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CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 10, 2013
9:30 a.m.
Wasco Union High School New Cafeteria
Unadopted Minutes

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room by Vice Chair, Samuel Sikola.

Committee Members Present

Mr. Donny Johnson Mr. Samuel Sikola
Mrs. Sharon Nicol

Committee Members Absent

Mr. Tilo Cortez Mrs. Marlene Swan
Mr. Tim Rushing

Administrators Present

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray Mr. Jeff Payne
Mr. Martin Lonza Mr. John Yanez

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Nicol to adopt the agenda as corrected. Motion carried. Ayes: 3; Noes: 0; Absent: 3.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Nicol and seconded by Johnson to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Ayes: 3; Noes: 0; Absent: 3.

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Oversight Committee Openings/Posting

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray reported that we have 4 positions open. Tim Rushing, Marlene Swan, Tilo Cortez, and Larry Pennell terms have expired. The applications are due by April 24, 2013.

VI. Wasco Union High School District Bond Audit 2012

Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Jeff Payne who reported on the prop 39 bond audit. He reviewed the results and building fund/bond proceeds from 2008-present. Mrs. McCray reported that with unification, this bond money will remain with the Wasco Union High School District as listed.

Mr. Sikola shared that it was a privilege to review this type of Audit, this was neat to see. He then asked why there was a reference on page 4 in the amount of \$1,600,000. Mrs. McCray shared that we keep a running total. We are always looking at cost savings and at times we incur change orders as well. We also budget for contingency in the event that any unforeseen issues arise in the project. Mr. Lonza shared that we did not spend the money as fast as we thought we would. Mr. Sikola shared that it is good to read these kinds of positive things. He then shared that on page 9. It is nice to read the statement that everything is in order. He then congratulated the Board and Administration.

VII. Wasco Union High School District Bond Expenditure Report

Mr. Jeff Payne reported on the Bond Expenditure Report.

VIII. Citizen's Oversight Committee Reports and/or Inquiries

Mrs. McCray shared that we are moving forward into our modernization phase. Now that we have our new cafeteria, the old cafeteria will become library. Old Library becomes the Band room with modernization throughout the campus. We anticipate that this project will take up to 2 years and are promising that we will be completed by the 100th anniversary of the District in 2015. During the bond campaign we said we would use state money when applicable. State money, although not available now, may become available at a later time therefore we are going according to the State and be ready to be funded.

IX. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. McCray introduced Mr. Martin Lonza who reviewed Phase IV-Cafeteria, Power Upgrade and Phase V Modernization Construction Project.

Mrs. McCray shared that due to the construction the option to use the band room for the pageant practice is not available this year. Mr. Mitchell's class in the back of the auditorium and will be cleaned out and ready for the Rose Queen Contestants during the Pageant.

Mrs. McCray then shared that we have a goal of completely fencing the campus; safety has become even more important on our list. We had looked at phase V as possibly doing it in phases but our feeling was needed to do it all. She shared that we still have bonds to sell. We just have to wait until the time is right. Mr. Yanez shared that with everything going on in and around campus it has been even smoother than we anticipated.

Mrs. McCray shared that the only building that will stand out after all is done is the Administration Building Student Services but it is in the facilities plan to be modernized.

Mrs. Nicol asked what the plan is for the LA Building. Mrs. McCray shared that at the beginning of this process the board had asked to keep trailers out of the campus. Therefore we kept the LA building available for classroom/office moves during this construction phase.

Mr. Johnson shared that he thinks everything looks very well. It has been a pleasure to be a parent and part of this committee. He shared that Mrs. McCray and Administration are doing a great job.

Mrs. Nicol then asked how the district is doing financially. Mrs. McCray shared that it is going good but we are deficit spending due to revenue deferrals from the State but we have a reserve. We are doing no layoffs or furloughs. Mr. Elwood and Mr. Lonza will be at the job fair this weekend. We are also currently looking at back filling Ag Teacher and possibly a Special Education Teacher.

X. Adjournment

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Nicol to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 6; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.