

Magnolia School District

Citizens' Oversight Committee Bond Measure 'I' Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 1, 2015

Location: Magnolia School District
Board Room
2705 W. Orange Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92804

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m.

Members Present

Job Jimenez, Lety Jimenez, Jasmine LaBurn, Chair, Leonard Lahtinen, Vice Chair, and Heidi Lazarte

District Staff Present

Alejandro (Alex) Flores, Assistant Superintendent Business & Administrative Services, Cheryl Blount, Senior Administrative Assistant

Members Absent

Phyllis Greenberg, Jackie Kharazi

Visitors

None

Minutes

Minutes from the 3/18/2015 meeting were reviewed. Lety Jimenez motioned to approve the Minutes, Heidi Lazarte seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-2.

Bond Re-financing Update

Alex informed the committee that the District successfully refinanced our General Obligation Bond, with a low interest rate of 2.75%, providing a savings of 1.1 million dollars taxpayers, noting the District's bond sale benefited from a strong Aa3 rating.

Bond Audit Report for Year Ending 6/30/2014

The Measure I Bond Audit Report, was provided to the committee at the last meeting of 3/18/2015. Additional discussion was carried over to this meeting. Alex said that in the future, he would recommend having the Auditor present the audit report to the COC. Alex provided an overview of the audit, noting no Findings (page 24), and Recommendations (page 25), to comply with Ed Code section 15282, the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) needs to add an active member of a business organization. It was shared that the District has contacted the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce and local businesses, but have not yet found someone able to join the committee. Alex said he has been attending meetings of the "Renew West Anaheim" group, that includes some local business owners. He also said he is considering attending some Rotary meetings, and offered to approach some of these business owners/representatives, to see if any one of them would be willing to join the COC. Leonard pointed out that the business representative is not required to own a business and live within the District boundaries, only that the business needs to be within our boundaries. Leonard said he also has some contacts he can make regarding a business representative.

Leonard had a question on page 15 of the audit, referring to the chart, stating the interest shown on the chart doesn't separate the CAP Appreciation Bond from the G.O. Bond. He would like to see the separation in future audit reports. Alex offered to get this information from the auditors, and email it to the committee, in the meantime. Jasmine asked if we ever pay more than the principal? Alex said we do not.

2014/2015 Annual Report of the Citizens' Oversight Committee

The committee reviewed the 2014/2015 Annual Report. Jasmine asked if we get a member to fill the open Business spot, will we need to dismiss one position (we currently have the required 7-member committee, but with an additional at-large member, in place of the business member)? Alex said he will review the requirements and seek a recommendation. After review and discussion of the report was completed, Lety Jimenez motioned to approve the 2014/2015 Annual Report, Job Jimenez seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-2.

Membership Update

Alex told the committee that Leonard Lahtinen's term ends 6/30/2015, but is able to extend his term an additional two years, if he is willing. Leonard said he would be willing to extend his term. Alex motioned to extend Leonard Lahtinen's term to 6/30/2017, Heidi Lazarte seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-2.

Review of Bond Projects

Alex provided the committee with a list of Measure I Projects and reviewed the status of each project. Of note, Alex pointed out the work on the Baden-Powell Ortho Unit was done by our own staff. Leonard said he would be interested in visiting the BP Ortho Unit.

Alex informed the committee that at the next meeting of the MSD Board of Trustees (6/4/2015), we will be taking a deductive change order and a Notice of Completion for the Walter School Office remodel project. Committee members asked if they could see the completed project, and Alex said he would arrange it. He also informed the committee of the schedule for the remaining school office remodels:

Maxwell – June/July 2015

Pyles – January 2016

Salk – March 2016

Schweitzer – August 2016

Baden-Powell – this will be a new construction project, using Developer Fees, and we plan to convert the existing office for classroom use. ??????

Job Jimenez asked about the Juliette Low parking lot project (installing bollards). Lety Jimenez said she spoke to Richard Schwartz, suggesting speed bumps before the entrance to the parking lot. Alex said he would follow-up with Richard, but pointed out that while this is not a Bond project, the District is supportive of making improvements for safety.

New Business

Leonard requested the committee be provided with maps showing the address and location of all District schools. Cheryl said she would be able to provide the maps. Leonard also requested receiving agenda materials 1-2 days earlier, if possible.

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, November 9, 2015, 9:30 a.m. at the District Office, Board Room.

Meeting adjourned (10:25 a.m.)