

**MINUTES OF THE
FOR A SPECIAL JOINT WORK STUDY SESSION
HELD BY THE MOORE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE MOORE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 23, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
MOORE HIGH SCHOOL
300 N. EASTERN
MOORE, OKLAHOMA**

The City Council of the City of Moore and the Moore Board of Education met in the Performing Arts Center, Moore High School, 300 N. Eastern, Moore, Oklahoma on January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Glenn Lewis and Board of Education President Mike Wright presiding.

*Adam Webb
Councilman, Ward I*

*Danielle McKenzie
Councilwoman, Ward I*

*Melissa Hunt
Councilwoman, Ward II*

*Mark Hamm
Councilman, Ward II*

*Jason Blair
Councilman, Ward III*

*Terry Cavnar
Councilman, Ward III*

Agenda Item Number 1 being:

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Wright, Board of Education President, called the meeting of the Moore Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

Glenn Lewis, Mayor of the City of Moore, called the meeting of the Moore City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item Number 2 being:

ROLL CALL

A) MOORE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Roll call of the Board of Education was conducted by Vicki Brickman, Clerk of the Board.

PRESENT: Karen Shuey, Staci Pruettt, Amy Reeves, Allison Richey, Mike Wright

ABSENT: None

B) MOORE CITY COUNCIL

Roll call of the City Council was conducted by Brooks Mitchell, City Manager.

PRESENT: McKenzie, Blair, Hunt, Webb, Hamm, Lewis
ABSENT: Cavnar

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

OPENING FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mike Wright, School Board President.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY MOORE BOARD OF EDUCATION

For the Board of Education, motion was made by Karen Shuey and seconded by Amy Reeves to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Shuey, Pruett, Reeves, Richey, Wright
Nays: None

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

MOORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS VIDEO

Dr. Romines, Superintendent of Schools, introduced a teacher recruitment video produced by Moore Public Schools that would be shown on social media.

Agenda Item Number 6 being:

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS OF MOORE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND MOORE CITY COUNCIL BY DR. ROBERT ROMINES.

Dr. Romines, Superintendent of Schools, then asked the Clerk of the Board, members of the Board of Education, members of the City Council, and Brooks Mitchell, City Manager, to introduce themselves. Dr. Romines also introduced himself then introduced State Representative Mark McBride, who was also in attendance. He further acknowledged his leadership team and others from Moore Public Schools in the audience. Mr. Mitchell of the City acknowledged City staff members in the audience.

Agenda Item Number 7 being:

RATIONALE FOR MEETING BY DR. ROMINES.

Dr. Romines then provided rationale for having a joint Board of Education and City Council meeting. He stated that he had met with City Council representatives at different times to talk about collaboration efforts between the two parties. Some of the discussions turned to teacher raises and the failure of the penny sales tax issue. He stated it was through those discussions that the idea for the joint meeting was born. He stated his hope that the meeting would lead to a collaborative effort between the City and the School District for the betterment of its citizens and school patrons.

Agenda Item Number 8 being:

MOORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPDATE BY DR. ROMINES:

- A) MPS Boundaries
- B) MPS Growth
- C) School District Challenges
- D) Teacher Recruitment and Retention
- E) All Day Kindergarten

Dr. Romines provided the following information on the school district: Boundaries of Moore Public Schools, district growth being experienced, challenges the district is facing (i.e., growth, teacher recruitment and retention). He referred to the video that was shown and stated his hope that the video depicted Moore as a great place to live. He further stated that Moore Public Schools would have all day kindergarten at all sites beginning next year. He stated that in the past this was not possible due to funding and lack of space.

Agenda Item Number 9 being:

SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS – TO BE MODERATED BY KATHLEEN KENNEDY, CENTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT:

Mr. Wright, School Board President, then asked Kathleen Kennedy from the Center for Communication and Engagement to moderate School Board and City Council discussion on the following topics:

A) DEVELOPMENT IN MOORE

Brooks Mitchell, City Manager, stated that neighborhood growth in Moore was as follows: N.W. Moore - A duplex being built with 23 units; N.E. Moore - Watters addition 445 units, Sonoma Lakes 215 units, Sienna Ridge 114 units; S.W. Moore - Sendera Lakes 301 units, Mission Point Apts. Phase II 262 units, Plaza Terrace 122 units and S.W. 17th and Janeway, 200-300 units; S.E. Moore - Edgewater 202 units, and Timbercreek addition 39 units. The Janeway development will impact Plaza Towers Elementary School. Mayor Lewis stated that he agreed with Dr. Romines and that Plaza Towers Elementary would have a need to expand. He also stated that a large new development was coming in around the 19th and Sunnylane area.

B) RAILROAD BRIDGE AND UNDERPASS ON SE 4TH STREET

It was announced that a public meeting would be held on January 26, 2017 at The Station to discuss the planning phase of the 4th Street Underpass project.

C) 34TH STREET BRIDGE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Lewis advised that the 34th Street Bridge project would be delayed for seven to eight months because Integris indicated they would be constructing an eighteen bed facility on the corner of SW 34th Street and I-35. He stated that the hospital's presence might allow off-ramps to be included in the bridge construction, which is estimated for completion in 2018.

- D) STATE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES RELATIVE TO MOORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CITY OF MOORE**
- E) RECRUITING AND RETAINING TEACHERS**
- F) CITY AND DISTRICT HELPING EACH OTHER**

Discussion occurred regarding recruiting and retaining teachers and bringing a diversity of families and teachers to the area. Dr. Romines asked for suggestions on how that could be accomplished. Councilman Hamm stated that he would like for the school district and the City to work together to make the area affordable. He stated his opinion that improvements to schools and cities were great, but felt that they should work together to spread out issues affecting the taxpayer. Mr. Wright, Board of Education President, stated that he, too, would like to see the City and Board of Education work closer together to make improvements that were more affordable to the citizens and figure out a way to not tax the people all at once.

G) RECENT AD VALOREM/PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Dr. Romines provided information on the May 2013 tornado and the school patrons' wanting storm shelters. He explained that he and Mr. Ryan, District CFO, had talked to many southwest Oklahoma City and Moore patrons as to the recent increase in their ad valorem taxes. Whereas Moore Public Schools was, responsible for part of the increase, other taxing entities separate from Moore Public Schools, were also responsible. In addition, some residents experienced a 3% increase in their home assessed valuation. Mayor Lewis stated that the City was not planning on issuing any new bonds for the next three to four years, but rather, would be using grants and City sales tax. Dr. Romines stated that the 2013 bond would be falling off the rolls soon.

H) FAILURE OF PENNY SALES TAX FOR TEACHER RAISES

Discussion then ensued around the failure of the penny sales tax for teacher raises in the State. Dr. Romines stated his belief that if money was not found by the legislature for education, Moore Public Schools (and other districts) would not be able to continue the path it is on. Topics were discussed as to how to fund monies for teachers and education. Mark McBride, State Representative stated that it was very difficult to get all legislators on the same page. He did not feel that continuing to pass taxes was the answer. He stated he did not vote for the penny sales tax because he felt it was poorly written and did not all go to common education. Councilwoman Hunt asked about an Internet Sales Tax. Representative McBride stated he did not understand the hold up on that. Councilman Hamm asked if there was a plan. He stated maybe not a one year plan, but a three to four year plan. Mr. McBride stated that he thought that the state needed to use a recurring revenue to fund education, such as TSET monies and wind energy subsidies, not just imposing more taxes. He also felt that consolidating smaller school districts was one way to save money. Councilman Webb stated that we all need to encourage our State legislators to work hard to come up with a solution. Mrs. Shuey, Vice President of the Board of Education, stated that she serves as the Board's legislative liaison with the Legislature. She stated she visits with legislators weekly on educational issues. Councilman Hamm felt it would be good if the school district could come up with a plan to fund teacher raises and then bring that to the patrons. Dr. Romines talked about the many mandates that have been placed on public education in the State. There have been funded mandates, but many unfunded mandates from both the State and the State Department of Education, on education.

I) CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MOVING FORWARD COLLABORATIVELY

In closing, the moderator, Kathleen Kennedy, asked the City Council and School Board how to go forward with the ideas brought forth to work collaboratively in the future. Both Councilwoman Hunt and Councilman Hamm stated they would like to see more joint meetings such as this one, perhaps a couple of times a year. Councilman Hamm stated he would like to see Mr. Mitchell, City Manager, and Dr. Romines, Superintendent, have weekly conversations concerning the City and School District.

Agenda Item Number 10 being:

ADJOURNMENT

A) Moore Board of Education

For the Board of Education, motion was made by Karen Shuey and seconded by Staci Pruett to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: Shuey, Pruett, Reeves, Richey, Wright.
Nays: None

B) Moore City Council

For the Moore City Council, motion was made by Councilwoman Hunt and seconded by Councilman Hamm to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: McKenzie, Blair, Hunt, Webb, Hamm, Lewis
Nays: None

Councilwoman Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilman Hamm. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: McKenzie, Blair, Hunt, Webb, Hamm, Lewis
Nays: None
Absent: Cavnar

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting was recorded and transcribed by Vicki Brickman, Clerk of the Moore School Board and was being presented to the City Council for approval with minor changes in wording and formatting.

RHONDA BAXTER, Executive Assistant

FOR:

ADAM WEBB, MPWA Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this ____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

LINDA STEWART, City Clerk