

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

Date: October 3, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests
William Belcher	Efren Gorre	Gabe Soumakian	Edward Castillo
Sol Chooljian	Howard Hoover	Randy Winton	
Fred Ferro	Nancy Lindholm		
Patricia Lerner	Sandy Bieler Rao		
Norma Maidel	David Rodriquez		
Adolfo Murillo, Jr.			
Rebecca Pecsok			

CALL TO ORDER

Patricia Lerner called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Dr. Soumakian led the flag salute.

William Belcher made a motion to adopt the agenda. Fred Ferro seconded. Motion carried.

Fred Ferro made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 1st meeting with changes requested by Randy Winton under new business regarding the audit. Rebecca Pecsok seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Edward Castillo introduced himself as a member of the bond oversight committee for the Oxnard Elementary District. He would like to observe the meeting tonight as a member of the public.

Patricia Lerner introduced new OUHSD Superintendent Dr. Gabe Soumakian.

NEW BUSINESS

Status Report

1. Audit – Randy Winton reported that the final draft of the audit is in progress and it should be completed by the end of October.
2. 2006 Lease Revenue Bond Expenditures – Members were provided with handouts listing the expenditures. Randy Winton explained that \$4 million out of the \$50 million GOB paid for modernization projects. Interest and issuance costs were paid for by bond proceeds. A discussion was held regarding line items on page 2 of handout. Mr. Castillo asked about the dates of the expenditures. Mr. Winton asked that any questions about the handouts be emailed to him.
3. Membership Concerns – Efren Gorre has not attended a single meeting so far. William Belcher made a motion that Patricia Lerner composes a letter to Sylvia Diaz asking that Mr. Gorre be dismissed from the committee. Fred Ferro seconded. Motion carried. Patricia Lerner announced that Mr. Howard Hoover has resigned from the committee. She will contact him and ask that he send a formal letter of resignation to Sylvia Diaz. The committee does not have a parent rep at this time. As per Prop 39, we need to find someone to serve in this capacity. Randy Winton suggested we write a letter to the board of trustees asking that the committee be comprised of 11 members. He also suggested contacting the PTA-PFO council asking for committee members. He will compose a letter to look into the minimum requirements.
4. Request for updated information with status and costs of current projects as well as the two new schools – Randy Winton says they will work on it.

Discussions

1. Annual Report – We are still waiting for the audit to be completed. The audit, when completed, will be given to the board first and then to us. Dr. Soumakian discussed the logistics of this and will see that we are given the reports in a timely manner. Once we receive the audit, we can prepare the annual report. Dr. Soumakian will help us develop the communication plan to get the report out to the public. This will include uploading to the OUHSD website and also via email blasts to parents who have signed up to receive emails from the district. Sol Chooljian suggested we base our strategies of communication with regards to the perception of the taxpayers. Mr. Castillo suggested we break down expenditures by school and also we put up signs thanking the taxpayers.
2. Visit School Sites – Patricia Lerner and Sol Chooljian are still working on this.
3. New Schools in Camarillo & Oxnard – Architects have been hired for both schools. The land for the Camarillo school has been acquired and environmental reports are being worked on. The eminent domain process has begun for the Oxnard school property and an attorney has been hired. Designs are being worked on for both sites. Randy Winton stated that there are most likely funds available within the district to complete the Camarillo school without receiving matching funds from the state. A committee has been put together to determine the “type” or “theme” of the academic curriculum for the Camarillo school. Dr. Soumakian stated that the architects will be meeting on October 12th regarding the timeline of the project. He also announced that he had met with the City of Camarillo in regards to shared use of facilities. Fred Ferro asked about the environmental process for a small school vs. a large school. Randy Winton stated that the Camarillo property is exempt from SOAR, but needs LAFCO approval to install utilities.
4. Communicate Oversight Committee Progress to the Public – Committee members like the email blast idea discussed earlier. We need to be pro-active and up front about everything when communicating with public.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on November 7, 2011 at 7:00pm at the OUHSD district office in Oxnard. Patricia Lerner will bring examples of annual reports from other school districts to help us with ours.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, Patricia Lerner adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Rebecca Pecsok
Secretary