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**San Bernardino City Unified School District
Regular Meeting of the Measure T Bond
Citizens' Oversight Committee**

Board of Education

Closed Session Room/Conference Room A&B – Time 8:00am – 11:00am

777 North F Street

San Bernardino, CA 92410

MINUTES

September 10, 2014

Committee Members	Representing	Present	Absent
Denise Benton	At-Large - Committee Co-Chair		X
Marilyn Patterson	Tax Payers' Organization – Chair	X	
Trinidad Nelson	At-Large		X
Ronald Coats	Business Community	X	
Jane Sneddon	Business Community	X	
James Stark	At-Large	X	
Eula Mills	Senior Citizen	X	
Amanda Jacobs	Parent	X	
Martha Rendon	Parent/PTA	X	
District Support	Department	Present	Absent
Dr. Dale Marsden	Superintendent's Office		X
John Peukert	Facilities/Operations	X	
Laura Breuer	Facilities Management	X	
Kathy Haskins	Facilities Management	X	

1. Opening

a. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Marilyn Patterson @ 8:05 am

b. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes – Jane Sneddon

2nd – Amanda Jacobs

All approved

2. Administrative Report

- a. David Casnocha – Bond Language (Phone Conference) – Marilyn spoke on behalf of the Committee expressing her/their concern of the unclear bond language referring to the repayment of prior bond obligations. Mr. Casnocha directed the committee through the bond language package that was approved by the board on August 7, 2012. Mr. Cosnocha referred to page two where it states that “restrictions in Proposition 39 which prohibit any bond money from being wasted or used for inappropriate administrative salaries, or other operating expenses of the District be strictly monitored by the District's Citizen' Oversight Committee”. Marilyn interjected stating that's why she and the members of the Committee are concerned as it is their responsibility to oversee the spending and they feel that the language is vague on the use of Bond monies for

repayment of prior bond obligations. Mr. Cosnocha then referred the committee to page B-3, the last paragraph on the page where it states "...including the reduction or retirement of outstanding lease obligations," implying that this covers the repayment of prior bond obligations. The committee conferred and agreed that the statement seemed to be buried in the language and was not transparent, and they felt that lease funding was much different than other funding. The committee believes the wording should have reflected financial obligations instead of lease obligations which would provide a clearer picture of the intended use of the funds. Mr. Cosnocha explained that the language has already been set and cannot be changed but the committee could announce their desire for clarity at the presentation of the Annual Report to the Board by stating that the Annual report represents as financial or loan obligation instead of verbatim in the resolution and that the COC recommends that in the future more plain English should be used for clarity and transparency.

- b. Bus Tour – Sites: the bus tour consisted of a disembark tour at Paakuma which is slated to open August 2015, a drive by of the former Sun Building which will be transformed into a Professional Development Center, a drive by of the Vermont – ORG (overcrowding grant) project and a disembark at Muscoy ORG to view the completed ORG building which replaced portable buildings, and a drive by of the CID/CDS (Center for Individual Development/Community Day School) which is a portable campus that will house community day school students grades K – 12. District employees from the Purchasing Department joined the committee on the annual tour.

3. **Committee Comments/Concerns**

4. **Scheduled Future Meetings**

April 8, 2015
July 8, 2015
October 14, 2015 (Bus Tour)

5. **Public Comments**

6. **Items for Future Agendas**

7. **Adjournment:** adjournment of meeting commenced upon return to the Board of Education Building at 11:15am