

**CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**SPECIAL MEETING
January 8, 2024**

PRELIMINARY

The President, Michael Frink, called the meeting of the Clawson Board of Education to order in the Clawson High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m. This is a joint meeting of the Clawson Board of Education and the Clawson City Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, Pastor Stephen Trachsel of Grace Apostolic Church gave words of inspiration, and the Mission Statement of Clawson Public Schools was recited. Roll Call for each body followed.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Daniel Ewald, Jr., Michael Frink, Angela Hamilton, Samantha Hanser Maynard, Joseph Savel, Jacqueline Stanley, and Ted Verner

Administration Present: Billy Shellenbarger and Dr. Jackie Johnston

Others in Attendance: Christopher King, Paula Millan, Joe Rheker, Machele Kukuk, Nik Stepnitz, Gina Boyd, Troy Engel, Renis Nushaj, Susan Moffitt, Bruce Anderson, Matt Binkowski, Ginny Schalm, Ron McCaulley, Linda Hale, Tim Quinn, Lisa Ball, Shirley Nenadovich, Dawn E. Turner, Cheryl Dry, Heather Maurer, Nancy St. Louis, Angela Schneider, Troy Engel, Kellie Bauss, Ethan McClure, Bob McDonald, and Nathan Hara

The agenda was accepted as modified. A second Public Forum was moved to after item 15.

MOVED BY: Mr. Verner
SUPPORTED BY: Mrs. Stanley

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ewald Yes
Mrs. Hamilton Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard Yes

Mr. Savel	Yes
Mrs. Stanley	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

PUBLIC FORUM

The following individuals addressed the board regarding the demolition of Schalm Elementary School:

- Ginny Schalm, 1046 W. Selfridge, Clawson
- Linda Hale, 940 Selfridge, Clawson
- Ron McCaulley, 1008 W. Selfridge, Clawson
- Ethan McClure, 266 Lincoln, Clawson
- Timothy Quinn, 656 Selfridge, Clawson
- Nate Hara, 413 Park Drive, Clawson

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resolution of Intergovernmental Relationship

WHEREAS, the City of Clawson and the Clawson Public Schools recognize the importance of a harmonious and collaborative relationship between the administrations of the school district and city; and

WHEREAS, our appointed executive leaders have diligently collaborated and believe there is immense community value and a priority to intentionally join forces to collaborate and ensure we move the Clawson community to “*Grow Forward Together;*” and

WHEREAS, this understanding that our school district cannot meet its greatest potential without a strong city and our city cannot reach its ultimate potential without strong schools. This proclamation hereby memorializes the intent, understanding and mutual efforts between our governing bodies and directs the Clawson Public School’s

administration and the City of Clawson's administration to collaborate on any and all aspects of the school district and the city for the betterment of its students and residents; and

WHEREAS, first and foremost is the safety of our community especially our children followed by optimizing each tax dollar to its fullest extent; and

WHEREAS, the most immediate and community wide impacting opportunity for our collaboration is the current and ongoing right sizing of school district facilities; and

WHEREAS, this necessary effort has generated concerns for community stakeholders in regard to potential loss of sports fields, assets and programing. However, both elected bodies and administrations recognize this an opportunity for greater intergovernmental cooperation coupled with increased sincere community outreach; and

WHEREAS, this is an exceptionally sensitive and far-reaching topic. There is a need to coalesce our resources and community stakeholders around the examination of optimizing our buildings sites, athletic assets, recreation assets/services, parks and senior services; and

WHEREAS, the district and city have the same taxpayers; we shall continually demonstrate to them the best use of all assets and services for their increased benefit; and

WHEREAS, we also need our community stakeholders' experience, opinion, expertise and energy; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve communal optimization of our assets and programing the district and city agree to form a Joint Task Force. A Task Force can be defined as - *a group established to work on a defined task or activity*. The addition of the word "Joint" is to bring significance to our intergovernmental and communal approach; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Task Force thus far was loosely comprised of key staff from both administrations, and will now evolve into the inclusion of one to two elected members from each governmental body and ultimately the inclusion of members from various identifiable community stakeholder groups; and

WHEREAS, This Joint Task Force will be charged with seeking, developing and vetting suggestions for the optimization of buildings sites, athletic assets, recreation assets/services, parks and senior services for the collective benefit of the Clawson Community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by virtue of our collective authority vested in us by the community of Clawson, we renew our intergovernmental relationship with open minds, with commitment to communication until consensus is reached and with a willingness to consider all options. Only through transparency and our willingness to work together we will retain the confidence of our residents with the goal of making our community stronger for all stakeholders.

MOVED BY: Mr. Verner
SUPPORTED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mr. Savel	Yes
Mrs. Stanley	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Ewald	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Current Status of the Clawson Public Schools District Buildings

MOVED BY: Mr. Verner
SUPPORTED BY: Mrs. Stanley

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mr. Savel	Yes
Mrs. Stanley	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Ewald	Yes
Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

The current status of the Clawson Public Schools district buildings was discussed.

There was discussion regarding the question if Schalm School was off the table. Mr. Shellenbarger explained that there is a plan in place and the board plans on moving forward.

Ms. Millan commented on infrastructure issues in the area.

Nik Stepnitz, Assistant City Manager, gave a report on the proposed homes for Schalm and Baker and the taxes they would generate. He also explained that there are strict standards for infrastructure.

Ms. Moffit asked about the cost to acquire and maintain Schalm and the reality of loss of the property.

Mr. Rheker, City Manager, will prepare a report regarding the options involving the school buildings and what is best for the community.

Mr. Shellenbarger stated that there will be a recommendation at the February 26, 2024 board meeting.

“Campaign Clawson”

MOVED BY: Mr. Verner
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Ewald

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Savel	Yes
Mrs. Stanley	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Ewald	Yes
Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Discussed were quarterly joint periodicals mailed to each home, potential collaboration for joint signage on Main Street, and Task Force appointments.

Mr. Frink stated they would recommend an appointment to the Task Force at their Organizational Meeting in January.

Comments

Supt. Shellenbarger, City Manager, Joe Rheker, and Board President, Michael Frink, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and working together.

Mr. Verner expressed that the meeting was a positive start to a new relationship.

The councilmembers and Mayor Millan were also appreciative of all who came out.

SECOND PUBLIC FORUM

- Ron McCaulley, 1008 W. Selfridge, Clawson, requested to be on the Task Force.
- Nate Hara, 413 Park Drive, Clawson, spoke regarding school bonds and transparency.
- Lana Anderson, 115 Park, Clawson, spoke about the affordability of new homes in Clawson.
- Ethan McClure, 266 Lincoln, Clawson, talked about the bond issue and transparency.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Hamilton, Secretary
Clawson Board of Education

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