

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

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Wayside Elementary School (Room 27) – 1000 Ming Avenue

The twelfth meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee was opened at 3:10 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Harry Chicklenis.

Members Present: The following members were present:
 Mr. Harry Chicklenis
 Mr. Phil Field (arrived at 3:41 p.m.)
 Mrs. Lori Hughes
 Mr. Robert Palmbach
 Mr. Percy Robinson
 Mr. Mike Turnipseed

Member Absent: The following member was absent:
 Mrs. Stephanie Holladay

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, Member of the Bakersfield City School District Board of Education

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mike Turnipseed and seconded by Percy Robinson, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that the minutes of July 16, 2009, be approved.

Updated Committee Members List: Steve McClain noted that the list of the Citizens' Oversight Committee members has been updated once again and copies were distributed to the members. Steve asked the Committee members to contact Evelyn if they had other changes that needed to be made to the list.
(Handout #1)

Land Purchase Update: Steve McClain announced that the 45 acres in the northeast have been purchased and escrow closed on September 30, 2009. Utilities (wet and dry) still need to be brought in and that is the responsibility of K. Hovnanian, the seller. The Design Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the building of the two schools. There will probably be two committees: 1 for the elementary school with elementary school staff and 1 for the middle school with elementary/middle/junior high school staff. It is estimated that the schools could open in the Fall of 2013.

Harry Chicklenis asked if the middle school would be built first.

Steve responded that both schools are currently planned to be constructed at the same time.

Percy Robinson asked if the feeder schools are known yet for the new schools.

Steve responded that at this time, the feeder schools are not yet known as boundaries will have to be reshaped and that will not be done for awhile.

Mr. McDougle asked Mr. Chicklenis if he felt there would be complaints coming from the public regarding the boundary changes, especially from high school parents.

Mr. Chicklenis responded that it is his experience as a former long-time employee of the District, that there would be complaints from parents once the boundaries were being discussed.

Steve responded that boundary hearings will be held and the public will have an opportunity to speak.

Mr. Chicklenis asked if the land purchase information has been posted on the web page?

Steve responded that the information is not on the web page yet, but will be there in the future.

Ruben Solis reported that a sign will be going up in the future on the land site to announce the building of prospective new schools.

Financial Update:
(Handout #3)

Sherry Gladin presented the unaudited Quarterly Expenditure Report for July 1 through September 30, 2009. The total amount spent during this quarter was \$6,573,405. The total amount spent year-to-date through September 30 is \$6,573,405. The cumulative total of money spent-to-date is \$17,673,156.

Mike Turnipseed asked what the District would do if the State's matching funds for the facility projects were frozen.

Sherry reported that State funding has already been received for Eissler, Compton and Nichols schools. The District could handle temporary delays in State funds.

Mike Turnipseed asked how much funding could the District expect.

Sherry reported that the District expects over \$50M over the course of all the projects.

Mike Turnipseed asked what would happen if the State reneged on the funds for the new schools.

Sherry responded that the District could "hold out" for several years, but construction would have to be suspended eventually.

Mike Turnipseed asked if the District applied for the “qualified school construction bonds.”

Steve responded that we did not because we are still using the funds from our 2007 Series A General Obligation bonds.

Mike Turnipseed asked what the timeline is for the modernizations.

Ruben responded that the remaining modernizations are spread out over the next few years.

Mike Turnipseed asked why the District is not accelerating the trailer replacement projects.

Steve and Ruben responded that the trailers are being replaced over the next seven (7) years.

Harry Chicklenis asked if there was more of a need to build one new school prior to another.

Steve responded that there is a need for both an elementary and a middle school to be built as soon as possible.

Lori Hughes asked if the contractors used on the projects are local.

Ruben replied that they are with only one or two exceptions.

Facilities Update
(Handout #4)

Ruben Solis welcomed the Committee to Wayside School and to the completed PMC (Permanent Modular Classroom) project.

Mike Turnipseed asked what the life expectancy is for a PMC.

Ruben responded that it is 20-30 years depending on how well it is maintained. This is about the same life span for a permanent building.

Mike Turnipseed asked if the District had thought about using PMCs for the new school as it would be cheaper to build.

Ruben responded that the District is looking into that.

Mike Turnipseed asked how many computers could be accommodated in a PMC and if each classroom has a smart board.

Ruben responded that up to twelve (12) computers can be accommodated and that more smart boards are being utilized in classrooms.

Steve Gabbitas reported that there are approximately 700 smart boards being used in 1100 classrooms throughout the District.

Ruben presented the Facilities Update, “Status of Modernizations, DSA Buildings and Security Projects.”

