

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

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Education Center - Superintendent's Conference Room

The sixth meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee was opened at 3:10 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. Percy Robinson

Members Absent: The following members were absent:
 Mr. Robert Palmbach
 Mr. Brian Todd

District Staff Present: Mrs. Schallock, Chief Business Official
 Mr. Steve Gabbitas, Public Information & Communications Manager
 Mr. Steve McClain, Fiscal Services Director
 Mr. Ruben Solis, Facilities Director
 Ms. Evelyn Goode, Recorder

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Harry Chicklenis, seconded by Lori Hughes, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that the minutes of January 10, 2008, be approved.

Land Purchase Update: Teri Schallock reported that the District is currently in negotiations with a landowner for the purchase of land located North of Hwy. 184 and (a handout in packet) Bedford Green. Teri then reviewed Handout #1-School Site Property Search which outlines the 14 properties that have been looked at over a two-year period. Information on the handout includes problems with the site(s), comments and the status of each property. Teri pointed out that the BCSD Board has had 3 special Board meetings to visit sites for possible purchase: April of 2006, November of 2006 and September 2007.

The graph attached to handout #1-April 06-April 08 Properties Ruled Out (14) outlines the various reasons the properties were not purchased.

Mr. Field asked what the timeline is to make an offer to purchase property?

Teri responded that the District has prepared the Letter of Intent and currently attorneys for both sides are reviewing the purchase contract. It is hoped that the contract will be going to Board within a couple of months. Once the contract has been approved and the property goes into escrow, it

will be approximately six or seven months before the District owns the property.

Mr. Robinson asked what the cost is to survey all the sites the District has been looking at?

Teri reported that the District has in-house people who are capable of surveying the properties to see if they would be feasible for a school site. Ruben reported that the architect has been working with the District to survey the sites at no cost to the District.

Financial Update
(a handout in packet)

Steve McClain reviewed Handout #2-Quarterly Expenditure Report for July 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. The cumulative total spent is \$2,941,873 which has been spent on Security Improvements, such as fencing, alarm systems and installation of cameras and Modernization projects, such as construction costs, architect's fees, and asbestos abatements .

Steve reported that the Audits have been completed and the new Audit will probably begin again this summer, around July.

Mrs. Holladay asked if the Bond funds needed to be spent by the end of year three?

Teri responded that there are circumstances that can allow for the overage of time to spend the Bond funds.
Steve reported that there are certain tax rules that pertain to unspent funds.

Facilities Update

Ruben Solis distributed copies of the "Status of Security and Modernization Projects." This chart outlines the status of the Modernization Projects, the Replacement of Trailers, and Security Projects at various schools. Ruben reported that every school would be receiving a portion of the Bond funds for security.

Mrs. Hughes asked if the trailers at College Heights School are on the list for replacement?

Ruben reported that they would be eventually.

Mrs. Holladay asked if Thorner School would be receiving fencing?

Ruben reported that they would be.

Steve Gabbitas distributed copies of pictures showing the schools that have received security fencing (Fremont, Garza & Harding) and the schools that have had modernization projects (Curran Middle School, Eissler, Nichols, and Chipman Jr. High School).

Terms of
Oversight
Committee
(a handout in packet)

Mrs. Holladay reviewed Handout #4-Page 4 from Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws. Those members whose terms had expired are: Phil Field, Stephanie Holladay and Percy Robinson. All three members have agreed to continue to serve on the Committee and will begin their two-year term on July 1.

Election of Officers (a handout in packet) Mrs. Holladay reviewed Handout #5-Page 5 from Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws.

Nomination and Election of Officers: In accordance with the Education Code, Mrs. Holladay asked for nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Percy Robinson made a motion that Stephanie Holladay remain as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lori Hughes. With no other nominations being received, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that Mrs. Mrs. Holladay remain as Chairperson of the Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Vice-Chairperson: Mrs. Lori Hughes made a motion that Harry Chicklenis remain as Vice-Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Percy Robinson. With no other nominations being received, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that Mr. Chicklenis be elected to remain as Vice-Chairperson of the Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Next Meeting Discussion was held and the next meeting of the Oversight Committee will take place on **Thursday, July 17, at 3 p.m., at Curran Middle School (1116 Lymric Way).**

Notices will be sent to the Committee members.

Public Comments There were no comments from the public.

Adjournment On a motion by Percy Robinson, seconded by Lori Hughes, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.