

San Bernardino City Unified School District

**Regular Meeting of the Measure T & N Bond
Citizens' Oversight Committee**

SBCUSD Board of Education Building

Conference room G/H

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

777 N. F Street

San Bernardino, CA 92411

AGENDA

Meeting Minutes

January 22nd 2020

Committee Members	Representing	Present	Absent
Eula Mills	Senior Citizen	x	
James Stark	At-Large	x	
Erika Maria Delgado DeRamos	At-Large		x
Gloria Macias Harrison	Tax payers' Organization	x	
Nyutosia Cade Cornish	Parent/Active Parent		x
David Clark	Senior Citizen	x	
Maria Garcia	Parent of a Student		x
District Support	Department	Present	Absent
Laura Breuer	Facilities	x	
David R. Sierra	Facilities	x	
Tom Pace	Facilities	x	
Joe Aceto	Facilities/Operations	x	

1. Opening

- a. Call to Order
- b. Approval of Minutes — Minutes from Oct 10, 2018; Jan 9th 2019; March 13th 2019 & July 10th 2019

not approved; no quorum

2. Administrative Reports

- a. 2019 Accomplishments

Tom broke down the 2019 accomplishments into three groups 1) what we finished last year 2) What we are currently doing 3) What are doing in the near future.

Tom discussed implementation of the facilities master plan and highlighted C.O.P funding for projects. Tom informed the committee of awards received for the San Andreas Growing Hope project. Tom also discussed BOE renovations, High School Athletic Fields projects and North Park Elementary Modernization. Tom highlighted other accomplishments such as new furniture at three school sites, transfer of Sturges to the district and 4 million dollars of energy efficient lighting. Gloria asked about the purchase of real property and followed with inquiries regarding the board exercising their right of eminent domain and time frames for the purchase. Tom replied that the transaction would take six months to a year. Gloria asked if energy efficient projects would be part of routine maintenance. Joe replied that all high schools got new lights and fixtures, about three to four thousand lights per high school. Gloria requested Tom to attend a Kiwanis club meeting to give an overview of the SBCUSD project accomplishments. Club meets at Mitlas cafe and consists of 20 business owners. The meeting will be in late march or early may. James asked if it was normal to do a facilities master plan in 1 year? Tom replied that, yes it was normal for a district of our size and that there is a lot of analytical work that has to be done and compiled along with outreach on the educational side to make sure we understand their needs. Gloria asked how far does our facilities master plan go out? Tom replied that the facilities master plan is for the next 10 years and added that the plan must be flexible and updated yearly.

b. Current Project Update

Laura presented our current project update, Laura highlighted the progress made at NorthPark Elementary citing that the picture in the handout looks substantially different from last October when the committee visited the project. Laura mentioned the new administration expansion as well as the ada upgrades we were required to do. Laura went on to highlight the Prop 39 projects and stated that we are required to be finished by this June. The next project presented was the Martin Luther King middle school modernization. Laura informed the committee that the district is currently bidding this project and added that the project consists of an expansion of the administration office and a remodel of the library. Laura spoke about the Pacific High School CTE lease leaseback project as well as the San Andreas Growing Hope project. Laura stated that the San Andreas project will be completed by next month and highlighted the new outdoor greenhouse. Gloria asked what happens to the plants when the students are not in school since the school is not year-round. Tom replied that San Andreas is a non-comprehensive high school and that students will be paid during the summer to take care and maintain the plants. Tom further added that the growing hope program is currently selling their produce to local markets in Redlands. Laura spoke about the Cole elementary modernization that will be complete in May. The single point entry project that consists of five sites Lytle creek, urbita, Salinas, Newmark and Vermont as well as rio vista and Barton modernizations will go to board in February and will start in February. Tom added that these projects all have a single point of entry component. Joe commented that a former student reached out to the district regarding a time capsule at King Middle School was buried 51 years

ago and that the district was going to attempt to find it and consider adding a new one for 2020.

