

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Pomona Unified School District
Mendoza Center – Multi-Purpose Room
851 South Hamilton Boulevard, Pomona, California 91766
Via teleconference at Dechert LLP, US Bank Tower
633 West 5th Street, 37th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071**

Monday, September 18, 2017

5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jason Rothman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Rothman, President; Roberta A. Perlman, Vice President; Frank Guzman; Jason A. Rothman; and Andrew S. Wong joined the meeting via teleconference at 5:11 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Richard Martinez, Superintendent
Leslie Barnes, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer, Business Services
Darren Knowles, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Fernando Meza, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil & Community Services
Oliver Unaka, Public Information Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim C. Moore, Attorney, Mundell, Odlum & Haws, LLP

1 OPENING BUSINESS

5:00 p.m.

Information: 1.01 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Leslie Barnes.

Information: 1.02 Superintendent's Comments - Corrections or Additions to the Agenda: None

Information: 1.03 California School Employees Association Representative Comments: None

Information: 1.04 Associated Pomona Teacher Representative Comments: None

Information: 1:05 Audience Comments

Roosevelt Elementary School parent and Pomona Unified School District employee Guadalupe Robles expressed her concerns about the safety and security of the children, and the challenges of temperature control in the classrooms at the school.

Roosevelt Elementary School parent Wendy Teran expressed her concerns about the noise, security and temperature of the classrooms along with broken playground equipment.

2 INFORMATION ITEMS/ PRESENTATIONS

Information: 2.01 Staff Report

Future Facilities Study Session: Dr. Barnes gave a presentation regarding specific projects and scope definition for use of Measure P funds in several categories for various sites. She reviewed items that had previously been discussed at the April Board Study Session and how the board had requested more time to review and discuss presented projects and for representatives from the district's master architect firm and energy vendor to attend for any questions that may arise. Mr. Jay Tittle from Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, and Ms. Jenny Lee and Ms. Maureen McDonald from Enviser introduced themselves from the audience.

Dr. Barnes continued with her presentation reviewing items that have begun and their status. The energy efficiency program objectives are to be self-funded which would free up to \$45 million in bond monies to address mission critical district needs. She said we have been leveraging grants, incentives and other funding sources of financing and is now asking if she can move forward with seeking CREBS financing.

Mr. Rothman deferred to Mr. Moore on Agenda Item 3.1 that indicates a number of items as to whether or not the Board may approve separate projects. Mr. Moore said that notice has been provided to the public for these so the board can take each item as a subsection during Dr. Barnes' presentation.

Motion made to approve energy efficiency by: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Seconded by: Frank Guzman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Dr. Perlman said she would like to see everything that needs to be done before she votes on any additional items. Mr. Wong said he agrees with Board Member Perlman and would like to see a summary sheet for what each of the items cost on one page.

Mr. Rothman said there is a motion on the table and in everyone's interest we will hold the approvals until the end of Dr. Barnes's presentation. He said he had no problem with the energy efficiency approval though. Dr. Barnes continued with her presentation.

Board members inquired if schools had been given the opportunity to prioritize projects on their campuses or if School Site Councils had given their opinions. They also asked if there is other funding for deferred maintenance and additional items that fall outside the scope of what Dr. Barnes was presenting.

Dr. Barnes said she surveyed the principals and a lot of what they requested is here, however a lot of what she is presenting is maintenance and funds have been set aside for deferred maintenance items such as roofing. Principals provided her with three of their top five items they would like done at their sites. She said they have oversight board meetings where any community member may attend and discuss what they believe their site needs are.

Dr. Barnes said major project timelines take two to three years from the initial idea through closing the project. A lot of money is spent in the first two phases of a project. She continued her presentation with slides about renovations of baseball/softball fields at comprehensive high schools and playground renovations and playground equipment needed at a number of sites. Dr. Barnes asked if the board would like staff to conduct an assessment of shade at sites and to make recommendations for shade. Board members asked about the possibility of using solar panels or landscaping to provide shade. Dr. Perlman said she liked Mr. Guzman's idea to use solar as part of it because it does provide shade. She asked Dr. Barnes to look into that and present it to them.

Dr. Barnes said recommended major projects for the district are new construction or modernization at Roosevelt Elementary School, which would fulfill a campaign promise of Measure P, enclosing their classrooms, and also replacement of the Diamond Ranch High School original campus portable classrooms. She asked if board members wanted to look at anything else. Mr. Rothman asked the board what their pleasure is.

Board members expressed their desire to see the entire budget with line items for each project listed and to ensure more in-depth conversations with input from a number of sources about the site projects are held.

Motion made to approve the recommendations for the playground renovations at the elementary schools by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Frank Guzman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Mr. Guzman said he had hoped to see something in regards to the arts as art is more valuable in our communities and across the state. He said he did not see anything particularly for the arts and asked if we are looking at anything in regards to the arts at sites or for the district, as a whole. Dr. Barnes said as part of the Education Center renovation in the auditorium for the acoustics we will have a new sound system, lighting, also ADA compliant seating and a handicap lift to get up to the stage, and new electrical. Mr. Martinez asked as we do construction are we considering art as the aesthetics of the building and if we can do that for all of the projects to ensure the arts are embedded in the infrastructure.

Mr. Rothman said there are many Roosevelt parents here this evening, and before we spend anywhere between \$9 and \$19 million at Roosevelt, which he believes they can all agree is in some desperate need of renovation and reconstruction, and asked for

renderings of what each of those options look like. Dr. Barnes said she would need approval by the board for selection of an architect for Roosevelt. Mr. Rothman asked if that is something that can be taken tonight. Dr. Barnes said she believes it can because it is within the scope and this would be part of the planning scope of the project. Mr. Rothman said he believes we are all in agreement that we are going to do something to improve Roosevelt and hiring an architect to do some renderings is a fantastic idea. Dr. Barnes said we have an established list of architects that we use to select from as to who we feel is the most qualified for this.

Motion made to hire an architect for modernization rendering at Roosevelt by: Roberta Perlman

Seconded by: Adrienne Konigar-Macklin

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Unanimously

Yea: Frank Guzman, Adrienne Konigar-Macklin, Roberta Perlman, Jason Rothman, Andrew Wong

Mr. Wong said he sees options for Diamond Ranch High School and asked if staff and our experts there have come up with what their recommended option is and why, other than costs and what would be the supposed length of time the buildings would last. Dr. Barnes said the staff recommendation is the 100 year buildings because it provides all new infrastructures, and for maintenance and operations purposes is also cheaper. Although it costs more up front the return on that investment is the greatest. So that is our recommendation understanding in the expense we would leave that to the board.

Mr. Rothman said you alluded to something he is interested in and asked if she could include, with the costs, with the different options what the cost out given for each of those is including the maintenance and operations, the upkeep and infrastructures? He said it would make it a lot easier to make a decision on that.

Mr. Wong asked if the only difference between the options is the length of time that you are going to essentially depreciate the asset, and how long it will have a useable life for. Dr. Barnes replied for the wood frame buildings the noise is a little bit higher than for cement buildings and that is why they lean towards the other recommendation.

3 SPECIAL ACTION ITEMS

Action: 3.01 Project Approval

See above section for three project approvals.

4 OPEN ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Information: 4.01. Audience Comments: None

Information: 4.02. Board and Superintendent Oral Communications

Mrs. Konigar-Macklin thanked staff for providing the board members with the information for issues they raised and creating a concise presentation. She said she

looks forward to receiving additional information so they can have a concrete way to measure what we are spending along with a list of priorities with greater input.

Mr. Rothman said he reiterates Mrs. Konigar-Macklin's comments. It is a lot of work and you have done a lot of the scope and infrastructure research. As we begin to move forward with this we can begin to approve some things, the easier ones we have done. He said he knows now that we have an architect we will do the redesign reconstruction of Roosevelt and can start planning this out over the next couple of months.

Mr. Martinez thanked the Roosevelt parents for being at the meeting and being patient with PUSD. He said as they saw earlier in the presentation from beginning to end a project can take up to three years to complete. He said he has spoken to some of our parents that have been in our school system for two generations and have been waiting for something at Roosevelt. When this board of education went to you a few years back, Mr. Rothman was one that went and spoke to a large group of parents that this board did not forget. Tonight is a victory towards moving forward towards a solution for Roosevelt. It is a huge investment as to what it could look like and what it really needs to improve the education of our children.

Mr. Rothman encouraged the Roosevelt parents and anyone in that area to come and give us their input when we start to see the architectural renderings. If there is something you would like to see that we may not even know about, please let us know. We are happy to hear about your concerns and address them, and add them to the list of things that need to be done at Roosevelt. Mr. Rothman said it would be very much appreciated if we can put together a meeting with Roosevelt parents, teachers and the principal and have some input from the greater community into the architecture to see what they want and need.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Regular Board Meeting – October 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

12 ADJOURNMENT

12 Adjournment: 6:07 p.m.



Secretary, Board of Education

Attested and Approved:



President, Board of Education