Photos of projects at Chipman and Pauly schools, taken by Steve Gabbitas, were distributed to the Committee. Ruben reported that the last of the modernization project at Chipman was completed this summer and the photos show the “before” and “after.” The Pauly photos show the PMCs being delivered and set-up.

MODERNIZATIONS:

Chipman Junior High School: Overall project is 95% complete and going through close-outs.

Curran Middle School: Overall project is 70% complete and should be totally complete by the end of July 2010.

Eissler and Nichols schools: Overall projects are 100% complete and pending final closeout from the DSA.

UPCOMING MODERNIZATIONS:

Compton and Pauly schools: Plans have been submitted to the Division of State Architect (DSA).

Evergreen: DSA has returned the plans for final changes and plans will be re-submitted to DSA.

The goal is to go out to bid in January 2010 for all three modernizations.

PERMANENT MODULAR CLASSROOMS:

Evergreen (No. of Buildings and Status):

(a) Twelve DSA buildings for temporary housing, which will also be utilized during the modernization (b) Twelve permanent buildings and 1 restroom

(a) Twelve buildings have been installed for temporary housing (b) seven permanent classrooms have been installed & remaining five classrooms will be installed in October.

Fremont (No. of Buildings and Status):

Fourteen permanent buildings will be placed in 2 phases over 2 summers. DSA has approved the plans and work will commence in the summer of 2010.

Garza (No. of Buildings and Status):

(a) Five temporary buildings (b) Twenty permanent buildings.

Five temporary buildings have been installed and work will commence in March 2010 for the permanent buildings.

Munsey (No. of Buildings and Status):

Ten permanent buildings

DSA has approved the plans and work will commence in December 2009

Pauly (No. of Buildings and Status):

Nine permanent buildings and one restroom

All buildings have been installed and electrical and plumbing work is in progress.

Wayside (No. of Buildings and Status):

Nine permanent buildings and one restroom

Completed.

SECURITY PROJECTS:

Security Iron or Chain Link Fencing Projects have been completed at Nineteen (19) schools: Curran Middle, Eissler, Evergreen, Fremont, Garza, Harding, Harris, Hort, Jefferson, Longfellow, Mt. Vernon, Owens Intermediate, Owens Primary, Pauly, William Penn, Sequoia Middle, Stiern Middle, Thorner and Wayside.

Current projects include:

Noble School (iron fencing in front of school) in design phase
Special Education Department (iron fencing around classrooms) in design phase
Washington Middle School (iron fencing in front of school) out to bid-estimated completion date is November 2009
Williams School (iron fencing in front of school) in design phase

SECURITY HARDWARD – CAMPUS ACCESS CONTROL:

Fourteen (14) school sites have been completed: Casa Loma, Hort, Jefferson, Longfellow Horace Mann, Mt. Vernon, Owens Primary, Pauly, William Penn, Pioneer, Sierra Middle, Stiern Middle, Thorner and Wayside.

Four sites are in progress: Nichols, Voorhies, Washington Middle and Frank West.

SECURITY CAMERAS:

Installation has been completed at seventeen (17) school sites: Chipman Jr. High, Compton Jr. High, Curran Middle, Eissler, Emerson Middle, Fremont, Garza, Hills, Johnson Children’s Center, Johnson Community Day, Longfellow, Horace Mann, Nichols, Sequoia Middle, Stiern Middle, Washington Middle and Wayside.

Mt. Vernon is in progress and Owens Primary is in the design phase.

Mr. McDougle asked who does the security camera installation.

Ruben responded that all work goes out to bid for each school site.

Lori Hughes asked what happens with installation during testing.

Ruben responded that all work comes to a stop or, wherever possible, work continues outside where there would be no disruption of the classes.

Percy Robinson asked if rooms/buildings are being set-up for wireless Internet.

Ruben responded that we are.

**Next Meeting:
(Handout #5)**

Discussion was held and the next meeting will need to be scheduled earlier than the third Thursday of the month as the Annual Audit Report and the Committee’s Report to the Board must be prepared before the January 26th Board meeting. On a motion by Mike Turnipseed and seconded by Lori Hughes, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that the Bond Oversight Committee meeting will take place on January 7, 2010.

Public Comments:

There were no comments from the Public.

**Comment from
Committee Member:**

Harry Chicklenis acknowledged all of the hard work that Ruben and his staff are doing.

Adjournment: On a motion by Robert Palmbach and seconded by Percy Robinson, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Tour of Wayside School Project: Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting, a tour was taken by Committee members of the Wayside School Project.