

ADOPTED
MINUTES OF THE
MEASURE E
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2350 West Latham Avenue, Hemet, California 92545
Meeting of May 15, 2003

The meeting of the Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2003, at the District Administration Office located at 2350 West Latham Avenue, Hemet, CA 92545.

Committee Members Present: Mr. Joe Wojcik, Chairman
 Mr. Gerry Agnes, Vice Chairman
 Mr. James Calkins
 Mr. Robert Kaylor
 Mrs. Margaret (Peggy) Kissack
 Mr. Frank Lewis
 Mr. Rohn West
 Mr. John McCain (arrived at 7:00 p.m.)

District Staff Present: Mr. Richard Beck, Assistant Superintendent,
 Business Services
 Ms. Sandra Packham, Director, Facilities Planning
 Mrs. Sandra Treece, Administrative Assistant,
 Business Services

I. PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Mr. Wojcik called the meeting to order, indicating that a quorum had been established.

C. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Kissack, the agenda for the meeting was approved.

D. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Agnes, the minutes of the March 20, 2003 meeting were approved.

II. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. West asked if there would be an explanation of the Labor Compliance; Ms. Packham indicated it would be explained thoroughly during the course of the meeting. Mr. Wojcik thanked Ms. Packham for the tour of the schools.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Barbara Johnston turned in her letter of resignation from the Oversight Committee and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the committee.

IV. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. Introduction of New Committee Members

Mr. Bob Kaylor and Mr. Frank Lewis introduced themselves to the committee, giving their background.

B. Resignation of Committee Member

Mr. Beck explained that Barbara Johnston had to resign from the committee. Legal counsel advised that in her new role as a student teacher and later as a substitute teacher, she would be considered an employee of the district. Staff will be recommending another candidate to the Governing Board to fill Ms. Johnston's position.

C. Projects Overview

Ms. Packham reviewed the Project Status Report. Areas highlighted were: all modernization projects would be bid the following week; Cawston Elementary School bid received was \$1.4 million over budget. She explained several options to cover that amount. Due to the competition of a large number of Proposition 47 school construction projects throughout the state, bids have been coming in at a much higher rate. Ms. Packham explained actions that were taken to pressure Paschen Construction to speed up work on the Harmony and McSweeny Elementary School sites, including contacting their bond company. Staff is now more confident that the work will be completed in time for the start of school.

The cost for moving Hemet High classroom equipment and materials will be \$80,000. This includes moving out of and back into the school, including the library, science labs, etc.

Construction of the new middle school (Diamond Valley Middle School) is moving along smoothly and are ahead of schedule. The committee is invited to the groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, May 30.

Ms. Packham described the steps being taken toward acquisition of the new high school site on Esplanade and Sanderson Avenues, including meeting with the San Jacinto Planning Commission and owner and developer of the site. Mr. Beck explained the difficulty in locating a 60-70 acre site for a high school due to the development and growth within the valley. Ms. Packham provided an overview of the plans for the new high school facility, including the various amenities.

Sandy Packham updated the committee on the reclaimed water project at West Valley High School, which will be a savings in maintenance and operations. Also, fencing is being installed at West Valley to keep cars from driving onto the grass.

Winchester School's reclaimed water project will be completed this summer.

Ms. Packham reported that all modernization projects were ready to begin the first week after school.

D. Cost Increase Due to Labor Compliance

Ms. Packham gave an overview of the recent Labor Compliance Program responsibility shift from the Labor Commissioner to the school districts. Due to the volume of additional inspections and record keeping, Hemet Unified School District has contracted with douglas e. barnhart to provide these services. Cawston Elementary School is the first construction project under these new requirements.

E/F. Financial Reports and Revised Measure E Budget

Ms. Packham explained that as the various Measure E projects are constructed and completed, cost overages and savings will be included in the "pot" for the new high school. Any shortage of funds for the high school would have to come from other sources. With value engineering and allowances, the money will go toward the new high school. She discussed how contingency funding is provided.

G. Approval of Audit Report

No action was taken on the audit report due to continued issues between the auditor and legal counsel. Both firms seem to be getting close to resolution, and the audit report will be presented for approval at the July 17 committee meeting.

H. Report on Series B Bonds

Mr. Beck reported on the recent trip to New York for a presentation to Standard & Poors relating to the issuance of \$15 million Series B bonds. It was expected that the district will receive an A- rating, which will ensure a low interest rate. The issuance of Series B bonds will provide funding for the construction projects for approximately one year.

I. Information Items

Mr. Beck introduced Susan McLavey, who will be replacing Sandy Treece as Administrative Assistant in the Business Office.

J. a. Date for Publication of Citizens' Oversight Committee Report

The committee discussed the timelines for the next *Report*. Staff is to have a draft report prepared for review at the July 17 meeting, with report scheduled to publish in August. Mr. Lewis was appointed to the Ad Hoc

Committee as a replacement for Ms. Johnston. Other Ad Hoc Committee members are Mrs. Kissack and Mr. McCain.

b. Election of Officers

Election of officers will be held on July 17.

Future Issues

Mr. McCain asked that the issue of more frequent meetings be revisited at the next meeting.

It was suggested that additional tours be scheduled, possibly McSweeny and Harmony. Mr. Wojcik was especially interested in touring the Hemet High School modernization project.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.