

**THESE MINUTES WILL NOT BE APPROVED UNTIL THE JANUARY MEETING  
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING for  
Bakersfield City School District "Measure G"**

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Eissler Elementary School – 2901 Eissler Street

The eighth meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee was opened at 3:02 p.m. by Chairperson Stephanie Holladay.

Members Present: The following members were present:

Mr. Harry Chicklenis  
Mr. Philip Field  
Mrs. Stephanie Holladay  
Mrs. Lori Hughes  
Mr. Robert Palmbach  
Mr. Percy Robinson

Members Absent: The following member was absent:

Mr. Brian Todd

District Staff  
Present:

Mr. Steve McClain, Chief Business Official  
Mr. Steve Gabbitas, Public Information & Communications Manager  
Mrs. Sherry Gladin, Fiscal Services Director  
Mr. Ruben Solis, Facilities Director  
Ms. Evelyn Goode, Recorder

Also Present:

Mr. Bill McDougale, Candidate for Bakersfield City School District Board of Education  
Mrs. Nancy Ranes, Administrative Secretary, Maintenance and Operations

Approval of  
Minutes:

On a motion by Percy Robinson and seconded by Lori Hughes, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that the minutes of July 17, 2008, be approved.

Land Purchase  
Update:

Steve McClain reported that the District is still in negotiations for 45 acres south of Mesa Marin. Staff has met with city officials to discuss roadways and utilities, etc. A draft purchase contract has been prepared and currently attorneys for both sides are ironing out the details. The District's real estate agent, Scott Underhill, is on top of things.

Steve also reported that he and Scott Underhill recently went on a tour of potential sites in the southeast, near the Cottonwood Road area. This is an area near Casa Loma School which has had a surge in enrollment.

**Percy Robinson asked if this area would be a feeder into the Golden Valley High School?** Steve responded that it would depend on the boundaries established by the Kern High School District. The boundaries are available on their website.

**Lori Hughes asked if negotiations were underway for this land in the southeast?** Steve responded that the District was not in negotiations and that if purchased, this would be the additional elementary site as outlined in the Bond projects list.

**Stephanie Holladay asked if the seller of the property for which a draft contract has been developed, is in agreement with the District's request that they provide the utilities and roadways needed?** Steve responded that the seller is willing to provide these improvements.

Five-Year  
Deferred  
Maintenance Plan:  
(Topic Handout #2)

Steve McClain reviewed the Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan and explained that this goes to the Board of Education every year. This report is then sent to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) informing them of the projects the District has planned over the next five years. Steve explained to the Committee that the reason he has included the Plan on this agenda is due to the fact that the bylaws authorize the Oversight Committee receive a copy of this report.

Ruben Solis explained that the Plan is a “snapshot” of what the District does with the matching funds received from the State and the District.

Steve reported that in the Governor's May Revise, the Deferred Maintenance Fund was expected to have close to a million dollars cut from the State match to the District; however, the final budget did not cut any monies from this fund.

**Stephanie Holladay asked if any of the monies expended for the Deferred Maintenance Plan comes from Bond funds?** Steve answered that it did not.

Financial Update:  
(Topic Handout #3)

Sherry Gladin presented the Quarterly Expenditure Report ending September 30, 2008. The total dollar amount spent year-to-date through September 30 is \$807,552. The cumulative total of money spent-to-date is \$5,869,829, which Steve explained is approximately 17% of the \$34 million dollars in Bond funds issued.

Sherry also reported that the Bond Audit is again being handled by Total School Solutions.

Steve reported that he has a draft of the Bond Financial Audit and the Performance Audit and that staff are currently reviewing both audits. He will present the audit information to the Oversight Committee at the January meeting.

Mr. McDougle asked if all expenses to do with the Bond are reflected in the Financial Report. Sherry reported that such things as the signs posted in front of the schools being modernized and some election expenses are not indicated in a separate category – they are included under “general expenses.”

Facilities Update: Ruben Solis presented the Facilities Update “Status of Modernizations, (Topic Handout #4) DSA Buildings, and Security Projects.”

- ☞ **Chipman School** has a total of four (4) phases and 2 phases are 98% complete.
- ☞ **Curran School** has a total of seven (7) phases and 2 phases are 98% complete and 1 phase is 40% complete.
- ☞ **Eissler School** has a total of five (5) phases and 4 phases are 100% complete and 1 phase is 98% complete.
- ☞ **Nichols School** has a total of five (5) phases and 3 phases are 100% complete, 1 phase is 99% complete and 1 phase is 55% complete. The Nichols project is approximately 25 days away from total completion.

Upcoming modernization projects at Compton Junior High and Evergreen and Pauly Elementary schools are in the planning stage. Architects held modernization planning meetings with all principals and the architects are working on the plans for submittal to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) by December 2008.

Plans for the trailer replacements at Pauly, Garza and Wayside schools are underway:

- The architect will submit plans to the DSA for approval of the eleven (11) buildings and one restroom at Pauly School in December 2008.
- The architect is working on the plans for the eighteen (18) buildings at Garza.
- The DSA has approved the plans for the nine (9) buildings and one restroom at Wayside School and work should begin on November 3, 2008.

Security Projects have been completed at eight (8) schools: Eissler, Garza, Harding, Hort, Jefferson, Longfellow, Sierra and Wayside. Three other schools are either being started on or going out to bid: Fremont, Harris and William Penn.

**Percy Robinson wanted to know if there were any new pictures to share with the Committee?** Steve Gabbitas reported that all pictures can be found on the District website: click on the “Bond Oversight” button, then click on the “Projects” button.

**Phil Field asked if the money spent on the projects outlined in the Facilities Report are reflected in the Financial Report.** Sherry responded that the Financial Report lags behind the Facilities Report due to the fact that the contractors do not always submit their billing in a timely manner – sometimes they are many months behind.

**Phil Field asked if all the jobs are on a bid basis?** Ruben responded that they are.

**Phil Field asked if the Financial Report can be prepared to compare facilities expenditures to total dollars budgeted on projects, including change orders?** Sherry responded that she can do that.

Lori Hughes reported that she was recently at Jefferson School and commended Ruben for the wonderful job done in the school office.

Next Meeting  
(Topic Handout #5)

Discussion was held and the next meeting of the Oversight Committee will take place on **Thursday, January 15, at 3 p.m., in the Superintendent's Conference Room, at the Ed. Center.** Notices will be sent to the Committee members.

**Ruben Solis asked if the Committee would be interested in visiting any other sites in the Spring (April meeting) - perhaps Chipman or Nichols?** Percy Robinson responded that he would like to see a finished project.

**Harry Chicklenis asked if the Committee would learn more about the possible land purchase at the January meeting?** Steve responded that he would have more information at that time.

Public Comments

Mr. McDougle commented that he had been campaigning around the Curran Middle School area and had heard many comments from the public regarding how pleased they were with the modernization done at the school. He also visits the District website and congratulated the Committee on the outstanding work they have done.

Tour of Eissler  
School

The Committee then toured the Eissler School Modernization Project.

Adjournment

On a motion by Phil Field, seconded by Harry Chicklenis, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.