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CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
Thursday, June 30, 2016  
10:00 a.m.  
Wasco Union High School Board Room

**Adopted Minutes**

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Lori Albrecht.

Committee Members Present

Mr. Barry Braun                      Mrs. Sharon Nicol  
Mr. Fred Ramirez                      Mr. Tim Rushing

Mr. Anita Gaston arrive at 10:08

Committee Members Absent

Mr. Ryan Dickson                      Mr. Brent Paul

Administrators Present

Mrs. Lori Albrecht                      Mr. Marcos Gamino  
Mr. Kevin Tallon                      Mr. John Yanez  
Mr. Martin Lonza

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Braun and seconded by Gaston to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Dickson, Paul).

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Rushing and seconded by Braun to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Dickson, Paul).

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Oversight Committee Openings/Postings Update  
Mrs. Lori Albrecht, Superintendent welcomed everyone to the annual meeting. She welcomed the members and introduced the new members to the committee.

VI. Wasco Union High School Bond Audit 2015  
Mrs. Albrecht introduced Mr. Marco Gamino, he reported on the prop 39 bond audit. He reviewed the Audit and shared that there are no findings.

Mr. Braun asked where we are on the authorization limit, how much have we used? Mr. Gamino shared that information is next on his report.

VII. Wasco Union High School District Bond Expenditure Report  
Mr. Gamino reported on the bond expenditure reports. We have issued about 22.5 million at the point of this report and we just refinanced the last 10.5 million.

Mr. Rushing asked if we will finish the projects. Mr. Lonza shared, we will not. Mr. Rushing stated the need for the structure of the debt to make sense. He then stated that he has been awaiting some revisions and strongly believes that she (Ms. Lori Raineri) has made those concessions but he just has not seen it yet. The debt services to principal is important. We are seeing a lot of creative things to minimize the debt. Mr. Rushing stated that the district has a whole has done a great job with the funds.

VIII. Citizen's Oversight Committee Reports and/or Inquiries  
None

IX. Superintendent's Report  
Mrs. Albrecht introduced Mr. Martin Lonza who reported on the completed, current and future projects. He reviewed Bond Projects; Phase V (complete), Phase VI (current), Phase VII (beginning) and Phase VIII (anticipated).

Mr. Rushing asked what would be the cost of constructing a new gym?. How much would you go for on a bond? Mr. Lonza shared, it would be open for discussion. Mr. Rushing stated that the debt out there is huge and it is on the back of property owners. The distinguishment must be between a "want" and a "need". Mr. Gamino shared that he thought it was approximately 30 million. Mr. Rushing stated that it will be less than that. Mr. Braun stated that there has been a lot of changes in permanent crops and it increases the property level. Now we are being constricted on the water, if we don't have water this place is going to get blown away. Mr. Rushing stated that it would be disturbing and concerning if the district went out for a bond in November. What due diligence will you (the District) do to educate the voters? Again the debt is being hung on the taxpayer, they will end up paying over 200 dollars on every hundred thousand.

Mr. Lonza also reviewed the capital projects time-line on the student services building (Phase VI) and the Old Science Building #200 remodel/new gymnasium pre construction. Mr. Rushing shared that there are other tools,

fund it through general fund through certificates of participation. It's not secured through the tax payer, it's funded through the general fund. At some point in time there has got to be that partnership. Mr. Rushing also stated he has not been contacted regarding a change in plans. Mrs. Lori Albrecht shared that there has not been a change in plans at this point. Mr. Rushing stated that there has been some pre-work. Mrs. Gaston shared, as a person who lives here and a property owner, I would say go for it, it is not a want it is a need. Nothing has been done to that gym and we need it. Mrs. Nicol stated she would agree, it is needed. Mr. Ramirez shared there are two sides when it comes to sports, our basketball program is not the greatest verses the football program, so we need it. Mrs. Nicol agreed.

Mr. Lonza then reviewed the Wasco Union High School capital project and timeline for current and future projects. Mr. Lonza reported a few years ago we were looking at a gym for 12 million and now we are looking at a gym for 20 million. Mr. Ramirez shared that he sees how that could happen. He stated just like at my state job, we also sub contract to these union workers. By the time they get to work and finish, they actually only put in a total of 3 hours of actual work. Mr. Rushing stated that he shares his sentiment; I see that all the time too. Mr. Lonza shared that he is basing his cost number on the North High Gym who has construction cost right now at 15 million.

X. Adjournment

It was moved by Rushing and seconded by Braun to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 5; Noes: 0; Absent: 2 (Dickson, Paul). Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.