

CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Building
777 North 'F' Street
San Bernardino, CA 92410

Conference Rooms A & B

Wednesday, September 1, 2004
1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Teresa Alba, Robbi Brunk, Soledad Castillo, Carl Clemons, Margaret Hill, Gloria Mazzola, Louis Pelini, Mohammad Islam, Len Cooper, Debra Love, Melinda Pure, Gene Hartman, Patti Ashton

Absent: Ronald Coats, Ben Parra

1. Welcome to Committee

Committee members were welcomed. Introductions were made for the benefit of members attending for the first time.

2. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for a one-year term: Margaret Hill, Chair, and Carl Clemons, Vice Chair.

2. Meeting Schedule

Quarterly meetings the first Wednesday of the month were chosen as the regular meeting dates. The first meeting will be January 5 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B. The Members requested a voluntary meeting to review projects, reports, etc. This meeting is scheduled for October 6, at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 'E'.

3. Role and Responsibilities of the Committee

Gene Hartline, California Financial Services, reviewed reviewed Proposition 39 with the Committee and clarified the duties of the Committee members, District Staff and Board Members in this process. He explained that staff would be present to provide any information requested by the Committee. Committee members will have access to project sites, visits can be scheduled for the Committee. The Committee will be required to submit a formal Annual Report. Gene stressed the important role the Committee plays and the strict guidelines set for Committee members under Proposition 39. Committee members were asked to read the Bylaws, especially the ethics policy, prior to the next meeting.

Mohammad explained the terms for Committee members. Term of service is two years, not to exceed two consecutive terms. Two members will serve a one-year term. This will ensure continuity of the Committee. Names were randomly chosen to designate one year and two

year terms. The following members will serve one-year terms: Louis Pelini, Soledad Castillo, Ben Parra and Ron Coats. The following members will serve two-year terms: Teresa Alba, Robbi Brunk, Carl Clemons, Margaret Hill and Gloria Mazzola. Mohammad and Gene discussed the possible reasons that would cause a Member to be removed from the Committee, such as missing two consecutive meetings or misuse of authority.

The make-up of the Committee was shared and which member represents the different segments of the community: Ronald Coats and Ben Parra, business community; Margaret Hill, senior citizen organization; Lou Pelini, at large now but willing to report activities to a tax payer organization; Robbi Brunk, Carl Clemons and Gloria Mazzola, at-large; Teresa Alba, parent of District student; Soledad Castillo; parent and PTA member;

4. Review Background on Issuance of First Bond Series

Gene Hartline, California Financial Services, provided a snapshot of the plan and reviewed the steps involved in the sale of the bonds. He explained the bonds would be sold in increments allowing funds to be used in connection with other funding available to the District. Gene provided an update on bonds, interest, expenses year-to-date, how the bond money will work with state and federal funds to provide the District with \$700 – \$800 million over a ten-year period. Gene pointed out the risks taken by the District to proceed with the bond and how necessary it was to allow the District to proceed with the projects necessary to provide students with an education. A statewide election passed by the voters every two years will keep the matching funds available at the state level.

Gene reminded the Committee members that the Resolution for the sale of the bonds would be presented to the Board on September 7, 2004 for approval.

Adjournment: 2:45 p.m.