THE LAND USE COMMITTEE
HBCSD & the City of Hermosa Beach
1975 - 1977

Land Use Committee: The Memorandum of Understanding that was sent with the Resolution of Intention to Sell ... and Prescribing the Terms Thereof to the city on June 14, 1977 seems to have been a product of several months of negotiations between the school district and the city through the meetings of a Land Use Committee in 1977. In other words, the City of Hermosa Beach had a voice in the requirements and future district use of classrooms described in the MOU before they formally agreed to it at their City Council meeting of June 14, 1977.

Additional Information:

According to the minutes of the June 13, 1977 school district meeting, "Land Use Committee recommended memorandum of agreement with City regarding proposed sale of Pier Avenue School."

The Land Use Committee was described in the December 15, 1975 school district meeting minutes: "The board was informed of certain issues in the escrow instructions for the property which the board plans to sell to the city. These issues will be discussed at the next City-District Land Use Committee meeting."

It appears that the school district and city were involved in collaborating on the escrow instructions and the Memorandum of Understanding before it was sent to the HB City Council. If this is the case, then it further refutes Terry Tao's insinuation that the MOU was simply an HBCSD construct of wants and wishes that the city did not agree to. Please see May 31, 2016 School District and City Joint Meeting presentation by Terry Tao, Time Stamp 02:08:47.

It has been suggested by some (see Carol Reznichek's statement during the public comment period for this presentation, 00:29:23 time stamp) that the City of Hermosa Beach almost pulled out of the Agreement at the last minute during the negotiations for the Sale of Pier Avenue School inferring that the City didn't agree to the district's terms. On the contrary, it seems that it was the school district who almost pulled out of the Agreement to sell Pier Avenue School to the City of Hermosa Beach because many community members were afraid that HBCSD would lose an important asset to the school district and students. Please see HB board comes to terms on Pier Avenue purchase, Easy Reader News, January 12, 1978.

In a letter to the editor, former City Council member during the negotiations for the Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of Pier Avenue School, George Barks, confirmed that the City of Hermosa Beach "absolutely guaranteed that the students could return to use the school if needed in the future". Reopening Pier Avenue School, by George Barks, The Beach Reporter, April 5, 2018.