

**SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
San Francisco Unified School District**

Superintendent's Proposal

39-23Sp1 - Ernest McNealy, Sr. Gymnasium at Mission High School

WHEREAS: The teaching and development of athletics and physical education are important in the mission of the San Francisco Unified School District; and

WHEREAS: The pursuit of athletics is a time honored tradition in many cultures around the world; and

WHEREAS: Ernest McNealy, Sr. taught at various public schools in San Francisco before he began coaching basketball at Mission High School in 1957, and after six years became head track and field coach, and the City's first African American head coach for a varsity basketball team.

WHEREAS: Ernest McNealy, Sr. spent his entire forty-two (42) years of service with San Francisco Unified School District at Poly Technical High School, Mission High School, and Enola D. Maxwell Middle School formerly known as Potrero Hill Middle School where he taught auto shop, drivers education, physical education, and coached a number of team sports including basketball, football, and track.

WHEREAS: Ernest McNealy, Sr. coached several championship track & field and basketball teams in the AAA, including five (5) varsity basketball teams, two (2) teams in 1970, and then a three-peat in 1991, 1992, and 1993 that went on to the Tournament of Champions (TOC) at the Oakland Coliseum; and

WHEREAS: Ernest McNealy, Sr. taught, encouraged and inspired his students to be exceptional athletes as well as exceptional human beings of which he was most admired; and

WHEREAS: Ernest McNealy, Sr. was an inspiration to all of the students and colleagues who passed through the doors of Mission High School; and

WHEREAS: Ernest McNealy, Sr. was a gentle, loving, and caring man who was a great husband, father, friend, coach, educator, teacher, and mentor to thousands of fortunate young people whose lives were positively changed by his presence; and

WHEREAS: Ernest McNealy, Sr. continued coaching into his 70's even after he broke his hip during a slip and fall accident in 1995. "Mac" as he was affectionately called by all who knew him unfortunately passed away on August 26, 1999 much to the sadness of his colleagues, former students and friends; and

WHEREAS: Ernest McNealy, Sr. died at the age of 76 and should be recognized and applauded for his lifetime dedication to the youth of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Unified School District regards commitment, generous spirit, dedicated and memorable teaching and a sense of humor as valuable attributes in its teachers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the San Francisco Board of Education honors the memory of Ernest McNealy, Sr. for his years of service, his generosity, his kindness, and his unceasing energy of devotion to the tradition of Mission High School, which tradition he so much helped to define; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Mission High School Boys Gymnasium shall henceforth be known as the *Ernest McNealy, Sr. "Coach MAC" Memorial Gymnasium*; and that a memorial plaque donated by family, colleagues, former students, and friends, so stating, shall be installed at the school.

9/23/03
10/14/03

PLEASE NOTE:

- Referred to the Buildings, Grounds, and Services Committee by order of the Chair on 9/23/03.
- Taken up by the Buildings, Grounds, and Services Committee on 9/24/03. Forwarded to the Board of Education with a positive recommendation from Committee.
- Adopted on 10/14/03.