

Oxnard Union High School District
Measure H Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
Minutes of the Meeting

Date: May 21, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: OUHSD Hueneme Room
220 South K Street
Oxnard, California 93030

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
Nancy Ambriz	Nancy Lindholm	Steve McFarland	
William Belcher	Ed Morera	Gabe Soumakian	
Sol Chooljian	Adolfo Murillo, Jr.		
Fred Ferro			
James Martinez			
Patricia Parham			
Rebecca Pecsok			

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fred Ferro called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

Mr. Ferro led the flag salute.

Ms. Parham moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Pecsok seconded. Motion carried

Mr. Belcher moved to amend the minutes from April 16, 2012 to clarify the date of minutes to be amended from the February meeting. Mr. Chooljian seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Belcher moved to approve the April 16, 2012 minutes as amended. Mr. Chooljian seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Soumakian stated that the district was interviewing candidates for the CBO position on June 12, 2012.

Mr. Ferro stated that the committee was lacking a member of a senior organization. It was suggested that the Council on Aging be contacted. Mr. Chooljian volunteered to contact them.

Camarillo Academy High School – Dr. Soumakian announced that a link has been set up (www.newcamarillohs.org) to the district website with information about the proposed high school to be built in Camarillo. There was a community forum on May 6th that was attended by approximately 100 people. A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for May 22nd at the Ventura County Office of Education on Adolfo Road in Camarillo from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. The Town Hall meeting will consist of representatives from OUHSD, City of Camarillo and LAFCO discussing issues of interest regarding the building of the high school on the 77 acre property. The district intends to annex only approximately 28 of the 77 acres to the city at this time. Dr. Soumakian stated that the campus will be set up using the “linked learning” model.

Oxnard Campus Site – The district has hired California Eminent Domain to begin looking into the process of acquiring the property on the corner of Wooley Road and Victoria Avenue that is intended for the new Oxnard campus. WLC Architects have some preliminary drawings. Public input is needed.

An updated version of the *Analysis of 2004 Measure H* handout was given to committee members. Mr. McFarland was asked to explain the Erate funding. The district borrowed 6.7 million from the bond fund and that amount will be repaid before the new school is built. Funds were needed immediately in order to not lose the opportunity to participate in this government program where school districts are given discounts on specific purchases related to libraries and technology products such as internet connections. OUHSD qualified for a rate where they pay 20% and the government pays 80% of the costs incurred. Dr. Soumakian announced that by December, all classrooms in the district will have wireless internet and intranet installed and operational.

Orientation Package – A discussion was held in regards to items and documents needed for new committee members.

Committee discussed bond committee responsibilities. Mr. Chooljian asked that a flow chart be created showing processes for modernization and building of new high schools. It was discussed that it would be helpful if the district would notify the committee if there were any agenda items that would be coming up relating to the expenditures of Measure H bond funds in advance. Mr. McFarland explained that there is not a set process for expenditures and that it can sometimes be a very complex process. Mr. McFarland was asked to check into an updated spreadsheet list of expenditures and future possible expenditures.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on August 6, 2012 at 5:30pm at the OUHSD district office in Oxnard. Committee members will receive both the agenda and minutes from the previous meetings prior to the next meeting from the district office. Meetings will be held quarterly.

According to the bylaws (5.6), committee members may be removed from the committee for failure to attend two consecutive committee meetings without reasonable excuse. It was deemed that the absences of Mr. Morera and Ms. Lindholm were excused for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Ferro adjourned the meeting at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Rebecca Pecsok