

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

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Curran Middle School – 1116 Lymric Way

The seventh 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. Philip Field
Mrs. Stephanie Holladay
Mrs. Lori Hughes
Mr. Percy Robinson

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

District Staff Present: Mrs. Teri Schallock, Chief Business Official
Mr. Steve Gabbitas, Public Information & Communications Manager
Mr. Steve McClain, Fiscal Services Director
Mr. Ruben Solis, Facilities Director
Mrs. Lisa Hart, Acting Recorder

Also Present: Mr. Mike Taylor, Maintenance and Operations Director

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Phil Field, seconded by Percy Robinson, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that the minutes of April 23, 2008, be approved.

Mrs. Schallock informed the Oversight Committee she will be retiring on August 17, 2008. She thanked everyone for being involved with the Oversight Committee. The Committee will be informed of her replacement at a later date.

Land Purchase Update: BCSD is still in the process of buying the land they were trying to purchase when the committee met in April. Two weeks ago they had a meeting with the developer of the land, the architect, and the construction manager. The District is requesting the utilities be brought to the school site. There will be a meeting with the City Department of Public Works & the Planning Department regarding the roads in the near future.

Mr. Field asked if the land developer gives a commitment letter regarding the installation of utilities?

Mrs. Schallock replied the Developer would be required to put in the utilities as a condition of closing escrow.

Total School Solutions completed their visit for the annual Bond Performance Audit. They interviewed Mrs. Holladay, Mrs. Hughes, various BCSD staff. Everything went well. They commented BCSD had the most well organized staff and structure they have encountered.

Mrs. Hughes asked if school staff have any input on new school design?

Yes, there is a Design Committee which includes teachers at different grade levels, Special Education, and a Principal. They will become more active after the new site is secured.

Financial Update: Mr. McClain went over the Quarterly Expenditure Report. There still may (a handout in packet) be more bills to pay prior to closing the books for the 07-08 fiscal year. At this time approximately 4.9 million has been spent out of the \$34 million bond. Brown Armstrong will perform the annual financial audit again this year.

Facilities Update: Mr. Solis presented everyone with a handout titled Status of (a handout in packet) Modernization, DSA Buildings, and Security and Projects.

Mr. Robinson asked where we are year to date and how much was left to spend?

Mr. Solis responded the projects are completed in different phases, therefore it is difficult to compare the percentage of completion to cost reflected on the expenditure report. Construction is performed in phases so there is as little disruption to school site schedules as possible.

Pictures of work in progress were supplied to the committee. Schools pictured were Wayside, Nichols, Sierra, Eissler, Curran, and Chipman.

Mrs. Holladay asked if parents are informed when construction workers are on site?

The Principals are invited to construction meetings. It was suggested that principals advise parents in the school newsletter regarding outside workers on campus.

A discussion took place regarding various ways to update the community with what we are doing. The Website was an outstanding source of information. Mr. Gabbitas said the Direct Connection and the Community Connection are already being used to inform the public. Newspaper and TV time could be purchased with bond funds. It was suggested a news spot would be purchased at the time the new school is built.

Next Meeting Discussion was held and the next meeting of the Oversight Committee will take place on **Thursday, October 16, at 3 p.m., at Eissler Elementary School (2901 Eissler St.)**

Notices will be sent to the Committee members.

Public Comments There were no comments from the public.

The Committee then toured the Curran Modernization Project.

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.