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San Bernardino City Unified School District

Special Meeting of the Measure T Bond
Citizens' Oversight Committee

Conference Room C

Time: 1:00 –3:00 pm

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

MINUTES

December 11, 2007

Committee Members	Representing	Present	Absent
Teresa Alba	Parent	X	
Robbi Brunk	At-large	X	
Soledad Castillo	Parent/PTA Member		X
Carl Clemons	At-large	X	
Ronald Coats	Business Community		X
J. Pat Ferraris	Business Community	X	
Tierney Harris	At-large	X	
Margaret Hill	Senior Citizen	X	
Marion Vassilakos	Tax Payer's Organization	X	

District Support	Department	Present	Absent
Dr. Arturo Delgado	Superintendent's Office		X
John Peukert	Facilities/Operations	X	
Wael Elatar	Facilities Management	X	
Keith Kajiya	URS Facilities Program Management	X	
Laura Breuer	Facilities Management	X	
Beth Alexander	Facilities Management	X	

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order
Chairperson Robbi Brunk called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

- b. Introductions
Tierney Harris introduced her daughter, Courtney Harris. Laura Breuer, Assistant Director of Operations/Facilities Management, attended her first meeting with the committee.

- c. Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the August 28, 2007 meeting were accepted as amended. The minutes from the September 12, 2007 meeting were accepted as presented.

2. Administrative Report

a. Update on 10/16/07 Facilities Board Presentation

Keith Kajjya reported on the presentation to the School Board on 10/16/07. Keith explained that Wael Elatar, Facilities Administrator, signed the State Financial Hardship Funding documents which makes the District eligible for Financial Hardship funds for the following projects:

- Construction of thirty-four (34) school modernizations
- Design for three (3) school modernizations
- Construction of eight (8) Special Day Classroom complexes
- Construction of one (1) new high school campus
- Design and Site acquisitions/relocations for eight (8) new campus projects

Marion Vassilakos asked how it was determined that the District is qualified to apply for State Hardship funding. Wael explained that when there is a greater need for new school construction and modernization projects than capital funds available, the district can apply if financial conditions are met. He also stated that although student enrollment has declined recently, the district has housing needs due to the number schools under multi-track schedules. The Superintendent's goal is to have all schools in the District be on either traditional or single-track calendars. Tierney Harris shared the difficulty she experienced with having her children on different school track schedules at the same time.

Additional schools will enable all sixth graders to remain on elementary campuses, reduce the "capping" of students out of their neighborhood schools and reduce the number of portable classrooms. The opening of Bing Wong ES and Col. Joseph Rodriguez Preparatory Academy for the 2008-2009 school year will enable several multi-track elementary schools to move to a single-track schedule.

Wael Elatar discussed the process the District is undertaking to determine the feasibility of a new Bond sale. Some of the items discussed were: a pre-electoral analysis for a new bond by hiring a consultant to direct the polling of the community for their opinions about the needs of the district and polling school administrators to assess their specific site needs. Wael also discussed the California Department of Education's definition of what constitutes a "complete school" in the 21st century. John Peukert explained that all elementary schools in the District should have basic requirements such as: covered lunch shelters, MU rooms, and adequate parking lots. Wael stated that with additional bond funding, all schools could receive these items.

Carl Clemons suggested that the Citizens' Oversight Committee might need to more widely publicize what the bond funds have provided and what more there is to be done. Marion Vassilakos added that we might need to emphasize the benefit of quality school sites to the entire community, those with and without children in school, to help them to understand the need for additional bond funds.

John Peukert complimented Wael Elatar on his accomplishments in moving the District forward with new schools and vendors' timely payments.

Margaret Hill expressed her concern, once again, about the lack of a diverse work force at the new school construction sites. John Peukert responded that with the District's requirement of choosing the lowest, responsible bidder, it cannot dictate the diversity of its' workers. There was discussion on establishing apprentice programs with local unions and working with contractors who include programs such as GAIN and Cal-Works in their work force.

Pat Ferraris shared that with the bid process for contractors, being an Equal Opportunity Employer is a requirement; which in essence, prohibits the District from making additional requirements to the contractors to target certain segment or ethnic group for hiring.

b. December Monthly Briefing

Keith reported on the December Monthly Briefing. The Briefing described, in both pictures and charts, the projects that are under construction at the present time. Highlighted sites included: Bing Wong ES, Rodriguez Prep Academy, New Curtis MS, modernization projects at Cajon HS, Bonnie Oehl ES, Arrowview MS, Del Vallejo MS and Cajon HS Special Day Classrooms and the remodeling of the Little Theatre at Cajon HS.

c. Bond Cost Report

Keith presented the Bond Cost Report which summarized the spending of Measure T Bond Funds from its inception in 2004 through October 2007. The report includes a Bond Spending by Project and Issue table showing a breakdown of the \$112.8 million in bond expenditures for each of the eighty-nine (89) projects by bond issuance. After much praise for this excellent, informational report, it was suggested that the information be submitted to the local newspaper(s) to inform the community of the accomplishments of the Bond funds.

d. Status of Proposition 39 Audit for Fiscal Year 2006/2007

Keith reported that the Proposition 39 Auditors are currently in the District and the time frame should be as follows:

- January – Auditor to complete work
- February – Receive Audit Reports
- March – Present to Citizens' Oversight Committee

3. Committee Comments/Concerns

Pat Ferraris told the committee that his company will soon be moving to Redlands, CA, and since he is a Business Community representative to the COC, he wasn't sure if he could continue to be a member. Keith read a section of the Education Code stating... "Business Community Representatives represent the businesses in the District". Wael Elatar and John Peukert asked Keith to contact the District's Bond Counsel for direction.

4. Schedule for Future Meetings

Scheduled: March 19, 2008

Suggested: June 11 or 18, 2008

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.