

**JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
FARMINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
at the Farmington Training Center
33000 Thomas Street, Farmington
March 8, 2005**

A joint meeting of the Farmington Public Schools Board of Education, the Farmington City Council, and the Farmington Hills City Council was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street, Farmington, Michigan. The meeting was hosted by Farmington Public Schools.

The meeting was called to order by President Reid at 7:10 pm.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Bolsen, Priscilla Brouillette, Pam Christian, Jack Inch, Frank Reid, Howard Wallach

Absent: Gary Sharp

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Jerry Fouchey, director of curriculum and staff development; George Heitsch, assistant superintendent of instructional services; Debbie Higgins, executive assistant to the Board of Education; Robert Maxfield, superintendent; Mary Reynolds, executive director of business; Sue Zurvalec, deputy superintendent

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Bush, Arnold Campbell, Valerie Knol, JoAnne McShane, and James Mitchell

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Vince Pastue, city manager; Patsy Cantrell, clerk/treasurer

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: John Akouri, Vicki Barnett, Barry Brickner, Randy Bruce, Jerry Ellis, Kenneth Massey, and Cheryl Oliverio

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Steve Brock, city manager; Dana Whinnery, assistant city manager; Kathy Dornan, city clerk

Welcoming remarks were made by Mayor Campbell, Mayor Barnett, and President Reid followed by the introduction of elected officials and School District administrators.

1. **FOCUS ISSUE: ELECTED OFFICIALS DIALOGUE. WHAT ARE THE COMPONENTS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP?** Jerry Fouchey, director of curriculum and staff development, facilitated a discussion on the components of good citizenship. Participants then divided into small groups and responded to the following questions: How do you define responsible citizenship? What activities and/or information have you encountered that helped you form your definition? What motivated you to become an involved citizen or elected official? What experiences would help promote responsible citizenship for our students? How can joint boards support the development of responsible citizenship? Each group reported out. Discussion followed.

2. **UPDATES ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

- **School District Outdoor Facility Plan.** George Heitsch, assistant superintendent of instructional services, provided a brief overview of the timeline and plans for improvements to the outdoor athletic facilities at Farmington, Harrison, and North Farmington high schools and Dunckel, East, Power, and Warner middle schools. He noted that the Farmington High School groundbreaking ceremony was planned for April 5.
- **City of Farmington Master Plan for Parks.** Farmington city manager, Vince Pastue, reviewed the city's recreation master plan which calls for a more pedestrian friendly community. He discussed proposed long-range plans involving: (1) the acquisition of a six-acre parcel owned by Farmington Public Schools near the ball field and Playscape at Shiawassee Park; (2) a switchback staircase to be used as a connection between Shiawassee Park and the downtown area; (3) expansion and improvement of river walk links from Shiawassee Park to Heritage Park; (4) the replacement of overhang lighting with smaller street lamps; and (5) a bike path/walkway around Longacre Elementary School.
- **New Owner for Courthouse Property.** City Manager Pastue reported that the city council had recommended moving forward with the development of a 24-unit, neo-traditional, condominium complex at the courthouse site. The old courthouse is located on Ten Mile Road between Farmington and Raphael.

3. **ISSUES OF INTEREST TO ELECTED OFFICIALS**

- Superintendent Maxfield distributed a written summary of a recent meeting of the Summer Programs Coordinating Committee. The committee includes representation from the school district, both cities, Farmington Library, Farmington Youth Assistance, YMCA, Oakland Community College, Salvation Army, and Botsford Hospital. He indicated that a consolidated website will be developed that will provide parents with a comprehensive list of summer programs offered throughout the community.
- Ken Massey, Farmington Hills City Council, discussed the efforts of the Citizen Emergency Preparedness Commission, its mission, and related training and awareness sessions.

- Mayor Pro-Tem JoAnne McShane referenced the March 2003 joint meeting at which Professor Joseph Oren conducted a very productive goal-setting session. The focus was on network of mutuality. She suggested that the members go back and take another look at the common goals.
 - Karen Bolsen, Board secretary, announced the upcoming Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council Forum on Thursday, March 10, 7:30 am to 9:00 am at the Farmington Training Center. The forum is being hosted by the Education and Business Subcommittee.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Carolyn Das and Vicky Oipari, District parents, talked about their support of universal education, an educational model that supports all children. They provided folders with information regarding “Share the Spirit” an initiative presented on March 5 by “Everyone Together Oakland County” with support from the Autism Society of Oakland County.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.** President Reid adjourned the joint meeting at 9:22 pm.

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APPROVED: MAY 16, 2005