c. Future Projects

Nellie presented on Future Projects. Nellie presented the planning project list which consists of thirty-five projects. Nellie indicated that the color coding on the project list was to identify priority. Yellow= projects that are priority number one and are currently in process. Green = priority two and Blue= priority three. Gloria asked if all schools have some form of single point of entry. Nellie responded that most do. Tom added that there are a handful of sites that are more challenging being that it is not feasible to create a temporary single point of entry. Tom spoke about the diversity of projects stating that there are a variety of themes associated with the projects that address multiple needs within the district. Tom also spoke about the the San Bernardino High School Auditorium project and the SBHS Maker Space projects. Gloria asked about the prop 39 funding deadlines. Joe replied that the original prop 39 program started in 2014 and the final phase energy expenditure plan 3 is due to sunset in June of 2020. Joe also mentioned that there is talks of a new energy efficiency grant at the state level however nothing concrete has come through as of yet. With the potential savings the district is exploring other options to further reduce our carbon footprint. Gloria asked what is the energy savings from the installation of solar panels at school sites. Joe replied that in the seven years the district has been tracking its energy savings, total cost avoidance is 33.6 million dollars. Gloria asked where the energy savings goes and if the savings go back to facilities. Joe responded that the utilities bills are a separate budget and that ultimately the savings go back to the general fund. Gloria asked that the energy savings be highlighted when Tom presents at the Kiwanis club meeting. James asked why Paakuma needs new classrooms since it is a new school. James further inquired if this had to do with an influx of people. Nellie responded that we share boundaries with the city of Rialto and that Paakuma has absorbed about 100 Rialto students. Tom added that the developer is still building homes in that area and there is a need for more space as more people purchase homes in that area. Tom informed the committee that the developer continues to pay developer fees and the project is funded with developer fees. Joe commented that Paakuma also offers a dual immersion program that is highly popular and also adds to their attendance.

d. General Obligation Bond Exploration

Tom spoke about the possibility of general obligation bonds. Tom stated that upon the completion of the facilities master plan there is also the need to be able to fund that plan. The state has a 15-billion-dollar bond on the ballot in March and the board is encouraged to explore the community's appetite for general obligation bonds in November 2020. Before the recommendation is made to board Tom stated that we like to gather the thoughts of the committee members. Tom pointed out that for every dollar we put into a project we get a dollar for that project. Tom informed the committee that this item was going to be discussed at the second board meeting in February. A recommendation will be made to do some polling to see what the community's appetite is for this item. Gloria Asked if the bond measure at the state level was a "match" program. Tom responded that

the measure is a K-16 bond measure and that some of the funding is for colleges. There are different programs within the bond that have different matching percentages. Tom asked if the committee had any thoughts that they would like to express that he could share with the cabinet regarding general obligations. Gloria shared that too often we speak about education and the focus is on the programs that are funded out of the general fund and facilities are separately funded and do not receive as much attention as other aspects of the school district. Tom shared that one of the cornerstones of the facilities master plan is equity. There should not be an inequality in the structures and the experience from one site to the next should be the same. Gloria asked if this was a written statement put forward by the board. Tom replied that the statement came through via the facilities master plan and is number two of the five objectives. Eula mentioned that the environment is important to the learning experience and to the community. Tom shared with the committee his understanding of their feedback is as follows: it is a tough decision that has to be weighed, however as long as there are fruits of the bond measure the benefits outweigh the potential negatives.

e. Bond and Annual Report Discussion

Laura spoke about the required annual report and the bond report (not required). Laura inquired if the committee had any suggestions or changes that they would like to see in regards to the formatting and presentation of the information. We are looking to improve the information being presented. Gloria mentioned that the annual report should be taken to the Kiwanis meeting. Gloria also mentioned that the club members would prefer to see a more overall simplified explanation of where the funds are going. Gloria suggested that we provide an executive summary along with the annual report. Laura stated that we owe them a report from September and that we were set back due to the ransomware attack.

3. Committee Comments/Concerns

4. Board of Education - Tour

5. Schedule for Future Meetings

March 11th 2020
July 8th 2020
October 7th 2020

**note all meeting dates are on a Wednesday*

6. Public Comments

7. Items for Future Agendas

- a. Bond Audit – March 11th 2020
- b. Annual Report

1. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am