

UNADOPTED
MINUTES OF THE
MEASURE T
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
1791 W. Acacia Avenue, Hemet, California 92545
Meeting of September 17, 2009

The meeting of the Measure T Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at Hemet Unified School District located at 1791 W. Acacia Avenue, Hemet, CA 92545.

Committee Members Present:

Arthur Almaguer
Kathy Bloom-Rudibaugh
Dale Brusewitz
George Buchanan
Ronald Burke
David Goffman
Wendy Naylor
Robert Righetti
Richard Schmitt

Committee Members Absent:

District Staff Present:

Richard Beck, Business Consultant
Tina Koonce, Facilities Director
Victoria Gilman, Accountant, Facilities
Connie Listoe, Administrative Assistant
Business Services

Guests:

I. PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order

B. Introduction of New Committee Members

C. Roll Call

Richard Beck called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. indicating a quorum was established.

D. Election of Officers

Election of Chairperson: On a motion by George Buchanan to nominate Ronald Burke, seconded by Richard Schmitt, approved unanimously.

Election of Vice-Chairperson: On a motion by George Buchanan to nominate Wendy Naylor, seconded by Richard Schmitt, approved on a majority vote of five members.

E. Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Robert Righetti seconded by George Buchanan the agenda for the meeting was approved as amended.

F. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Robert Righetti seconded by David Goffman the minutes of the March 19, 2009 meeting were approved as prepared.

II. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

George Buchanan asked how the Qualified School Construction Bond is determined for 12 or 15 years. Richard Beck explained if you don't want to make any more payments, you can pay it off in 12 years. There is no interest prior to the 15 years, but the lending institution may hold the District to a 12 year period. The District expects to get a 15 year plan.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. Status of Bond Proceeds, Issuance and QSCB – Richard Beck

Richard Beck explained the assessed valuation dropped 1.5% last year and 15% this year. He said some of the remaining \$49 million in General Obligation Bonds will hopefully be sold this year as part of the QSCB. Hemet was one of 42 districts whose application was accepted for the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) zero interest program. This will provide a source to complete Phases II and III of Hemet High School which otherwise would not be constructed for several years. The QSCB will allow the district to issue only \$13 million of GO bonds to pay off the \$25 million in QSCB funding.

Ronald Burke requested a contact list for the Committee and Staff members. This will be emailed to the Committee.

B. Project Status Report – Tina Koonce

Tina Koonce reviewed the report explaining it contains both Measure T and non-Measure T projects. Tina presented a PowerPoint on the Cottonwood Library and Hemet High School projects. Richard Beck said Riverside County was supposed to donate \$250,000 for joint use of the Cottonwood Library, but that hasn't materialized yet. Tina explained the Hemet High pool mural was donated.

C. Financial Report – Tina Koonce

Tina Koonce reviewed the financial report with the Committee explaining the entire report was provided this time because of the new members. From this point on, only the active accounts will be included in the agenda. A question came up about what "reprographics" meant on the report. Tina explained we have our own print shop and all our maps, etc. are printed there. Kathy Bloom-Rudibaugh suggested adding a date column to prevent further confusion and questions on projects that are no longer active. George Buchanan requested a detailed list of furniture expenses at Whittier Elementary. This will be emailed to the Committee.

D. Enrollment – Tina Koonce

Tina Koonce reviewed the enrollment trends. There has been a major loss in elementary schools with a slight decline in high school. This is a trend that also happened in the early 1990's.

E. Resource Conservation – Richard Beck

Richard briefly presented the three energy reports explaining the District saved approximately \$250,000 this year. He said the staff and students at the school sites were being trained on ways to conserve our resources and that we are also working on recycling programs. George Buchanan suggested adding Water Conservation to the list on Slide 7 of the PowerPoint and asked about the increase on the water chart in Exhibit D. (The additional use of water was the addition of the new school Ranch Viejo Middle School and several water line breaks at West Valley High School.).

F. Newsletter – Richard Beck

Richard discussed the previous newsletters had been published and disbursed through the newspaper to the public but to save money we will be posting it on the District website in the future. He stated there would be Press Release letting the public know. The Committee agreed. Ronald Burke, Robert Righetti and Dale Brusewitz volunteered for the Ad Hoc Committee for the upcoming newsletter. Connie will schedule the Ad Hoc meeting in October.

On a motion by Arthur Almaguer seconded by Richard Schmitt, the meeting of December 17, 2009 was postponed to January 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.