

NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure E Citizens Oversight Committee (COC)

January 23, 2017

Newhall Elementary School Library

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M. by Chairperson Jim Hicken.

COC members present:

Susan Anderson, Tricia Fossa, Amanda Hezel, Jim Hicken, Caroline Jackson, Adele MacPherson, Joelle Nelson

COC members absent:

Brian Paik, Jose Gonzalez, Tracy Taris, Debbie Wolpert

Staff present:

Rosana Valadez, Ronna Wolcott

Others present:

Amin Salari, Lundgren Management

AGENDA

The meeting agenda was approved.

Motion- MacPherson; Second- Anderson
Ayes - 7; Noes- 0

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

- Ms. Amanda Hezel was introduced as the new member of the committee. Ms. Hezel has worked for JPL for over 20 years and has a construction background. She has a 6th grade student attending Meadows Elementary School.

MINUTES

September 26, 2016 Minutes were approved.

Motion- Hezel; Second- Anderson
Ayes- 7; Noes- 0

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE UPDATE

- Newhall Auditorium: The construction completion date for the auditorium has been extended 3 months to March 23, 2017, mostly due to the challenges such an older building brings. Mr. Salari shared that the project is in its final stages, including the modular portion on the exterior of the building. The District has not decided on cost or management of the auditorium as it is currently working with the City of Santa Clarita on possible solutions
- Technology: Originally we had \$4m remaining, but half has already been spent on the recent purchase of additional computer devices for classrooms to bring the student/device ratio to 1:1 in grades 3rd – 6th and a 2:1 ratio in grades TK – 2nd. All devices to be delivered to classroom by mid-February. The plan is to issue all remaining bonds in June.

FISCAL REPORTS – BUDGET REVISIONS

- We have earned about \$800k in interest over life of the bonds. The District will contribute \$2m from local funding sources to complete the projects, which is up about \$250K from last estimate. Source of funds will include \$1m from developer fees and the balance will come from the state reimbursement funds we received for the Valencia Valley and Meadows projects. Remaining moneys not spent will go into a separate fund allocated for projects that were approved as part of the ballot measure.
- Meadows, Valencia Valley, Newhall Elementary and Old Orchard are complete; Peachland has some sealing and striping left
- Other priority projects included a District wireless expansion with a cost of about \$350K and included a wireless access point in every classroom and all site MPRs
- Revised Measure E project budgets are now at \$62,894,696 which is a bit over from the original budget adopted of \$62,528,925; difference will be made up by a contribution from District funds and state reimbursement

- Newhall Classrooms still have some budgeted dollars because the project has not been closed out with the state and there may be some additional DSA fees
- Old Orchard still has retentions to pay out and has not been closed out with the state
- Peachland has additional ADA compliance work on existing concrete walkways; additional funding left will cover the costs
- Valencia Valley is completed and closed-out
- Newhall Auditorium should not have too many more unforeseen conditions and will begin wrap up in March
- Stevenson Ranch restroom replacement project is complete
- Science Labs still have some remaining funds; moneys to go towards additional equipment needed or funds will revert back to the pot for other needs
- Fiber/Wireless/P.A./Clock System is complete for construction projects

FUTURE STATE FUNDING

- State bond did pass, however the Governor is not ready to issue bonds at this time. There were audit findings with the last state bond program and the Governor wants to put some accountability into the regulations of the program before he issues any bonds. Ms. Wolcott estimates that it will be about 18-24 months before we see any movement or dollars come in. Even if the bonds were to be issued in the next weeks, the state has a huge backlog of applications that have not been reviewed or processed for funding
- The District submitted an application for the overcrowding relief grant and received funding for Meadows and Valencia Valley. That program has since been discontinued. For new construction, the District must show the need to house students that are beyond our capacity. The District has estimated how much they may get back for projects already submitted

2016-2017 FUTURE MEETING CALENDAR

- March 13, 2017 - Present members agreed to meet at Newhall Elementary School at 5:30 p.m. Topics to review will include review and findings of the annual audit report.
- May 8, 2017 - TBD

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56pm. Tour of the Newhall Auditorium immediately followed.

Jim Hicken, Chairperson