

## LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

**INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING — MARCH 12, 2009** – The special meeting of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee of the Lemon Grove School District was held at the Education Center, 8025 Lincoln Street, Lemon Grove, California, on Thursday, March 12, 2009. The Assistant Superintendent, Business Services called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Castleberry, Clabby, Farmer, Gracyk, Hanning, Mastny, Peace, Putnam, Shaw  
**Committee Members Absent:** Lilly, Ofield  
**Staff Members Present:** Fine, Flores, Potter

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Gina Potter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA** – It was moved by Hanning, seconded by Castleberry, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**MINUTES** – None.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – No one addressed the Committee.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Mrs. Potter congratulated members for being appointed to sit on this committee. Each committee and staff member introduced themselves and shared their purpose for serving on the ICOC (Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee). Dale Scott was recognized as the Financial Advisor. Ilse Hanning and Helen Ofield were recognized as the Prop W Co-Chairs.

**PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** – Primary purpose of the Citizens' Oversight Committee is to oversee expenditures of bond proceeds and to ensure all projects stated on the ballot are being executed.

**DISCUSSION OF RALPH M. BROWN ACT (Attached as Exhibit A)**– The Committee is required to post agendas and minutes in accordance with the Brown Act. A committee member asked that a copy be posted at the library.



**CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BYLAWS (Attached as Exhibit B)** – It was moved by Mastny, seconded by Putnam, and carried unanimously to approve the ICOC Bylaws. Committee agreed to revisit the Ethics Policy of the ICOC at the next meeting.

**BOND FINANCIAL ADVISOR PRESENTATION (Attached as Exhibit C)** – Dale Scott presented on the background of bonds and the nature of how bonds can be funded by assessed value of homes in the area. G.O. Bonds are typically repaid over 25-30 years. The loan repayment comes from a tax on all taxable property within the district's boundaries.

**PROPOSITION W BOND PROJECTS (Attached as Exhibit D)** – Ken Fine provided upcoming project plans. Mrs. Potter thanked Mr. Fine for having a critical role in the last bond that helped pay for many of the district's facilities needs ten years ago. Mr. Fine shared that before the district can move forward with new projects it must be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant at all sites. There is also debt from the solar loan and the COPs (Certificates of Participation) loan that will need to be paid off. Committee members asked if the district is looking at green buildings; they are. Mr. Fine shared that he and Mr. Anastos visited the La Mesa Library. The design at the La Mesa Library is similar to what we would like the new library to look like. Mr. Fine plans to have the criterion architect for the joint use library project attend the next ICOC meeting.

**ESTABLISH MEETING SCHEDULE** – It was moved by Putnam, seconded by Castleberry, and carried unanimously to meet every year in September, December, and March with a general meeting to be held in June. It was moved by Clabby, seconded by Farmer, and carried unanimously for the next meeting to be held Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

  
Vice Chair  
  
Account Clerk