

**Lemon Grove School District
 Official Minutes of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting – June 24, 2015
 Lemon Grove School District (Education Center) 8025 Lincoln Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945**

CALL TO ORDER – The Chair called the regular meeting of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee of the Lemon Grove School District to order at 5:04 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Demaree, Hanning, Miller (arrived at 5:25 p.m.), Pettis, Selby, Shaw

Committee Members Absent: Baber, Gonyea

Official Governing Board Representative: Loschen

Staff Members Present: Flores, Potter, Branch

Attorney Present: Dorward

Guest Present: Mark Gracyk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mr. Demaree (Chair) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA - It was moved by Hanning, seconded by Selby to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was called for with the following results: Ayes – Demaree, Hanning, Pettis, Selby, Shaw; Nays – none; Absent – Baber, Gonyea. The motion carried.

MINUTES - It was moved by Hanning, seconded by Shaw to approve the Minutes for the meetings of March 4, 2015 and April 22, 2015 as presented. The motion was called for with the following results: Ayes – Demaree, Hanning, Pettis, Selby, Shaw; Nays – none; Absent – Baber, Gonyea. The motion carried.

HEARING OF CITIZENS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

RE-ELECT ICOC CHAIR – It was moved by Selby, seconded by Hanning to re-elect Mr. Demaree as ICOC Chair. The motion was called for with the following results: Ayes – Demaree, Hanning, Pettis, Selby, Shaw; Nays – none; Absent – Baber, Gonyea. The motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR SERVICES – Mr. Gracyk was recognized for his long standing as a committee member representing the business community and at-large community for six years (2009 – 2015). He has overseen both bond measures and was the ICOC Chair for two years (March 2011 – March 2013). The list of bond projects include Lemon Grove Academy STEM/joint use library, safety and security fencing district wide, middle school locker room improvements, Vista La Mesa Academy athletic field, promethean boards district wide, new playground equipment district wide, dental clinic at Lemon Grove Academy, multi-purpose and central kitchen building renovations, district wide wireless network, Mount Vernon Dual Immersion, Vista La Mesa Academy ADA upgrades, Lemon Grove Academy Middle skateboard racks, telephone system upgrade district wide. Mr. Gracyk thanked the district for the opportunity. He knows that the kids are the first priority of the Governing Board, Superintendent, Dr. Potter, and dedicated teachers.

Mr. Demaree presented Shining Stars to committee members Mr. Pettis and Ms. Hanning for their time, effort, and diligence.

Governing Board Member Larry Loschen thanked all ICOC members for continuing their incredible work.

PROJECTS UPDATE – Joanne Branch provided a list of projects with updated information (see attached).

Central Kitchen upgrade: Additions and renovations to the multipurpose and central kitchen building completed; DSA closeout pending

Districtwide Wireless: Provided phase 1 wireless in every classroom, site office, and other identified locations completed

Vista La Mesa Academy: Replacement of all non-copper metal domestic water pipe with copper

Lemon Grove Middle Academy: P.E. athletic field enhancements – added decomposed granite running track, new nets and poles, new asphalt & line painting

Monterey Heights: Replace aged and damaged wooden window systems at seven classrooms

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Various Sites: Measure R FACJPA assignments – Scoping underway for three sites asphalt repaving (Monterey Heights, San Altos, San Miguel); two sites plumbing & two additional if possible (Monterey Heights, San Altos + San Miguel, Lemon Grove Academy Elementary); two sites partial reroof (Vista La Mesa Academy, San Altos); three sites solar photovoltaic analysis (Mount Vernon, Palm, San Miguel). Measure R District assignments – Bid pending for three sites playground structures (Lemon Grove Academy Elementary, San Altos, Vista La Mesa Academy).

Additionally, Ms. Branch shared district maintenance issues with the three photovoltaic sites (Palm, Mount Vernon, San Miguel). After some repairs there are still substantial issues (i.e. panels too close together and cracking, potentially hot issue with exposed wire activating things that shouldn't be hot, over 30% of all panels have failed, etc.). Due to safety concerns, the district has locked all security fencing around all systems. Dr. Potter is guiding and directing the FACJPA very closely while they work on a report expected by the end of summer to the Governing Board.

Dr. Potter explained that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) conducts general rate case (GRC) hearings about every three years wherein utilities make proposals for rate increases. Several years ago during a GRC that Lemon Grove School District participated in the ALTOU – DGR (distributed generation renewable) rate was established to help public school districts retain the economic value of their renewable energy or solar systems. Note, the ALTOU-DGR rate must be defended each 3 year period during GRC cases. Public school districts are currently in the commercial customer class, even though they are not generally for profit entities. Thus, it is difficult for school districts to incur the electricity rate shock that occurred in 2014 wherein the electricity bills increased about 40% (of which approximately 10% resulted from increased usage) or county wide roughly \$30 million per year for all public school districts collectively. Lemon Grove School District is one of 3 entities alongside the San Diego County Office of Education and Santee School District leading a county wide school district coalition of 38 local education agency entities to address the recent rate shock issue by participating as a formal intervener in the current Phase II GRC and working with Assemblywoman Weber to investigate the problem and determine if legislative support is a possible option. Mr. Dorward stated that Dr. Potter is perceived as a statewide expert on solar.

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED TO THE LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S GOVERNING BOARD MAY 12, 2015 – Mr. Demaree indicated he presented the annual report to the Governing Board (see website) and the Governing Board presented the ICOC members in attendance with Shining Stars.

SALE OF 2014, SERIES A AND SERIES B, GENERAL OBLIGATION REAUTHORIZATION BONDS – Dr. Potter shared that on May 20, 2015, there were competitive bid sales for Measure R. Series A, \$5 million hard construction, had three bids and was awarded to the low bidder, Piper Jaffrey & Co., at 3.647%. Series B, \$1 million Edtech bonds, only had one bidder and was awarded to Bernardi Securities, Inc. at 1.522%. Pre-closing was June 8, 2015 and actual closing is June 9, 2015. Dr. Potter thanked the ICOC for this great news.

PROPOSITION W GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND EXPENDITURE REPORT – Michelle Flores presented the expenditure report through May 31, 2015. It was moved by Selby, seconded by Pettis to approve the expenditure report as presented. The motion was called for with the following results: Ayes – Demaree, Hanning, Miller, Pettis, Shaw; Nays – none; Absent – Baber, Gonyea. The motion carried.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE - It was moved by Selby, seconded by Miller, to approve the future ICOC meetings. The motion was called for with the following results: Ayes – Demaree, Hanning, Miller, Pettis, Selby, Shaw; Nays – none; Absent – Baber, Gonyea. The motion carried:

- Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 5 p.m.

The ICOC meetings will be held at the Lemon Grove School District – Education Center, 8025 Lincoln Street, Lemon Grove

ITEM(S) FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETING – Update on the photovoltaic systems

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Chair


Account Technician