

NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Measure E Citizens' Oversight Committee  
March 10, 2014

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 by Chairperson Jim Hicken

COC members present: Gary Baker, Jim Hicken, Caroline Jackson, Adele MacPherson, Joelle Nelson, Debbie Wolpert, Ashley Matkin, Susan Anderson

COC members absent: Jose Gonzalez, Larry McClements, Tricia Fossa

Staff present: Marc Winger, Ronna Wolcott

**The meeting agenda was approved.**

Moved - MacPherson; Second – Wolpert  
Ayes – 8; Noes - 0

**Minutes of January 13, 2014 were approved.**

Moved - Baker; Second – Anderson  
Ayes – 8; Noes – 0

**Acknowledgement of Services Awards**

Ronna Wolcott thanked members for their service and presented awards from the district to those members who were unable to attend the recent Parent Summit and Volunteer Recognition event.

**Newhall Auditorium presentation/Fundraising effort**

Ronna Wolcott presented the NAC architecture PowerPoint overview of the project and plans for renovation and expansion of the space while maintaining its art deco design, including ADA requirements and maximizing the interior seating by creating restroom and green room space outside of the existing structure. The cost is estimated at \$3.6 million. At this time we estimate a \$900,000 shortfall to equip the facility as desired. Marc Winger described the beginning efforts to fundraise around the project for high quality lighting, sound, acoustics, and fly system. The district's vision is for the building to be available for all schools and for it to be used as a community asset for children's performance on weekends and school holidays.

**Construction Timeline**

Ronna Wolcott distributed and discussed the latest version of the projects timeline. Division of State Architect (DSA) review has been stretched out due to workload increases, delaying our projects. Stevenson Ranch restroom building is just about completed, Meadows and Valencia Valley modular classrooms are underway but were delayed due to an additional DSA check. Classrooms will probably be available for use in September rather than August as first planned. Newhall auditorium construction documents are being drawn. Newhall classroom wing (2 story) has been submitted to DSA and construction start is expected in late spring. Old Orchard classroom plans have been submitted to DSA and if plans are approved in July construction can start in August. Peachland drawings should be to DSA in June. The original completion of all projects had been August 2015 and it is now November 2015.

**Fiscal Report**

Ronna Wolcott provided the latest report including issuance history and project status (page5). The overall budget is now \$62.3 million with \$19.3 million committed to date. She also reviewed the status of wireless technology installations at all sites and hardware purchases. Then first round of SMART boards have been installed and now we will return to replace all older boards to the district standard SMART. The final boards will be replaced this summer. Twenty-two grant proposals were received for \$200K available funds for innovative use of hardware purchased with Measure E funds. The need for staff development to maximize use of new hardware was discussed. The original budgets projected \$2.8 million in state funding. However, the state has run out of school construction funds and a future bond is being discussed in the Legislature. NSD will continue to submit applications. Rules may change with new state bonds.

**Terms of Committee Members**

Ronna Wolcott reviewed the renewal of terms for COC members. The governing board asked that renewals be staggered for one and two year terms and this was done by random drawing. All members are eligible for a third term when current appointments expire.

One year terms: Anderson, Baker, Gonzalez, Matkin, McClements, Wolpert (expires March 2, 2015)

Two year terms: Fossa, Hicken, Jackson, MacPherson, Nelson (expires March 2, 2016)

**Future Meetings**

Monday, May 12, 2014 – 4:30PM at Valencia Valley School.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM