

**LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING — SEPTEMBER 18, 2012** – The regular meeting of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee of the Lemon Grove School District was held at Lemon Grove Academy for the Sciences and Humanities (Middle), 7866 Lincoln Street, Demonstration Room #12, Lemon Grove, California, on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. Mark Gracyk (Chair) called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

William Baber (Taxpayers' Organization)  
 Scott Caneday (Parent, PTA, At-Large Community Member)  
 Thomas E. Clabby (Senior)  
 Cary Demaree (Parent, PTA, At-Large Community Member – Vice Chair)  
 Mark Gracyk (Business Community & At-Large Community Member - Chair)  
 Ilse Hanning (At-Large Community Member)  
 Helen Ofield (At-Large Community Member)  
 Rosemary Putnam (Senior & At-Large Community Member)  
 Emma Rios (Parent, PTA, At-Large Community Member)  
 Gerard Selby (Parent, PTA, At-Large Community Member)  
 Toni Shaw (At-Large Community Member)

**District Staff Members Present:**

Larry Loschen, Official Board Representative  
 Ernest Anastos, Superintendent  
 Ken Fine, Proposition W, District Owner's Representative  
 Joanne Branch, San Diego County Office of Education – Educational Facility Solutions Group  
 Michelle Flores, Account Technician  
 Denise Crano, California School Employee Association, President

**Attorney Present:**

Tyree Dorward, Best Best & Krieger

**Guests Present:**

Donna Clabby  
 Chris Hendricks  
 Paul Hendricks

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mark Gracyk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA** – It was moved by Hanning, seconded by Selby, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda moving action item 5. Proposition W general obligation bond expenditure report to agenda item 3 thus moving agenda item 3. Tour Lemon Grove Academy of the Sciences and Humanities to item 5.

**MINUTES** – It was moved by Selby, seconded by Putnam, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 27, 2012 as presented.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – None

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Michelle Flores presented the expenditure report through August 31, 2012. Ms. Flores shared with committee members that there was an increase of funds/budget in the amount of \$658,146. The additional funds have been posted to the following line items on the budget report:

- Prop W Bond Management \$69,387 interest
- Prop W Bond Management \$3,696 Series C general obligation bond refund
- Thren (Virginia Spencer) Library Funds \$583,311 balance in trust fund from Timothy Considine, Trustee
- Thren (Virginia Spencer) Library Funds \$1,752 interest

Additionally, \$13,072 was moved from Thren (Virginia Spencer) Library Funds to project LGMS – STEM Conversion/Joint Use Library to install the carillon chime system in the library bell tower.

A committee member asked what the status is for the \$500,000 budgeted to the project Central Kitchen for Child Nutrition Services. Ken Fine responded that there is a pressing urgency and the district is still assessing the needs with the Child Nutrition Services Director, Robin McNulty; there is not a formal plan at this time.

Mr. Ernie Anastos answered a committee member with regard to whether or not the district is saving money on the LGMS – STEM Conversion/Joint Use Library project. Mr. Anastos assured the committee members that the district is saving money by using district maintenance technicians. The cost savings to have work completed by the district's maintenance technician crew is approximately a ¼ of what a contractor would charge. Mr. Fine added that prep work and anything in house the district could do then we did. The workers worked diligently up to Sunday, September 2, 2012 to ensure that the school would open on time. Mr. Fine also shared that he was very pleased to have a minimal punch list. Joanne Branch added that each room only had 2-4 items on the punch list. Ms. Branch also mentioned, combined with the library, the latest timeline is approximately 45 days mainly due to manufacturers. Mr. Fine is very impressed by the use of nearly a dozen local contractors. A committee member commended the district on minimal change orders.

A committee member asked about the safety and security projects. Mr. Anastos shared that three separate E-Rate applications have been submitted and we're awaiting funding. In addition, the district has received 100's and thousands of dollars to date from E-Rate funding over the years on Priority 1 projects (i.e. Verizon Wireless, Cox Communications, SunWireless, Scottel/Black Box Network Services).

Mr. Fine shared that the dental clinic work is being done by the district's maintenance technicians. The maintenance technicians built the restroom and will not complete the clinic until the new administration building is completed. Mr. Anastos added that the flooring and tile were donated by Sam's Club and that the restroom is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) approved. The dental clinic office is the temporary administration office.

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Mr. Anastos mentioned that the meeting with the County library individuals has been very conservative. He commended Mr. Fine and his team for being very mindful of costs. A committee member asked if the County is furnishing the book stacks. Mr. Fine replied that the Thren funds will be used for the book stacks. Mr. Anastos shared that this will be delightful and nice for kids when the project is completed.

It was moved by Hanning, seconded by Selby, and carried unanimously to approve the expenditure report as presented.

**DISTRICT OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS UPDATE (Fine)**

Library (furniture, fixtures, and equipment) – Thren Fund Expenditure

- Mr. Fine shared that the cost will be approximately \$420,000.

Vista La Mesa Athletic Field – Aztec Landscaping

- Ken Fine stated that the field has been completed

**TOUR LEMON GROVE ACADEMY OF THE SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES (Fine)**

Mr. Fine and Ms. Branch conducted a tour of the site which included the joint use library.

**SECOND REVISION TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BYLAWS FOR PROPOSITION W (Anastos)**

Mr. Anastos provided a copy of the revised bylaws approved at the Governing Board meeting on July 10, 2012.

**ITEM(S) FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETING**

Updated tour of the Science building and lunch court areas  
Child Nutrition Services update

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

  
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 Account Technician