

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

Thursday, October 21, 2010
Evergreen Elementary – 2600 Rose Marie

The sixteenth meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee was opened at 3:03 p.m. by Chairman Percy Robinson

Members Present: The following members were present:
Mr. Harry Chicklenis
Mrs. Stephanie Holladay
Mr. Percy Robinson
Mr. Mike Turnipseed
Mr. Edgar Pankey

Members Absent: The following members were absent:
Mr. Philip Field
Mrs. Lori Hughes

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
Mrs. Lisa Hart, Recorder

Also Present: Mr. Bill McDougale, Member of the Bakersfield City School Board of Education
Ms. Laura Orozco, Principal of Evergreen Elementary School

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Turnipseed and seconded by Mrs. Holladay, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that the minutes of July 15, 2010, be approved.

Updated Committee Members List (Included in packet): Steve McClain distributed an updated Committee Members List and asked the Committee if there are any other changes/updates that need to be made.

Introduction: Steve McClain introduced Mr. Edgar Pankey who is replacing previous Committee Member, Mr. Robert Palmbach, as the parent representative.

Committee Members Terms of Service (included in packet): Steve McClain briefly discussed the terms of office for the members of the Bond Oversight Committee. He also explained Committee Member, Lori Hughes, who is serving as the retiree representative,

will continue on the Committee until a replacement is found.

Steve McClain has been in contact with several interested candidates, who have since then decided not to be on the Committee.

The Committee Members were asked to please review their contact information and confirm that it is correct. Telephone numbers and emails are posted on the web. Committee Members were asked to please let Steve McClain know if they wanted to make any changes to this information.

At the July 15, 2010 Committee meeting, Mr. Turnipseed requested Steve McClain to seek legal advice regarding retired former Bakersfield City School District Employees serving on the Committee. Steve McClain reported, Schools Legal Service reviewed the law regarding retired employees serving on the Committee and they responded that there is no prohibition against this. He also added that district bond counsel affirmed the same.

SB 623 Update:

At the July 15, 2010 Committee meeting, Mr. Turnipseed requested that Steve McClain research SB 623. Steve McClain reported back that SB 623 was a bill written by Senator Ashburn which restricts underwriters from working on a bond campaign. The bill died in legislative committee on August 20, 2010, but may be brought back in a subsequent legislative session. Mr. McClain said he would continue to monitor any new legislation pertinent to the operation of the Committee.

Steve McClain said that the District is currently waiting for a draft version of the performance audit report from Total School Solutions. Mr. Turnipseed asked if they also perform the District's regular financial statement audit. Steve McClain replied that no, the regular audit is performed by Brown Armstrong. Mr. Turnipseed stated that he is a member of the California League of Bond Oversight Committees. He stated that the District's bond performance auditors provide a good audit.

New Schools Status Report:

At the September 28, 2010 BCSD Board of Education meeting, the architect, Ordiz- Melby, Inc., gave a presentation regarding the general layout of the new school site. Mr. McDougle commented that it was an excellent presentation.

Steve McClain noted the Design Committee has been meeting during the past several months. The District is finalizing the Educational Specifications for the new schools and will be submitting them to the Board for approval in the near future.

Steve McClain stated the Department of Toxic Substance Control recently reviewed the school sites.

Mr. Pankey asked if there was a reason for the review. Steve McClain replied this was a normal procedure. There was an environmental study done last year by Krazan and Associates. The CEQA documents have been submitted to the state clearinghouse and will then go to the governing board for approval. After that, the District will submit a site application to CDE.

Ruben Solis has met with the District's construction manager, Lundgren, on the bid package. There will be approximately 35 bids in the bid package.

Mrs. Holladay had several questions that she had been asked from parents of students attending Chavez, Thorner, and Hort.

1. What is the acreage?
*45 acres gross 42 net
2. What is the target date of completion?
*Fall of 2013
3. Will the District's school boundaries be affected?
*Yes, it will mainly affect the eastside district school boundaries.
4. What are the names of the schools?
*The names of the schools are yet to be determined.
5. What grades will the schools serve?
*K-5 elementary and 6-8 middle school

Mr. Robinson asked where the common areas on the campus are. Ruben Solis replied the bus knuckle, the kitchen, and the courtyard which can be used for assemblies and after school events. Fencing divides the two campuses so there will be two different administrative buildings and students will have separate eating areas.

Mr. Pankey asked what the student capacity of each site is. The elementary school is designed to hold up to 785 students and the middle school is designed to hold up to 1,356 students.

Mr. McDougle asked if a percentage of the school is set aside for portables and if not is there planning for future portables. Ruben responded that there is no requirement to set aside a percentage, but there is additional space for portables if they were needed in the future.

Mrs. Holladay asked if K. Hovnanian is planning to begin

development in that area. Steve McClain said currently everything is at a standstill due to the real estate market slump.

