

# Magnolia School District

## Citizens' Oversight Committee Bond Measure 'T' Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2013

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

**The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.**

### **Members Present**

Phyllis Greenberg, Leonard Lahtinen, Gary Shields, Daisy Tan

### **District Staff Present**

Dr. Ellen Curtin, Superintendent; Kevin Smith, Chief Business Officer; Richard Schwartz, Director, Maintenance, Operations and Transportation; Cheryl Blount, Sr. Administrative Assistant

### **Members Absent**

Alyson Crockett, Jasmine LaBurn, Stephanie Parra

### **Visitors**

None

### **Minutes**

It was noted that the email address for the Bond Committee needed to be updated as follows: [Bondoversightcommittee@magnoliasd.org](mailto:Bondoversightcommittee@magnoliasd.org). Leonard Lahtinen motioned to approve the Minutes from the 5/14/2013 meeting, with the correction of the email address, the motion was seconded by Phyllis Greenberg. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Committee Membership Update**

Kevin Smith informed the committee of a new member, approved by the Magnolia School District Board of Trustees: Stephanie Para was approved as an "At-Large" member, completing the committee membership with seven (7) members, as required, and corrects the Audit Finding.

Kevin shared and discussed the hand out from OCDE Legal Services dated 9/6/2013 Re: School Bond Oversight Committees and amendments to Education Code Sections 15280 and 15286, effective 1/1/2014.

The committee members were asked to complete one last Form 700 to be submitted to the County Clerk's Office. Since the Bylaws were revised, no longer requiring the Form 700 of this committee, the County Clerk's Office advised we have the committee members file a final form.

*\*Kevin Smith attended the 1/14/2014 meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors to present documentation to support the proposed amendment to the Bylaws. Some members of the O.C. Board of Supervisors took exception to the proposed amendment. MSD decided to withdraw the request. Therefore, committee members will continue to complete and submit Forms 700, and the Bylaws will be amended accordingly.*

## **Update on Current Projects**

### **School Office Remodel**

Richard Schwartz provided an update on the current school office remodel at Disney School. He said the project is going extremely well, and is on schedule. We anticipate the new office should be ready after Winter Break. A security wall has been added as an additional security feature, to limit access, and a buzzer will be required for someone to be “buzzed” on to campus.

Richard explained that with the Disney office near completion, and that we have had a good experience with the contractor, we will move forward with remodeling two school offices simultaneously. The next two schools scheduled for Office Remodel are Marshall and Walter. These projects will take place over the 2014 Summer Break.

### **Security Fencing**

Richard discussed the next step for security fencing on the low brick walls at many of our schools. They are currently looking at Maxwell and Salk schools. The brick on the low walls is deteriorated. It has been determined the best course of action will be to remove the old brick and install a 6’ wrought iron fence instead of putting a shorter fence on top of the low brick wall. The original cost for the extra fencing was \$65,000.00. Leonard Lahtinen asked what the extra cost will be. Richard said the total cost would be \$105,000.00, which includes demolition of the brick walls, and the extra square footage of iron fencing.

### **Other Items**

Richard addressed a question that came up at the May 2013 meeting, regarding underground gas, water and sewer. He explained that these projects were part of the 2001 modernization projects and funded by the 2000 Bond.

Richard explained there are new regulations with fire alarms, and we are replacing what is needed: heat detectors, smoke detectors and attic sensors.

Daisy Tan asked about what is going on at Low School? Richard said that we are putting in a new parking lot at the back of the school, that will include 38 parking spaces for staff. This is NOT a Measure I project. This topic led to discussion on the traffic congestion in the Low parking lot and surrounding streets. Richard said the City of Anaheim will be doing a traffic study on the light at Lincoln and Monterey. We are also asking for an easement with local property owners for a 1-way exit (similar to one used when the Rams had their training center at Low).

### **AB182 CABs (Capital Appreciation Bonds)**

Kevin Smith shared an article with the committee on AB182, stating the new law limits total debt service on the bonds to four times the principal and limits their maturity to a maximum of 25 years. The bill also requires CAB deals to allow early repayment of the debt when maturities are longer than 10 years.

### **Field Trip to Disney School**

The visit to Disney School was postponed, due to no lighting. Will reschedule for another time. Dr. Curtin mentioned there will be a “Ribbon Cutting Ceremony” for the new Disney Office, and the committee will be invited.

### **Future Meeting Date**

Committee members present were polled as to their availability for evening meetings:

Leonard Lahtinen: Mondays/Thursdays

Phyllis Greenberg: Not the last Monday of the month

Gary Shields: Any time, any day

DaisyTan: Any day of the week at 5:00 p.m.

Cheryl Blount will poll absent committee members and schedule the next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned: 5:50 p.m.**