

NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure E Citizens Oversight Committee (COC)
January 25, 2016
Peachland Elementary School
Library

MINUTES

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

COC members present:

Susan Anderson, Gary Baker, Tricia Fossa, Jim Hicken, Caroline Jackson, Adele MacPherson, Joelle Nelson, Tracy Taris, Debbie Wolpert

COC members absent:

Jose Gonzalez, Larry McClements

Staff present:

Rosana Valadez, Ronna Wolcott

Others present:

Amin Salari, Lundgren Management

AGENDA

The meeting agenda was approved.

Motion- MacPherson; Second- Baker
Ayes -8; Noes- 0

MINUTES

September 21, 2015 Minutes were approved.

Motion-Anderson; Second-Hicken
Ayes-8; Noes- 0

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE UPDATE

- Peachland
 - The first phase which included Kindergarten buildings is complete and all teachers were moved into the new building during winter break
 - Ms. Wolcott thanked Lundgren Management for saving the district money by avoiding payment for interim housing
 - Second phase classroom buildings due to be delivered end of March/1st week of April.
- Old Orchard
 - Construction is in full swing with plans to complete for the opening of the 2016/17 year; all students housed at this time and will have placement if project is delayed
- Newhall Auditorium
 - Finally received DSA approval
 - Mandatory job walks have taken place, bids are due February 9th and will take to the Board for approval on February 16th. Project to start by the end of February (subsequently extended bid deadline to February 19th, board approval March 1st and construction start March 10)
- Newhall Playground
 - Ms. Jubany addressing some outstanding items with a civil engineer; goal to have finished over Spring Break
- Valencia Valley
 - Interior project is complete
 - Playground was completed over the summer with district funds

- Meadows
 - Project is complete, with exception of fencing as requested by district

FISCAL REPORTS – BUDGET REVISIONS

The full report that was provided to members is incorporated in these minutes. Ms. Wolcott walked members through school-by-school expenditure status

- GO Bond election remaining cash is \$3.6m; still have another \$4m to issue which will be used towards remaining technology needs
- District to pay back about \$400K of funds spent on classroom technology out of future \$4m
- District to issue first part of bond in June, 2017 followed by second bond issue in December, 2018; district to review by next meeting whether it makes sense to issue earlier.
- Project budget estimates started with \$62.5m , but only issued \$60m worth of bonds; at some point need to address
- Goal replace energy management system and wireless clock/bell PA system within the \$60m plus other funding sources
- School facilities Bond in November, 2016 election still in question; did qualify for ballot as Governor looking to push off to different timing or smaller bond amount
- We have maintained positive numbers in every budget; Valencia Valley and Meadows projects have not been closed out to make sure we account for all items. Once projects are closed out, will transfer remaining funds to other projects
- Auditors currently completing performance audit. We will review financial and performance audit at next meeting

CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

- 2nd round of student computer devices were delivered this week and next week; will take ratio to a 2:1 initiative
- Currently have an RFP out under E-rate funding which should help off-set some costs to expand wireless capacity; work to commence in April
- Continuing to work on energy efficiency projects; we continue to work through some HVAC communication issues with the old and new systems
- Irrigation controls for efficiency are in and functioning; lighting controls tied to EMS system having some issues, but change out LED lights is complete
- Power management is remaining outstanding project to complete Prop 39

EXTENSION OF TERMS

- Terms are up this coming March, 2016. All bonds to be expended by December, 2016
- The following members agreed to renew their term through March, 2017 which should be enough time to wrap up all projects:
 - Tricia Fossa, Jim Hicken, Caroline Jackson, Adele MacPherson
- Joelle Nelson will notify the district in the next few days (Subsequently agreed to extend her term.)

2015-2016 FUTURE MEETING CALENDAR

March 14, 2016, May 9, 2016

FUTURE MEETINGS

Present members agreed to meet at Old Orchard Elementary on March 14, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

There were no public comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm. Tour of Peachland Elementary immediately followed.

, Chairperson