the City Council, the Elementary District of Board of Education and the High School District Board of Trustees for holding a joint special meeting to discuss the future of the schools in Santa Paula. Ms. Gherardi stressed the need for the City Council and the Santa Paula School Districts to work together to change the image of the schools in Santa Paula.

CITY COUNCIL, BOARD, STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Education Goals and Objectives for Santa Paula

City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated January 8, 2009.

B. Presentation by Santa Paula Elementary School District Superintendent Dr. Winston Braham

President of the Santa Paula Elementary School District Board of Education Anthony Perez submitted and read a letter addressed to the Santa Paula

Community from the Board of Trustees into the record: "The Santa Paula Elementary School District community and Board of Trustees understand the importance of quality education and its relationship to business, community growth and prosperity. As such we remain committed to the progressive of the future economic endeavors of our city leadership and together wish to reaffirm that we fully intend to work collaborately with our City Council, its Executive Team and school colleagues in neighboring districts. Additionally, we continue to extend the same level of involvement and partnership to other public interest groups, civic organizations, and businesses. Our core business obligation and focus are clear, mainly being strong unselfish advocates for our district availing our students of the most relevant preparatory k-8 education, through the delivery and application of measurable meaningful academic programs. Furthermore, we remain committed to the conscious stewardship of our public resources and the active engagement of our stakeholders we the members of the board of trustees and our devoted team of employees are very much in tuned that mostly all improvements in the quality of life for those we serve will be greatly enhanced through improved student performance and solid academic preparation as such we have presided over notable growth , implemented a wide range of worthy strategies, introduced best practices and continue to evolve as a learning organization. Consistent with our mission, we have taken tangible steps to improve academic indicators among others they include: the articulation process, elementary to middle school and middle school to high school, school site safety, quality and functionality of student life and classrooms, introduce practices as it relates to learning assessment, learning outcomes, strong teacher support through training and professional development, increased community outreach efforts to engender increase parent involvement, specialized tutoring intervention, enhance technological infrastructure, introduction of a cutting edge curriculum program in accordance with the State's adopted standards, implemented effective operations, management mythologies, applied prudent and judicious oversight of district funds, and support for our students with special needs. We also continue to offer a competitive compensation for all our staff and have developed a constructive supportive relationship with all three collectively bargaining units. As we move towards the next few challenging years, our primary goals will be to better serve the needs of our students, continue to close the achievement gap, and maintain a vibrant and responsive organization to justify the trust and support of our constituents."

Superintendent Dr. Winston Braham spoke in regards to the goals and the operations of the Santa Paula Elementary School District. Superintendent Braham focused his presentation on the State budget cuts that the Elementary School District will be experiencing in the upcoming months and the challenges budget cuts will create in providing quality education.

C. Presentation by Santa Paula Union High School District Superintendent
Dr. David Gomez

Superintendent Dr. David Gomez spoke in regards to the new programs the High School District has created in its attempt to provide students with quality education.

Paul Marietti, Santa Paula High School Principal, provided a powerpoint presentation and spoke in regards to the academic improvements that have taken place at Santa Paula High School during the recent years. Mr. Marietti focused his presentation on the programs Santa Paula High School has developed to prepare students for college.

RECESS TO A BREAK

Mayor Fernandez recessed the City Council and District Board of Trustees to a break at 8:00 p.m.

RECONVENED TO REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Fernandez reconvened the City Council and the District Board of Trustees at 8:15 p.m.

D. Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce

Connie Tushla, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce, thanked the teachers of the Santa Paula School District for their hard work and spoke in regards to the accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Tushla offered the Santa Paula School District their support and assistance.

E. Presentation by Limoneira Company

John Chamberlain, spoke in regards to Limoneira's plans to build and operate a learning center in the East Area One development to help assist the community in obtaining career development.

It was moved by Councilmember Aguirre, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to direct the City Manager and Superintendents to create a joint resolution to be adopted by all three governing bodies expressing the community's commitment to quality education in Santa Paula. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion passed.

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Education and Santa Paula Union High School District Board of Trustees
Monday, January 12, 2009
Community Center

It was moved by Member Kolbeck, seconded by Member Marshall to direct the City Manager and Superintendents to create a joint resolution to be adopted by all three governing bodies expressing the community's commitment to quality education in Santa Paula. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion passed.

It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Ponce-Gomez to direct the City Manager and Superintendents to create a joint resolution to be adopted by all three governing bodies expressing the community's commitment to quality education in Santa Paula. All were in favor under roll call vote and the motion passed.

CITY COUNCIL/ BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Aguirre invited the community to attend a parent/school conference on February 7, 2009 to engage in a discussion regarding the topics of prevention and early intervention.

President Jackson invited the community to attend the 2nd annual health fair at Santa Paula High School on January 15, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Judy Rice
City Clerk