



Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / BHUSD Committee

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Room 280A
Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

IN-PERSON / TELEPHONIC / VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

Beverly Hills Liaison Meeting
<https://beverlyhills-org.zoom.us/my/committee>
Meeting ID: 516 191 2424
Passcode: 90210

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Thursday, February 23, 2023
11:00 AM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: February 23, 2023 / 11:00 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Lili Bosse; Vice Mayor Julian A. Gold, Nancy Hunt Coffey, City Manager, Keith Sterling, Deputy City Manager, Ryan Gohlich, Assistant City Manager, Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services; Magdalena Davis, Community Services Manager, Dr. Michael Bregy, Superintendent of Schools; Raphael Guzman, Assistant Superintendent; Noah Margo, BHUSD Board President, Tim Ellis, Executive Director Athletics/JPA; Mary Wells, BHUSD Board Clerk, Mark Mead, Executive Director School Safety; Amie Sherry, Recreation & Parks Commissioner, Alissa Roston, Resident
On Zoom: Rochelle Marcus, BHUSD Board Member, Judith Manouchehri, BHSUD Board Member

1) Public Comment

- a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.
None.

- 2) **Resolution of the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / BHUSD Committee** continuing to authorize public meetings to be held via teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and making findings and determination regarding the same.

Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / BHUSD Committee to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Gold, SECONDED by Mayor Bosse to approve the Teleconferencing Resolution. (2/0)

CARRIED

3) JPA Agreement / Negotiations

Noah Margo, Beverly Hills Unified School Board (BHUSD) President, along with other BHUSD board members in addition to Mayor Bosse & Vice Mayor Gold, welcomed and thanked all attendees.

- Dr. Michael Bregy, BHUSD, presented information on the improvements and growth within the school district such as a Career Center with staffing.
- El Rodeo Elementary School on schedule to open next calendar year.
- Refinished asphalt at Hawthorne in addition to restriping and refinishing on all fields district wide.
- A centralized and designated wellness center will be housed in a customized modular building that allows for a proactive approach to mental health.

Raphael Guzman, Assistant Superintendent (BHUSD), updated City Staff on other costs related to the school:

- School security has been increased from approximately 30 hours a week to 70.
- Field usage has increased.
- Salary & Benefit increases in addition to utility costs.
- New or Expanded Programs
- Expanded TK
- Grandparents Permits

The Suggest Increase was reviewed considering the information presented:

- 23-24: \$15,000,000
- 24-25: \$15,750,000
- 25-26: \$16,500,000

Nancy Hunt Coffey, City Manager, requested time to review the document that was just presented.

Vice Mayor Gold expressed gratitude for their accomplishments and new facilities and reminded all that the JPA contract is a negotiation for use of the school's facilities for the City's programs for what would be an appropriate value.

- Vice Mayor Gold discussed looking at other alternatives for cost savings. For example, both the school and the City use the same security company so possibly negotiating together could save money.
- The cost and programming need to be looked at in a process which benefits the Community. A more defined program is needed that entails more details such as costs that benefits everyone.
- Interested in expanding the Mental Health program to students at risk and families who need assistance who don't attend our schools. We should find ways to leverage the unique offerings the school has but could bring a bigger benefit to the City.
- Noah Margo, Beverly Hills Unified School Board (BHUSD) President, commented that this subject of Community space touches on future uses for Hawthorne School which is why the board didn't come with a plan for Hawthorne.
- Opportunities to co-brand is a great idea and all should continue to explore.

- Mayor Bosse agreed that a lot has changed these past years and both herself and the Vice Mayor support both physical and mental health so pleased it's a priority of the schools.

- Mayor Bosse asked how the increase in numbers over the years was arrived at and was informed those numbers captured the increase in services provided.
- Nancy Hunt-Coffey, City Manager, noted what worked prior was staff meeting staff-to-staff reviewing the language and numbers.
- Mayor Bosse agreed having staff-to-staff reviewing is the next step taking this forward.
- The timeline was reviewed; reversing from when the Board needs to approve-. It was agreed to meet in April 2023.

4) Early Ed Center / Hawthorne Elementary School

- Mary Wells, BHUSD Board Clerk, expressed that Hawthorne School offers the biggest opportunity to partner with the City of Beverly Hills once El Rodeo is completed.
- Scheduled planning should begin soon starting with Community input such as the surrounding neighborhood.

5) Future Agenda Items

None.

6) Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time:

February 23, 2023 / 12:26 p.m.



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