

1 **JOINT MEETING**  
2 **Town of Taos Council**  
3 **and**  
4 **Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education**  
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6 **Enos Garcia Elementary School (Auditorium)**  
7 **305 Don Fernando Street**  
8 **Taos, New Mexico**  
9 **Wednesday, January 28, 2009**  
10 **4:30 p.m.**

11 **MINUTES**

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15 **1. CALL TO ORDER: The Joint Meeting of the Taos Municipal Schools Board of**  
16 **Education and the Town of Taos Council** was called to order by **the Honorable**  
17 **President Patrick Romero** at **4:36 p.m.**  
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19 **2. ROLL CALL: Town of Taos Clerk Renee Lucero and School Superintendent's**  
20 **Administrative Assistant Evelyn Anaya** called roll and a quorum was present.

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22 **Those present were:**

23 Mayor	Darren M. Cordova
24 Mayor Pro Tem	Rudy C. Abeyta
25 Councilmember	A. Eugene Sanchez
26 Councilmember	Amy J. Quintana
27 Councilmember	Michael A. Silva
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29 School Board President	Patrick Romero
30 School Board Vice-President	Lorraine Coca-Ruiz
31 School Board Secretary	Roy Martinez
32 School Board Member	Michael Torrez

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34 **Also present were:**

35 Town Manager	Daniel Miera
36 Asst. Town Manager	Abigail Adame
37 Town Attorney	Allen Ferguson
38 Town Clerk	Renee Lucero
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40 Superintendent	Loretta DeLong
41 Administrative Assistant	Evelyn Anaya

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43 **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Nadine Vigil** led the audience in the pledge of  
44 **allegiance.**  
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1 **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: President Romero** made a motion to approve the  
2 Agenda as presented. **Vice-President Coca-Ruiz** seconded the motion. The motion  
3 carried unanimously.  
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5 **5. Joint Matters for Discussion and Possible Action**  
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7 Discussion and possible approval of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) regarding the  
8 Salazar Property, *By Daniel Miera, Town Manager*  
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10 Mayor Cordova stated both governing bodies, the school district and the town, have  
11 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding and have voted unanimously to  
12 support moving forward with a Joint Powers Agreement in regards to developing the  
13 property on Salazar Road for the Eco-Park. However, the Town Attorney and staff  
14 are still working out the legal issues and determining how it becomes congruent with  
15 DFA standards since it involves two public entities. Mayor Cordova made a  
16 recommendation to table this item until the JPA draft has been finalized and to allow  
17 for legal review by the school attorney.  
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19 Member Torrez agreed that the attorneys for both entities need to review the JPA. He  
20 requested that the Board Members receive a copy of the JPA for their review.  
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22 Superintendent DeLong stated standard procedure would be applied to the JPA;  
23 therefore, she would forward the request directly to the school attorney from her  
24 office for his review.  
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26 Mayor Pro Tem Abeyta stated he has researched information on the property and the  
27 deed indicates the property was purchased by the Taos Municipal Schools Board on  
28 July 28, 1988, from the Weimer Properties for a total of 26.00 acres for “valuable  
29 consideration”. He also stated the property was not donated by the Cunnyngham  
30 family as previously stated and there are no deed restrictions.  
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32 Community & Economic Development Director Matthew Spriggs clarified that the  
33 original deed specifies 26 acres. However, three acres were deeded over for the use  
34 of the Taos County ARC by the school district. Consequently, it is only a 23 acre  
35 parcel that is available for development which would be more than sufficient for the  
36 project. The transaction was a fee title purchase. He stated a title binder will be  
37 required as we move forward.  
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39 Member Torrez directed Administrative Assistant Anaya to research the minutes back  
40 to July, 1988, regarding the transaction as to who was on the board and what the  
41 intent was regarding the 26 acres.  
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43 Superintendent Delong made a recommendation to table this item until further  
44 documentation is provided. Mayor Cordova requested to add to the motion to direct  
45 Town of Taos staff to provide a preliminary draft to the Superintendent. She will  
46 then forward it to the school attorney for review.

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**Member Torrez made a motion and Vice-President Lorraine Coca-Ruiz seconded the motion to approve the Superintendent's and Mayor's recommendation.**

Further discussion followed regarding the completion of the JPA and the lease. It was agreed that the final draft will be ready in three weeks and will be forwarded to Superintendent DeLong.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

It was agreed that the Taos Municipal Schools Board of Education and the Town Council will have a Special Joint Meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at the Taos Middle School for approval of the JPA.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by **Mayor Cordova** and seconded by **Board Member Torrez** to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at **5:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

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**Darren M. Cordova, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Renee Lucero, Town Clerk**