

Lemon Grove School District

Official Minutes of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting – September 20, 2017

Lemon Grove Academy (Middle) – Administration Building – Conference Room B

7866 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 5:05 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Demaree, Hanning, Pettis, Selby, Shaw

Committee Members Absent: Baber, Gonyea, Miller

Official Board Representative: Larry Loschen

Staff Members Present: Berman, Flores, Potter

Attorney Present: Dorward

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

AGENDA - It was moved by Hanning and 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, Miller. The motion carried.

MINUTES - It was moved by Hanning and seconded by Shaw to approve the Minutes for the meeting of April 19, 2017 with update by Dr. Potter on agenda item 8 general obligation refunding bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$6,000,000. The district already refunded a portion in a prior Certificates of Participation (COPs) and you can only refund one time. Good news is the district can go back in May/August 2019. The motion was called for with the following results: Ayes – Demaree, Hanning, Pettis, Selby, Shaw; Nays – none; Absent – Baber, Gonyea, Miller. The motion carried.

HEARING OF CITIZENS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

Mr. Loschen introduced the new Superintendent, Dr. Kimberly Berman who's tagged the Lemon Grove School District as the Best School District on Earth. Dr. Berman is very excited to dig in and address the needs of our students. Dr. Berman noted the school year is off to a great start and has visited all classrooms observing lots of learning with excellent teams. Committee members, staff, and legal council introduced themselves to Dr. Berman.

PROJECT UPDATE - Joanne Branch updated (see separate attachment): Monterey Heights Elementary – partial sewer replacement and modernization of domestic water (completed); Lemon Grove Academy Middle - Modernize audio/visual system (completed); All sites – increased bandwidth for internet service to all campuses and increase capacity to classrooms using fiber optic cabling and CAT 6 cabling (completed); Lemon Grove Academy Elementary – renovate field with turf for safe play; All sites - districtwide building assessment and inventory. Review of existing project record drawings for each site, create comprehensive inventory of major building components, compile building system condition assessment and master plan; Districtwide phone system – replace phone system to transition fully to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) and replace handsets as needed to complete transition to VOIP; Palm, Mount Vernon, San Miguel Elementary - replace photovoltaic systems at all three sites. Re-use infrastructure where appropriate for cost savings. Ms. Branch stated that contracting has taken an inordinate amount of time; Districtwide – networking equipment upgrade/replacement; Central Kitchen – relocate kitchen management and support staff to the central kitchen.

Member Selby shared concerns about catastrophic failures; are we allowed to recognize projects as new to fix. Dr. Potter stated, if the Governing Board approves the project.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS EXPENDITURE REPORT – Ms. Branch noted page 6 is for the phone system and page 7, World Bridge Technologies, is related to the fiber/cabling project that is partially E-rate funded. Dr. Potter explained page 8 - only the storm damaged umbrellas were replace not all umbrellas and community room chair replacement falls under furniture portion; they were not previously purchased. Dr. Potter shared on page 9, Vista La Mesa Academy cabinetry work related due to safety and security measures for all schools to have single points of entry and Mount Vernon parking lot reconfigured with barriers preventing weekend and evening safety issues. Page 10 has common costs to include district maintenance staff that perform work on projects, bond clerk/account clerk, legal services fees, and Colbi Account-Ability (AA) software program to run/track and provide on call support; Colbi AA cost is for 2017 calendar year.

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

RESOLUTION 16-17-14 OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2014 ELECTION, SERIES C IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 AND APPROVING RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS – Dr. Potter shared early June 2017, there were five bidders that came in between 2.4% to 2.6% and the governing board approved the lowest bidder at 2.404 Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC.

RESOLUTION 16-17-15 OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION ED TECH BONDS, 2014 ELECTION, SERIES D IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 AND APPROVING RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS – Dr. Potter shared that early June 2017, the governing board approved award to Brandis Tallman, LLC.

ADJOURNMENT – It was moved by Hanning and seconded by Selby to adjourn. The motion was called for with the following results: Ayes – Demaree, Hanning, Pettis, Selby, Shaw; Nays – none; Absent – Baber, Gonyea, Miller. The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Chair



Account Technician