

City of Brisbane Agenda Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Clayton Holstine, City Manager
DATE: City Council Meeting of May 3, 2010
SUBJECT: Cooperative Funding Agreement with Jefferson Union High School District

RECOMMENDATION:

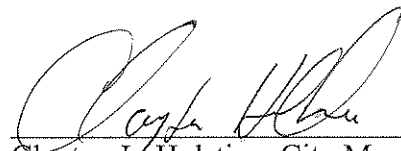
Authorize the Mayor to execute a cooperative funding agreement with the Jefferson Union High School District

BACKGROUND:

The City Council Subcommittee for the Schools met to review the transportation issues and the funding to the Jefferson Union High School District. Due to the changes in the transportation program, this year's proposal only funds the additional hours for the library allowing Brisbane students a place to wait after their activity and before the bus arrives. Attached is a proposed agreement as well as the proposal listing the details of the request. The Council Subcommittee recommends approval of the proposal as submitted.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The request is for \$10,500 and is included in the current budget.



Clayton L. Holstine, City Manager

COOPERATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, dated as of May 3, 2010, by and between THE JEFFERSON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ("District") and THE CITY OF BRISBANE ("City"), is made with reference to the following facts:

A. The District owns and operates four high schools (collectively referred to herein as the "District Schools") consisting of the Jefferson High School ("Jefferson"), the Oceana High School ("Oceana"), the Terra Nova High School ("Terra Nova"), and the Westmoor High School.

B. Graduates from the Lipman Intermediate School located in Brisbane and other students who reside in the City attend the District Schools. Because of funding limitations, the District is unable to provide needed services such as extended library hours for those who wish to participate in afterschool activities that end before the bus arrives to take students home to Brisbane.

C. The City has agreed to make a financial contribution to the District of funds specifically allocated for extended library hours that will directly benefit the Brisbane students attending the District Schools, as hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The City hereby agrees to make a cash contribution to the District in the amount of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500.00), to be paid upon the execution of this Agreement by the parties, and after receipt of invoice from the district.

2. The total funds contributed by the City shall be allocated and utilized by the District for the specific purposes described in Exhibit A, and shall not be used for any other purpose without the prior consent of the City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

THE JEFFERSON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

President
Board of Trustees

Attest: _____
Michael J. Crilly
Secretary to Board of Trustees

THE CITY OF BRISBANE

By: _____
W. Clarke Conway, Mayor

Attest: _____
Sheri Marie Spediacci, City Clerk

**A PROPOSAL TO THE CITY OF BRISBANE ON BEHALF
OF BRISBANE STUDENTS ATTENDING TERRA NOVA HIGH SCHOOLS
2010-2011**

As we are all very well aware, the budget crisis of California has had a significant impact on the Jefferson Union High School District's ability to sustain many of programs that we have historically offered. One of the more significant budget impacts was the decision to discontinue Home to School Transportation service for students in the Brisbane and Bayshore areas. This was a difficult decision for the Board but they were left with no other viable options. The district is very grateful that the City of Brisbane is considering a transportation plan on behalf of Brisbane students. Once again, Brisbane has shown itself as a community that truly cares about its youth and takes steps to support them when significant needs arise. We all would hope that California returns to fiscal health much sooner than later. When this occurs we would also hope that schools will benefit from this improvement so as to allow the reinstatement of the programs and services that have reduced or lost. This, however, speaks to the future; our more immediate concern is services for current students in the present. With this in mind I have been asked to submit a proposal which would allow the continuation of an important service for students enrolling from Brisbane.

Transportation has long been a concern of the parents of Brisbane students. In this respect the Jefferson Union High School District has tried to address this need over the last fifteen years. We no longer are able to do so. Thankfully, the City of Brisbane is now considering a plan to provide for the transportation of Brisbane students through the use of CYO Transportation Services. If this plan is adopted by the City, the transportation will continue to be available for Brisbane students. Additionally, a component of the plan would continue the "late bus" service for students engaged in various after-school activities such as clubs, drama, and athletics. This same service was one of the key components of the original Cooperative Agreement initiated nearly fifteen years ago and has been supported by the City since its inception.

The availability of the Terra Nova library as a safe, well lighted space for students to wait has always been viewed in tandem with the "late bus". While this is particularly important in the darker months of the year, it is a service that has come to benefit all of the students at Terra Nova throughout the year. I would like to propose to the City that the funding be made available once again to support the cost of retaining an employee to continue to keep the library open the additional two hours each day. When the library is open for additional hours after the last scheduled class, there is a flurry of activity and a significant increase in the number of students using the library. This is not only good for the Brisbane students, but it is also of great benefit to the entire student body. Students continuing to work in the library on their own time contribute to an overall academic atmosphere that encourages student success. While history has shown us that as the hour draws later, student participation in the library diminishes. Those who remain are usually waiting for the bus, which was the original purpose. During the past two years we have not tracked the exact numbers of students passing into the library during these extended hours. However, experience tells us that the utilization has not changed. The library still sees heavy usage immediately after school and tapers as the hours gets later.

We would like to continue this service even though a small number of students avail themselves of the opportunity to use the library while they wait. The general student body has made great use of this opportunity. The resources are available for all students: computers, the library collection including all research materials, tables for homework, and an adult supervisor who is the library assistant during regular hours. Without this extension of time,

the library would go unused after school and students who needed a quiet place to wait and finish homework would have no supervised area. In the past, the cost has been fully supported by funds from the Brisbane Cooperative Agreement. We would like to continue to offer this service to the students, and propose that the City set aside funding to keep the Terra Nova library open for the extended hours. The cost would be \$10,500 which is identical to the past several years. **(\$10,500)**

Although the school district will no longer provide daily transportation, we wish to help facilitate the purchase of bus passes much in the same manner as we do for students riding SamTrans buses. This would also include the “late bus” students. Students will continue to purchase their bus pass from the school cashier for all Home to School transportation. The City, however, will set the fee and guidelines. We will work with the City to make this transition as seamless as possible for parents and students.

Knowing that the City’s funds are proposed to be redirected to support daily Home to School Transportation, I do not feel that it is appropriate to ask the City to continue to support additional activities and priorities as in the past. The budget issues of the State have placed all entities, cities and schools, in the awkward position of reducing important programs. This is our reality and we must work within this context. Inevitably, the economy will improve and the opportunities to support other priorities will return. In the meantime the most important item is to get students to school and home again.

For so long now, the City and school district have been able to partner and provide additional services for students. We continue to be very appreciative of this partnership and are particularly grateful during these difficult times. Brisbane’s emphasis on education is unquestionable and has been well established through the previous Cooperative Agreements. We look forward to our continued work together.

I respectfully submit this proposal and await your decision.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Crilly", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael J. Crilly
Superintendent