

Downey Unified School District
CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
11627 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, California 90241

MINUTES
January 25, 2016
Downey Unified School District
Room DCC-A

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

WELCOME:

Dr. Nancy Nien, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the first Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting.

Dr. John Garcia, Superintendent introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dr. Garcia told everyone what a pleasure it was to have the members volunteer for the committee and how fortunate Downey Unified is to have the voters pass Measure O for \$248 million dollars to spend on the modernization of DUSD schools over the next dozen years. Modernization will ensure that our students now and into the future receive a 21st Century education. Dr. Garcia thanked everyone for their support.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT STAFF:

- Dr. John Garcia, Superintendent of Downey Unified School District
- Roger Brossmer, Assistant Superintendent of Certificated Human Resources
- John Shook, Director of MOT
- Joseph Quinonez, Director of Facilities Planning and Development
- Sharon Newberg, Senior Secretary, Facilities Planning and Development
- Dr. Nancy Nien, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- Debbie Black, Administrative Secretary of Business services

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT CONSULTANTS:

- David Casnocha, Attorney at Law
- Richard Ingrassia, Rachlin Partners

INTRODUCTION OF THE CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:

- Paul Beemer, Active Senior Citizens Group
- George Boose, Active PTA/Site Committee Member
- Melody Gregorio, At-Large Community
- Eric Pierce, At-Large Community
- Russell Skersick, Business Representative
- Jerome Wetzstein, Tax Payer Organization
- Sung Yon Lee, Parent/Guardian Enrolled Students

ROLL CALL, SHARON NEWBERG:

- Paul Beemer Present
- George Boose Present
- Melody Gregorio Present
- Eric Pierce Present
- Russell Skersick Present
- Sung Yon Lee Present

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE:

Handouts: Resolution for the Establishment of the Oversight Committee
By Laws of the Oversight Committee

David Casnocha, Attorney at Law gave an overview of what is expected of the committee:

- The Bylaws will help guide the committee
- History of Propositions 13 and 39
- History of the establishment of bond elections to restore funding for the modernization of school facilities
- Committee will examine Measure O expenditure reports
- The Oversight committee was established to oversee not to preapprove expenditures
- The Oversight Committee is not required to fill out 700 forms
- The Oversight Committee meets in a public forum
- Communication for the COBC Agenda will go through the Chair or Nancy Nien, Assistant Superintendent.
- Review powers are restricted to Measure O money
- Salaries that can and cannot be paid from Measure O
- The Oversight Committee will inform the public through the Chair regarding the expenditures of Measure O money.
- A website is available to inform the public
- Bylaws were reviewed and discussed
- Bylaws are set by Education Code.
- An Annual report will be submitted to the school board after June 30, 2016
- Bond audits and findings will be available to the committee for review

Sung Yon Lee asked that the committee be covered under the District Liability insurance. Nancy Nien will follow up with the insurance company and committee.

SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTS CHAIR:

Dr. Garcia appoints Melody Gregorio as the Official Chair of the Committee for the first year.

COMMITTEE ELECTS A VICE CHAIR:

A motion was made by Eric Pierce and seconded by Paul Beemer to nominate Sung Yon Lee as the Vice Chair of the Citizens' Oversight Committee, the motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF TERMS OF MEMBERS:

The following committee members volunteered for One (1) year terms:

- Eric Pierce
- Russell Skersick
- Sung Yon Lee

The following committee members will serve Two (2) year terms:

- Paul Beemer
- George Boose
- Melody Gregorio
- Jerome Wetzstein

REPORT ON PROPOSED BOND PROJECTS:

Joseph Quinonez handed out a copy of the PowerPoint and it was shared with the committee and those in attendance. The PowerPoint showed the projects that have started and future projects supported by Measure O funds.

The Master Plan put together by LPA in 2013 was shared with the group by Richard Ingrassia, Rachlin Partners. This included, School site budgeting and why one school might receive more dollars than another. Future potential additional State funding sources were discussed.

Pace site—would it be reopened? Demographic study shows we have flat enrollment. The site is being used as a training site at this time and there are no plans for reopening at this time.

Joe Quinonez gave an overview of the quick start projects, such as fences and new marquees at many sites. Slides of the upcoming projects were shared.

The pool and locker room renovations and expansions at the high schools were discussed. Solar Agreements for several sites are in the works.

REPORT ON THE BOND SALE:

- The first \$50 million dollars in bonds were sold in October
- The credit rating for our bonds is very good.
- LA County Treasurer holds the bond money for the District.
- Next sale would be in about two years.

SELECTION OF MEETING DATES:

The committee agreed to the following dates:

- April 11 5:00pm (Meeting to start at 5:30)
- August 29 Time to be announced—will be a morning meeting—group to tour construction sites
- October 24 5:00pm (Meeting to start at 5:30)
- Dates and times to be posted on Website

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

To be emailed to Chair, Melody Gregorio

ADJOURNMENT: 7:35pm

NEXT MEETING: April 11, 2016
5:30pm
DUSD Administration Building, Room DCC-A