

## MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Board of Education

DATE: April 9, 2007

ITEM: **REPORT:** Responses to questions regarding draft Memorandum of Understanding (School Facilities and Financing), and Set date for Joint Meeting with Marina City Council

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### **BACKGROUND:**

A draft Memorandum of Understand (MOU) between MPUSD and the City of Marina was presented to the Board of Education on March 5 and to the Marina City Council on March 6. Responses to questions raised during the two presentations are addressed on the attachment. The Board also is asked to set possible dates for a joint meeting with the City Council and ask the Superintendent to work with the Marina City Manager to arrange for the joint meeting. District legal counsel is reviewing the MOU.

### **DISCUSSION:**

A joint meeting of the Board of Education and the City Council has been proposed to continue dialogue on the MOU and other issues of mutual interest. Topics for the meeting may include the MOU terms and commitments, the proposed oversight committee, joint use opportunities, development schedules and plans, roadways and walkways, and other issues.


At the March 6 meeting, the Marina City Council acted by consensus to hold the evenings of Tuesday April 10 and April 24 for a possible joint meeting. Marina High School has been suggested as the location. Due to the District Open House schedule, these dates would not work for Monterey Peninsula Unified School District.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

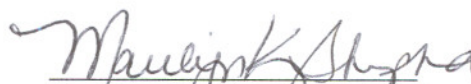
Select possible dates for a joint meeting of the MPUSD Board of Education and the Marina City Council, and direct the Superintendent to work with Marina's City Manager to arrange specifics of the joint meeting.

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### **Summary of Questions and Staff Responses**

Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the  
Monterey Peninsula Unified School District and the City of Marina  
School Facilities and Financing

As presented to the Board of Education March 5, 2007  
and to the City Council on March 6, 2007

Q: Is this MOU the complete agreement between the school district and the city?

A: No. This is a framework for the detailed agreements on land acquisition, joint use, and other issues that will be covered by very specific contractual documents to follow.

Q: Are pupil-per-home estimates realistic?

A: Consensus of the working group is yes, these are the best projections but need to be checked as the homes are occupied.

Q: Will expansion of Olson and Los Arboles make the schools too large?

A: No. The schools will be larger, but not too large. A better program can be offered with more students and without the operating cost of a second middle school.

Q: Why is the city charging for land?

A: Three reasons. First, the city is not profiting from these sales as it has agreed to invest all net proceeds from land sales in joint use projects that will benefit the schools and the community. Second, the land price recovers improvement costs that converted former Army land into buildable sites for homes, businesses, and schools. Third, the state will reimburse one-half of the land purchase price, bringing more state dollars to the community at no net cost to the school district.

Q: What happens to the land if a school project is not built?

A: It is expected that the purchase agreement will require an offer to sell to the original seller, the city Redevelopment Agency.

Q: Will the East Garrison school be a K-8 school?

A: This has not been decided and may be changed in the final MOU.

Q: Will the recently adopted "Trigger Points" for opening new schools be incorporated in the final version of the MOU?

A: Yes, that was a consensus request by the Board.

Q: Will the final MOU address school needs in Seaside, Monterey, and the other communities?

A: This document was meant to address issues facing Marina. A Districtwide plan is being developed by staff at this time.

Q: Why is there an Oversight Committee and shouldn't there be more school representatives on the Committee?

A: The Oversight Committee will give independent review of the projects and spending to ensure that needed schools and city-sponsored joint use facilities meet the needs of the new and existing community. Membership and exact roles may be revised in the MOU if desired.

Q: How will the joint use facilities be operated?

A: Details on joint use are still being worked out. A detailed joint use agreement will be created. Other cities have very successful joint use programs in place and have fine-tuned the process.

Q: Why is a bond shown in the funding plan?

A: Part of the cost for Marina High School is to serve students from existing homes. Including this part of the project cost in a future Districtwide bond measure is suggested as the best way to address the imbalance between high school space and enrollment between the Monterey, Seaside, and Marina areas. Benefits will occur at Monterey High School and Seaside High School by ending the mass busing of students to schools where space is available.