



**LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL AND
CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 25, 2021

City of Lakewood

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 – Mayor Don Anderson, Deputy Mayor Jason Whalen; Councilmembers Mary Moss, Mike Brandstetter, Paul Bocchi and Linda Farmer.

Clover Park School District Boardmembers Present: 5 – President Marty Schafer, Vice President Alyssa Anderson Pearson, Carole Jacobs, Anthony Veliz and Paul Wagemann.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Review of Woodbrook Business Park and Dr. Claudia Thomas Middle School Projects.

Mayor Anderson provided an overview of sewer investments and property improvements in the Woodbrook Business Park, which has provided economic growth and created family wage jobs in the City.

Board President Schafer provided an overview of the history of merging of Woodbrook and Mann Middle Schools and the process for building the new Thomas Middle School which was named after former Lakewood Mayor Dr. Claudia Thomas.

Equity.

Superintendent Banner provided an overview of equity efforts and ways that the CPSD is working to empower students and families. He shared that the City and CPSD have been meeting to discuss equity and options for collaboration between the organizations. Discussion ensued related to considering a joint Resolution committing the bodies to work together to make changes related to equity and inclusion.

Mental Health Support.

Superintendent Banner commented on the impacts and partnerships in place to support mental and behavioral health for students. He shared that CPSD has school

counselors and partnerships through Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare, the Steven Cohen Military Family Clinic and Madigan Army Hospital. He also noted that CPSD has classes in secondary schools related to career and college planning which also focuses on the mental health needs of student and elementary schools are holding social circles and offer second step curriculum.

Discussion ensued related to the 1/10th of 1% passed by Pierce County to support the behavioral health needs of the community and how the City can advocate to support and enhance programs CPSD has in place to support students.

Mayor Anderson shared that the City Council has responded to the mental health needs of the community by recruiting the Cohen Military Family Clinic to Lakewood, providing community policing at Western State Hospital, allocating 1% of the general fund to human services programs and advocating federally for mental health professionals to be embedded in military schools.

Next Steps for the community with respect to COVID-19.

The City Council and School Board discussed next steps related to communication and engagement with respect to COVID-19.

City Manager Caulfield shared that throughout the pandemic the city continues to build community, respond to citizen needs, provide services such as roads, parks and coordinate special events such as the Farmers Market, Reverse Holiday Parade, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony and is expected to ramp up events in 2021.

President Schafer shared that CPSD continues to move forward with educating students, informing the community of return to school plans, and will be considering opportunities for a virtual online school for students.

Superintendent Banner commented that we have to allow each other space and grace as we move forward because we are "Better Together." He also noted that CPSD provided over 4,000 meals to students over the holiday break and has received a waiver from the federal government to continue provide meals to students through the end of the school year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



DON ANDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


BRIANA SCHUMACHER
CITY CLERK