



Citizens Oversight Committee
Bond Measure L
December 10, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: William Beecher, Shira Coleman, Silvia Diaz, Leonard English, Paul Henderson, Dan Johnson, Doug Keegan, Regina Kelbert, Juana Ponce, Brian Peoples

Members Absent: Daniel Dodge Jr., Rene Paz

Staff Present: Brett McFadden, Tim Landeck, Richard Mullikin, Paul Anderson, Kathy Fuentes

The chair and staff welcomed committee members and thanked them for their participation on the committee. The chair emphasized the importance of their role on the committee and reminded members that attendance at meetings is key to the success of the bond program.

Committee members introduced themselves

The chair then instructed staff to provide their reports as listed on the agenda.

Chief Business Officer Brett McFadden discussed selection of a bond auditing firm via establishment of a sub-group who would conduct paper screenings and interviews and recommend the top two firms for board approval. Doug Keegan mentioned looking at cost as a factor and Brett said the State Controller's Office issues guidelines on auditor performance. He added that the district uses Vavrinek,

Trine Day for general fund and instructional program auditing as well as the last Measure J Bond.

Construction Supervisor Paul Anderson gave a presentation on project status characterizing our current bond as a repair/maintenance bond. Included are 2,000 school door locks needed for safety issues. Maintenance, Operations and Facilities Director Rick Mullikin has a locksmith who is also a glazier able to help staff with school break-in repairs. Currently underway are plans to install the Aptos High bleachers in late January or February. Aptos High School will get a new stainless steel water tank hooked up to a fire pump sprinkler system. The Aptos field grading should be finished in 2015. Rick added that the Division of State Architect is considered a subdivision of the State of California and must meet certain compliance requirements as part of the procedure. An encroachment permit is also required if county or city property is touched.

Regina Kelbert asked what schools got new play structures and Rick said it was primarily the older schools like MacQuiddy located between Hall School and Bradley. Brett added that contractor selection is in part based on use of local companies who are bonded. Selection and availability may be more limited however in our geographically isolated area as opposed to San Jose.

Solar was discussed with our intent to go to DSA for plans at Bradley and Hall School. Pajaro Valley High has been temporarily put on hold in order to seek approval from the Coastal Commission and other agencies.

Tim Landeck reviewed technology projects. He said the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) which is composed of teachers, IT staff and classified met for the first time last week. They discussed what a 21st century classroom is supposed to look like and what is needed as tools for engagement such as Intelligent Classrooms. The committee will make recommendations to the Cabinet team, including the Director of Instructional Services to ensure alignment with common core standards and assessments.

Regina asked how staff will be trained on the use of the new technology. Tim said bond dollars can be used for professional development training and use and maintenance of new equipment with IT staff assisting. He added that 75% of our schools are erate eligible and bond dollars can supplement the other 25%. Endowment money of \$500,000 annually will supplement bond dollars as well and help increase equity among schools. Equipment evaluation would include cost and

whether or not it was considered “green”. Tim added that we hope to have a data center completed by the summer of 2014 after which time VDI central processing servers can be installed, more efficient than computer systems.

A question was asked about computer thefts and Brett explained that we are maintaining a theft report which tracks stolen equipment to be replaced. We have also completed a \$65,000 security upgrade which included locked cages for computer equipment, ipads, cameras, etc. and brought in a consultant to do a security and safety assessment that Richard Buse is overseeing.

The committee talked about Measure L communication efforts and Brett and Dan suggested school site council meetings as vehicles for public communication which Brett has already been attending. He encouraged committee members to use these as communication venues, bringing questions and comments back to Brett or Kathy Fuentes for focus and response. He informed the committee that two-page Measure L Updates have begun to be distributed to staff and schools and list serves are being developed to further this effort. Future meeting agendas will include public communication as a regular item.

The next committee meeting will take place in April at a date to be determined at which time meeting dates will be set for the next two years. Brett thanked the committee for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.