

**NEW HAVEN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE M BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2015 - MEETING NOTES**

Members Present: Mary Diaz-Heeren, Vicki Lake, Lance Nishihira, Mary Schlarb
Members Absent: Pam Carnes, Eileen Reiner, Richard Valle

The meeting convened at 5:39 p.m.

Appointment of Officers:

Co-Superintendent Akur Varadarajan appointed Lance Nishihira as initial Chair of the Committee. Committee Members then appointed Chair and Vice Chair. Mary Schlarb moved motion to appoint Lance Nishihira as Committee Chair; seconded by Vicki Lake. Mary Diaz-Heeren moved motion to appoint Vicki Lake as Vice Chair; seconded by Mary Schlarb.

Motion moved forward to appoint Lance Nishihira as Chair and Vicki Lake as Vice Chair of the Measure M Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee.

Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee By-Laws

Co-Superintendent Varadarajan reviewed the Board Agenda Item of March 10, 2015, *Resolution No. 032-1415, Establishing a Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee and Approving Form of Bylaws* with the Committee and highlighted the purpose of the committee:

- Inform the public concerning the District's expenditures of bond proceeds
- The Committee is required to meet at least once a year.
- Review expenditures
- Provide Annual Report to the Board of Education

Committee Chair Nishihira requested clarification on the process for selection of committee members, specifically "a community member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization". Co-Superintendent informed that all requirements for selection of committee members were followed. As per legal advice, if the District followed all procedures and requirements for selection of community members, and if no committee member expressed interest in that category, then the District has met the letter of law and is in compliance. Committee Chair Nishihira also suggested that the committee should atleast meet twice a year.

Use of Measure M Funds

Co-Superintendent Akur Varadarajan reviewed the Board Agenda Item of February 17, 2015, *Approval of Use of Measure M Funds* and informed the Committee that the Board approved Option 2 for Measure M – Use of Funds. Co-Superintendent Varadarajan informed that currently there are no matching funds from the State, however, when this does become available, the District will apply for matching funds from the State. On question of difference in the dollars on the Master Plan v. actual dollars, Co-Superintendent Varadarajan informed that the needs as per the Master plan were for a total of \$309 million; whereas Measure M was passed for \$125 million only. Project needs for sites were prioritized and project estimates were apportioned accordingly.

Measure M Projects Update

Director of Facilities Nicholas Arps walked through the Board Agenda Item of November 17, 2015, *Measure M – Bond Projects Update*. The District has issued the first \$30 million in Series 'A' bonds and planning for the first round of projects has started. He discussed the proposed timelines for starting and completing the first Series 'A' projects that would include:

1. Solar projects for eleven District properties,
2. Modernization of Searles Elementary School
3. Parking Lot at Hillview Crest Elementary
4. Parking Lot at Alvarado Elementary School
5. The replacement of Logan High School's track and field.
6. 21st Century Learning projects at Alvarado Elementary and Alvarado Middle Schools,
7. Technology infrastructure and devices.

Co-Superintendent Varadarajan informed the Committee that the district-wide solar project is one of the first priorities as this project will bring in operational savings for the District. The anticipated offset to be produced is approximately 80%. Committee Chair Nishihira inquired if there were any state funding to offset some of the costs. Staff informed that the District has received the Prop 39 Clean Energy Act funding in the amount of \$2.5 million for five years (\$500,000 per year). Upon Committee Member Diaz's enquiry as to why the Track and Field was a priority project at Logan, staff responded that the track and field has been a safety issue for a number of years and was a priority project for the Logan administration as well.

Measure M Expenditure Report

Co-Superintendent Varadarajan presented the expenditure summary to the Committee. He reiterated that all projects have been approved by the Board of Education and the Citizen's Oversight Committee can track expenditures for the bond issuances only. No teacher or administrator salaries are charged to Bond funds. Committee Chair Nishihira requested that pictures of projects be included in future expenditure reports.

Discussion

Committee members discussed on the meeting days and times. Committee members also expressed interest in visiting sites/projects as it nears completion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Approved:

Lance Nishihira
Chair, Bond Oversight Committee

Date