

DJUSD/City 2x2
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Josh Chapman called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

Members Present: Josh Chapman, Donna Neville, Cecilia Escamilla-Greenwald, Hiram Jackson (Arr: 5:37pm)

2. Public Comment

No public comment

3. Approval of Minutes 1-17-2024

Neville moved, with a second by Escamilla-Greenwald, approval of the minutes.

Motion passed by the following vote:

YES: Chapman, Escamilla-Greenwald, Neville

NO: None

ABSENT: Jackson

4. City/District Communications:

Best: Thanked first responders for coming to Davis High School to assist a teacher.

Webb: Hate-Free Together (HFT) website has officially launched. Partners include Davis Joint Unified School District, UC Davis, Yolo County Office of Education. HFT will table at Farmers Market. In summer recreation programs, City and District worked together to reach underserved populations to enroll kids in programs for free (80 kids total enrolled as of today).

Chapman: Where should people interested in the recreation program scholarships be directed? (Contact the city's recreation program/Parks and Community Services)

Escamilla-Greenwald: How did City reach out to limited English speaking families?

No public comment

5. Discussion Items

a. Facilities/Capital Improvement Projects Update

CITY: Webb:

- 14th Street will likely begin in summer of 2025 and aims to improve traffic flow. Revised project will not include the two-way cycle track.*
- Anderson Road is progressing with design and will come to City/DJUSD staff meeting soon, with goal to come to City's Bicycle Transportation and Street Safety Commission in June.*
- Hamel Lane residents unanimously not interested in a one-way street. Looking at other options to address traffic issues near Pioneer.*

Neville: On 14th Street, there will be better designations to allow cyclists to turn from 14th onto F. Also trying to address problems with Unitrans stop.

Escamilla-Greenwald: Asked whether City considering 4-way stop sign at Schmeiser and Hamel.

Chapman: This area around Pioneer is heavily impacted because of the volume of traffic and the small area around the school.

DJUSD: Best:

Provided bond projects update for bond proceeds from Measure M. The signature projects have been performing well (science classrooms, early learning center, Multi-Purpose Rooms, Tech Hub, Career & Technical Education Engineering Ag and Transportation). Now working on STEM building at Davis High School and hoping to have it complete by Fall 2024. Then work on Aquatics Center at DHS will start. Tennis courts will come back online. Solar implementation will proceed once a new subcontractor has been identified. Technology infrastructure has also been enhanced. Deferred maintenance projects are also underway (includes play structure replacement, Davis High School athletic fields specific plan, Pioneer flatwork improvements, etc.) Last major project is TK-K Extended Day Classroom Project at the elementary sites. Construction would be through 2025.

b. DJUSD Budget Update

Best shared update on DJUSD's projected budget. Need to find balance with employee compensation, educational programs, and fiscal solvency. Looking at \$6.5 million in shifts and reductions. This includes possible reduction of 17 FTEs for total of \$1,660,000 and \$1.3 million in attrition. The reduction of the 17 FTEs is likely to remain.

DJUSD is one of the lowest funded districts in the State. Even with parcel taxes, DJUSD is still down about 10 cents on the dollar.

Neville: What classifications are in the cuts? (Mixed)

When students come from another District, they bring the amount from their home District (i.e. usually more than what Davis would get for a Davis student).

Best explained basics of how state funding for school districts works.

Best: only real supplemental funding is parcel tax, so site councils and PTAs will continue to feel pressure to fund basic services.

c. DJUSD Demographics Report

Best: Declining demographics, which means smaller incoming kindergarten cohorts. Shared history of growth, with very little growth since Mace Ranch area was constructed. Historically have solved declining enrollments with choice programming at specific school sites.

d. DJUSD After School Programming Update

DJUSD has been working for a friendly takeover of after school care programs on school sites. Hoping to complete that in time to start next fall. Will be called S.P.A.R.K. and include after school care, as well as summer enrichment options. Costs will be similar to Kids Klub but much less than Catalyst.

No public comment.

6. Announcements/Comments

Best: suggests adjusting start time to move later.

Jackson: Measure N passed.

7. Future Meetings – May 15, 2024

On May 15, second meeting at library regarding library expansion (South Davis), at 6pm. Neville will not be here on May 15. Need to look at rescheduling.

8. Adjourn to next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm