



**YAKIMA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**May 16, 2019**

**YSD Central Services, 104 North 4th Avenue, Yakima**

**6:00 p.m. Special Joint Meeting with Yakima School District Board (YSD)-- MINUTES**

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**1. Roll Call**

Council: Mayor Kathy Coffey, presiding, Assistant Mayor Dulce Gutierrez, Councilmembers Kay Funk, Brad Hill, Carmen Mendez and Jason White

Staff: City Manager Moore, Senior Assistant City Attorney Watkins, Community Development Director Davenport, Public Works Director Schafer, Acting Chief Engineer Desgrosellier, Parks & Recreation Manager Wilkinson, Recreation Supervisor Andringa and City Clerk Claar Tee

Absent and excused: Councilmember Holly Cousens

Yakima School Board Members present: President Raymond Navarro, Jr., Martha Rice, Don Davis Jr., and Graciela Vianueva

President Navarro and Mayor Coffey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Discussion with the Yakima School District regarding YSD Governance; Partnerships; Gang Prevention and Intervention; Youth Development; YSD Accomplishments; Safe Routes to Schools and 2020 Census**

**YSD Policy Governance Model:** School Board Member Rice reviewed the Yakima School District's governance policies on its board members roles and superintendent's duties.

**Partnerships:** Superintendent Irion reviewed YSD's community and business partnerships.

**Gang Prevention and Intervention:** Senior Assistant City Attorney Watkins presented a PowerPoint on GRIT. Assistant Mayor Gutierrez suggested the City partner with the school district to identify a liaison in each school the City could work with. Ms. Gutierrez also invited the school district to send a representative to the May 29, 2019 Village meeting from noon to 2:00 pm at the Comprehensive Mental Health services facility. Additionally, Assistant Mayor Gutierrez stated that if ongoing funding is identified, the City would like to understand how to more efficiently work with YSD when MOUs or other partnerships/collaborations are called for. Superintendent Irion stated he will pass the information to incoming Superintendent Trevor Greene and suggested the city collaborate with the school district prior to applying for grants.

**Youth Development:** Parks and Recreation Manager Wilkinson and Recreation Manager Andringa reviewed current after-school and summer programs. Assistant Mayor Gutierrez asked about additional bus transports that might enable expansion of Beyond the Bell to an additional site and what it would take to identify select school buildings to keep open from 3-7 pm during the school

week, weekends and during the summer.

**YSD Accomplishments:** Superintendent Irion highlighted Yakima School District's accomplishments.

**Safe Routes to Schools:** Community Development Director Davenport, Public Works Director Schafer and Acting Chief Engineer Degrosellier provided a PowerPoint on Safe Routes to Schools. Assistant Mayor Gutierrez stated the City would like the following data and information from the Yakima School District in order to be as thorough as possible in addressing areas of concern to better define the scope of work required of each safe route project: 1) percentage and number of students for mode of transportation to and from school for each of the elementary schools--this data is collected for each grant application, but it would be helpful in further prioritizing projects; 2) percentage and number of students bussed from other school areas to each school--for example, Gilbert Elementary has many students that actually live in the Adams or Garfield school areas, but are bussed to Gilbert because of capacity; 3) map of each bus route--the City has the list of major stops from the school district website, but would like to illustrate the actual routes; 4) updated data on recommended school routes including crossing guard locations; and 5) does YSD have a "Walking School Bus Program"? If not, are there plans to develop such a program? Superintendent Irion suggested when the City has meetings that may affect the schools, to contact the school principals. Councilmember Mendez asked if the City could have a copy of YSD's capital improvement plan for its buildings.

**US Census 2020:** Board Member Rice and City Manager Moore discussed the importance of the 2020 census and possible collaborations.

President Navarro asked about a future meeting. Councilmember Mendez suggested another meeting in three months with the new superintendent.

3. Adjournment

**MOTION: Coffey moved to adjourn to the next City Council regular meeting on May 21, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.** The motion carried by unanimous vote, Cousens absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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