

LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING — September 21, 2010 –
 The regular 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 Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Thomas Clabby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Thomas E. Clabby (Senior)
 Charlette Farmer (Parent, PTA Member & At-Large Community Member)
 Mark Allen Gracyk (Business Community & At-Large Community Member)
 Ilse Hanning (At-Large Community Member)
 Robert Mastny (Senior & At-Large Community Member)
 Helen Ofield (At-Large Community Member) – (Pro Tem Chair)
 Rosemary Putnam (Senior & At-Large Community Member)
 Toni Shaw (At-Large Community Member)

Committee Members Absent:

Dianna Martinez-Lilly (At-Large Community Member)
 Bretcn Peace (Taxpayers' Organization)

District Staff Members Present:

Dr. Gina Potter, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Ken Fine, Facilities, Maintenance, Operations & Transportation (FMOT), Director
 Joanne Branch, San Diego County office of Education, Facilities and Maintenance
 Michelle Flores, Account Clerk

Attorney Present:

Sophie Akins, Best Best & Krieger

Board Member Present:

Mr. Larry Loschen

PRO TEM CHAIR – Recommendation by legal counsel (Sophie Akins of BBK) to nominate a Pro Tem Chair due to Chair and Vice Chair positions expiring on 6/24/10. It was moved by Hanning, seconded by Putnam, and carried unanimously to have Helen Ofield sit in as Pro Tem Chair for this meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Thomas Clabby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MINUTES – It was moved by Mastny, seconded by Farmer, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 1, 2010.

HEARING OF CITIZENS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

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REVIEW OF ICOC BYLAWS SECTION 5. MEMBERSHIP 5.6 REMOVAL/VACANCY

Members agreed to no change to the bylaws. It was further discussed and agreed to take the recommendation to the Board to remove Dianna Martinez-Lilly from the committee due to three consecutive absences.

PROPOSITION W GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FINANCIAL UPDATE

Dr. Potter shared with committee members assessed valuation in Lemon Grove dropped by 7.98% which significantly pushed out the timeline to 2018 for final Proposition W bond issuances. Lemon Grove has not fully recovered from the recession and the housing market crash. The district could benefit from receiving a Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB). The QSCB was authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) as an interest free bond for school districts. This year the district's financial advisor (Dale Scott & Company) is working with the state for eligibility criteria. The criteria have been narrowed to those districts that have general obligation bond authorization.

RESOLUTION 10-11-05 AUTHORIZING FILING APPLICATION FOR QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND ALLOCATION

Members asked if the district is following the proper protocol for filing an application for QSCBs. Dr. Potter assured the committee that the district is in fact following the proper protocol.

RESOLUTION 10-11-03 ENTITLED "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2008 ELECTION, SERIES B, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000,000"

This is the second issuance of bonds for the district. Dr. Potter shared with the committee that this looks positive for the district due to the Standards & Poor score. The district was upgraded within the last two weeks to AA-. This rating means that the district is an attractive entity and a solvent agency. Bonds will sell well and save taxpayers.

RESOLUTION 09-10-29 TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL RESERVE-CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND – THREN FOUNDATION FUND

This resolution was established as to separate the Thren funds from the bond funds. Committee members showed concern with the language related to this fund. Dr. Potter further explained that this fund is established as a restricted fund to be known as the Special Reserve-Capital Projects Fund in accordance with Education Code section 42840.

UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT MASTER PLANS

- a) Long Range Facilities Master Plan (in progress)
- b) Educational Specifications (draft provided)
- c) District Technology Plan (draft provided)
- d) Technology Specifications (draft provided)
- e) Criterion Architect Specifications for Lemon Grove Middle School Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Conversion and Lemon Grove Middle School Joint Use Library/Media Center (draft provided)

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AMENDED CONTRACT WITH DAVY ARCHITECTURE FOR LEMON GROVE MIDDLE STEM ACADEMY AND JOINT USE LIBRARY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SERVICES

Ken Fine shared the need for this amendment to include request for proposals. This will help to eliminate change orders by contractors.

PROPOSITION W SUMMER PROJECTS

Ken Fine touched on the few Summer projects that were done by the district maintenance workers (i.e. Palm Middle School Locker Rooms, Vista La Mesa Academy Locker Rooms, and Vista La Mesa Academy Front Office). Mr. Fine thanked the expertise of the maintenance team. Additional summer projects were the Golden Avenue fire hydrant, criterion architect work for the Lemon Grove Middle School Joint Use Library/Media Center, and Mount Vernon Swings.

MODIFICATION OF SCHOOL NAME FOR VISTA LA MESA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO VISTA LA MESA ACADEMY (SCHOOL RECONFIGURATION AND NEW PROGRAMS)

Dr. Potter discussed protocol for new name change is due to 7th and 8th graders as to acknowledge and honor them not to be elementary. Committee member asked if there were any transportation issues related to the change and Dr. Potter stated none.

PROPOSITION W GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Michelle Flores presented the expenditure report through June 30, 2010. It was moved by Clabby, seconded by Shaw, and carried unanimously to approve the expenditure report.

ITEM(S) FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETING

1. Take action to accept Chair and Vice Chair
2. Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) update
3. Research resolution 09-10-29 Special Reserve-Capital Projects Fund (40-00)

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



Chair



Account Clerk