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CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Friday, January 30, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Wasco Union High School District Office
Adopted Minutes

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was called to order at 8:58 a.m. in the District Office by Superintendent Elizabeth McCray.

Committee Members Present

Mrs. Jenny Cortez
Mr. Tilo Cortez
Mr. Larry Pennell

Mr. Tim Rushing
Mrs. Marlene Swan
Mr. Michael White

Committee Member Absent

Mrs. Lisa Macias

Administrators Present

Mrs. Elizabeth McCray
Mr. Joe Elwood
Mr. Martin Lonza

Secretary Present

Mrs. Gracie Saldaña

II. Adopt Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Pennell and seconded by Mr. Cortez to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Ayes: 6; Noes: 0; Absent: 1.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes

None

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Conduct Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Citizen's Oversight Committee

Mrs. McCray asked for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. It was moved by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Cortez to nominate Larry Pennell for Chair. It

was moved by Mrs. Swan and seconded by Mr. Cortez to nominate Mike White for Vice Chair. Motion carried. Ayes: 6; Noes: 0; Absent: 1.

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

Mr. Pennell asked Mrs. McCray to explain the legal role of the Oversight Committee. Mrs. McCray directed the committee's attention to the binders that each member was provided for the meeting.

Mr. Cortez asked Mrs. McCray the projected completion date for the Sports Complex. Mrs. McCray stated the projected completion is one year from the start date.

VII. Superintendent's Report

- Mrs. McCray introduced the guests and committee members in attendance. Mrs. Gracie Saldana the Secretary to Mrs. McCray, Mr. Martin Lonza the Principal of Independence High School and Director of Facilities and Planning, Mr. Joe Elwood the Principal of Wasco High School, Mrs. Marlene Swan as a Senior Citizens Representative, Mr. Michael White as a Business Representative, Mr. Tim Rushing as the Taxpayer Organization Representative, Mr. Larry Pennell as a At-Large Community Representative, Mr. Tilo Cortez as a At-Large Community Representative and Mrs. Jenny Cortez as a Parent of a student enrolled in the District. Lisa Macias was absent.

- Mrs. McCray reviewed the binder along with the Committee on the Role of the Citizen's Oversight Committee. Each Binder included the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws, Ethics Policy Statement, Proposition 39, District Frequently asked Questions, Capital Plan Needs Prioritization, the Overview of the Wasco Union High School District, Wasco Union High School District Facilities Master Plan Timeline and Fall 2003/2004 Demographic Report. Mrs. McCray also shared with the Committee Members that they are a voice for the community.

Mrs. McCray explained to the committee this bond is the only facilities bond to pass since 1915. The 1915 bond is what purchased the Wasco Union High School District property and built the High School.

She also shared with the committee an overview of the process used to develop the Facilities Master Plan as requested by the Board of Trustees in 2003. A Facilities Needs Assessment was completed by Steve Corbin of SC Architect.

Additionally, a Demographic Study was completed by Davis Demographics.

Mrs. McCray elaborated on some of the cost savings issues with the modulars and the bidding. She also explained that the plan was predicated on the CDE concern for students crossing Palm Avenue. Mrs. McCray then described each of the construction phases and where we are in the plan as of today.

Mrs. McCray stated Phase I was completed in summer of 2007. Phase I included: one wing of 9 modular Mathematics classrooms plus 1 restroom building, Parking, Fencing, Landscaping, Lighting, Asphalt Basketball Courts and On-site water storage (as per City of Wasco Regulations). Phase III was completed in the summer of 2008. Phase III included: one wing of 9 modular English classrooms plus 1 restroom building. We are now in the process of Phase II. Phase II includes: One wing of 9 classrooms plus 1 restroom building, and Physical Education Sports Complex west of Palm Avenue. Phase IV will include

Cafeteria. The design phase was completed spring through summer of 2008. State project approval is pending. New High School property was Board Approved on December 8, 2005. The new high school is pending State site approval and no projection has been made for construction. Modernization is also part of the Master Plan. Wasco Union High School is overcrowded. First built in 1915, enrollment was 61 students. Today the District's enrollment is over 1700 students and continues to increase each year. While some classrooms have been constructed recently, overcrowding is still a problem. Major renovation and upgrades to classrooms and facilities at Wasco High School will include; Upgrading and renovating of classrooms and school facilities including outdated plumbing, inadequate electrical, heating and air conditioning systems. Also making health, safety and energy efficiency improvements as well as ensuring handicap accessibility.

- Mrs. McCray explained Proposition 39 and the accountability requirements. On June 3, 2008 the WUHSD community approved Measure C, a General Obligation Bond for \$33.5 million for new construction and modernization. The first issuance of \$15.5 million of the authorized \$33.5 million was deposited in the Kern County Treasurer Office, August 2008.
- Mrs. McCray reviewed in detail the WUHSD Facilities Master Plan. Mrs. McCray, Mr. Lonza and Mr. Elwood then took the Committee on a tour of the campus.

VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Cortez and seconded by Mrs. Swan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Ayes: 6; Noes: 0; Absent: 1. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.