Financial Update
(included in packet):

Sherry Gladin reported the first page of the financial report for the year ended June 30, 2010 is a revision of the report handed out in July, since at that time the books were not completely closed out.

Mrs. Gladin presented the Unaudited Quarterly Expenditure Report for July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010. The total amount spent during this quarter was \$2,928,229. The cumulative total of money spent-to-date is \$27,889,302.

Mrs. Gladin reported there is still over 9 million left in the bond fund. The District will be seeking another bond issuance later in the school year. She then presented her report on the Change Orders for Modernization Projects and the Permanent Modular Classrooms.

Mr. Pankey noted that there was a substantial change in some of the contract amounts, such as Jarrett Electric. Ruben Solis explained that the original contractor was released, and therefore the District had to take over as the general contractor and a number of jobs had to be either re-assigned or re-bid. These changes were all approved by the District's legal counsel.

Mr. Chicklenis asked what the time frame was on the next bond issuance. Steve McClain replied in the next several months. Sherry Gladin added there were other building funds available in addition to the bond funds.

Mr. Pankey asked if the money is not spent, what happens to the funds. It is expected that all of the bond funds will be exhausted prior to completion of the bond project list and that other building funds will be used to fund the projects.

Mrs. Holladay asked who decides on the changes to the school boundaries. There will be a boundary committee established and the public will be invited to participate in the process.

Facilities Update
(included in packet):

Ruben Solis welcomed Ms. Orozco, principal of Evergreen. He stated Phase I of the Evergreen modernization project is 60% complete. He asked Ms. Orozco if she had anything to add. Ms. Orozco said the Facilities Department has been very accommodating and it has been a pleasant experience.

Mrs. Holladay asked how the construction has been for the students, has it been a smooth transition. Ms. Orozco replied there have not

been any problems.

Ruben Solis stated Phase I at Evergreen should be done in December with Phase II of the project being completed in June of 2011.

Ruben Solis then reviewed his handout with the Committee.

MODERNIZATIONS:

Pauly: Bid opening is November 9th with construction beginning in December 2010.

Compton: Estimated bid opening is December 2010

Voorhies: Estimated bid opening is January 2011

COMPLETED SCHOOLS:

Chipman, Curran, Eissler, and Nichols Modernizations are all completed with just some outstanding soft costs remaining.

PERMANENT MODULAR CLASSROOMS (PMCs):

College Heights: Phase I – four classrooms and one restroom, under construction. Phase II – Nine classrooms

Fremont: Six classrooms – Complete

Garza: Phase I – Twelve Classrooms, under construction. Phase II – Eight Classrooms

McKinley: Four classrooms and one restroom – Plans have been submitted to Sacramento DSA

Pioneer: Eight Classrooms and one restroom – Sacramento DSA has approved plans, architect working on bid documents

Sequoia: Nine classrooms and one restroom – currently in the design phase

Frank West: Seven classrooms and one restroom, Sacramento DSA has approved plans, architect working on bid documents

COMPLETED SCHOOLS:

Evergreen, Hort, Munsey, Pauly, & Wayside. Retention is still being held on Munsey; most projects still having outstanding soft costs.

SECURITY PROJECTS:

Fencing -

Pioneer: In the design phase for iron fencing

Chipman, McKinley, and Voorhies remaining. Twenty-six schools have been completed.

Campus Access Control -

Chipman, Compton, Curran, Voorhies, and Williams remaining.

Fourteen schools have been completed.

Buzzer Controls-

Chipman, Compton, Curran, Emerson, Evergreen, Franklin, Harris, Munsey, Pauly, and Voorhies remaining. Twenty-eight schools have been completed.

Security Cameras -

Harding: in the design phase

Jefferson: working on bid documents, goes to bid October 22

Casa Loma, Chavez, Downtown, Evergreen, Franklin, Harris, McKinley, Noble, Owens Intermediate, Pauly, William Penn, Pioneer, Roosevelt, Thorner, Voorhies, and Frank West remaining. Twenty-four schools have been completed.

Other Business:

Mr. Turnipseed asked why the CALBOC Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Operation Standards handout was not on the agenda. He then gave a history of how these standards were developed. He asked the Committee Members to review these and suggested the standards be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Robinson asked that this be placed on the agenda for the January meeting. Mr. Robinson also requested the minutes and handouts be sent out prior to the meeting so everyone will have a chance to view them and have their questions or comments ready for the upcoming meeting.

Schedule Next Meeting in November (included in packet):

Discussion was held and the next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 13, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., at the Education Center. Notices will be sent to the Committee.

Public Comments:

There were no comments from the public.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mrs. Holladay, seconded by Mr. Chicklenis, it was ordered by the affirmative vote of the members present that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m. with a brief tour of Evergreen projects.