

MINUTES OF 10/14/08 SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

CHELAN CITY COUNCIL
LAKE CHELAN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LAKE CHELAN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT FOR THE CITY: Mayor Goedde; Councilmembers Cooney, Greenfield, Harper, Morehouse, Morse and Weldy; Acting City Administrator VanEpps. **ABSENT:** Councilmember Papé-Miller.

PRESENT FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Board Members Ken Brunner, Jim Colbert, Lynda Foster, Siri Tift and Leah Thompson; School District Superintendent Jim Busey; Morgan Owings Elementary School Principal Jeff Peck; Special Programs Advisor Larry Bowers; Personnel Director Sondra Jacobson.

PRESENT FOR THE HOSPITAL: Commissioners Mary Pat Scofield and Jim Wall, Chief Executive Officer David Bernier, Chief Transitional Officer Dan Wick.

Meeting was called to order by Jim Colbert at 5:00 p.m.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER: Busey discussed planned improvements to the light and sound booth at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) and encouraged the City and Chelan Valley Players to be involved in the renovation process.

Thompson noted that the 2008 school bond issue will cover PAC safety improvements only. She asked if the City would be willing to share the cost of upgrading equipment. Weldy suggested that the School District submit a PAC “wish list” and related costs to the City for consideration.

Morse suggested investigating the availability of grant funding to pay for needed PAC improvements and the joint submittal of applications for any grants.

PROPERTY ACQUIRED FROM NAUMES: Busey thanked the City for their assistance in the School District’s acquisition of 12.3 acres of property formerly owned by Naumes. Busey described planned improvements to the property, including those to be provided by Whisper View Estates, the adjoining property owner, and the City. Busey said that ball fields and related improvements should be completed by 2010, but there are no plans at this time for the construction of school facilities - those plans will be developed as the need is demonstrated through an increase in the number of students.

Busey reported that the group advocating an aquatics/community center in Chelan has discussed the possibility of siting the center on property currently owned by the School District. Resident Bob Eiers was in the audience and shared his opinions concerning the siting of a community center.

Brunner asked if the City would support the construction of school facilities on the former Naumes property and playfields on the School District’s purchased property. Weldy responded, saying he believes the City would consider that to be the School District’s decision – the City would support the best use of the property as long as the additional ball fields are included.

District green spaces and future plans for ball fields were discussed.

SCHOOL LEVY: Busey reported that the School District will ask voters to approve a two year maintenance and operations replacement levy on a special ballot scheduled for February 3, 2009. The School Board will set the levy amount by mid-November.

Colbert noted that the School District will be debt free by 2013, but providing facilities for a growing student population will present challenges.

Busey added that a 10% decrease in State funding is anticipated so the planned levy becomes more critical and a solid cash reserve is needed.

TEEN ISSUES: Bernier reported that the Hospital would like to begin collaboration and discussion with the School District to address issues and concerns involving teenagers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Attested to:

Robert R. Goedde, Mayor

Date approved by City Council:
