

BOND CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

~ BCOC Minutes~

May 8, 2019

At approximately 4:30 p.m. Jose Macias, the BCOC Chair, greeted those present and the meeting was called to order.

Quorum was reached; Norma Macias called roll and Jose Macias conducted the meeting.

1. Introductions

a. Roll call:

Present:

- Jose Macias
- Luis Aguilar (4:49 p.m.)
- Cathy Eredia
- Cynthia Arredondo (4:36 p.m.)
- Jennifer Cobian
- Joanna Haro

Absent:

- Amalia Bonilla
- Irene Rosas

b. Flag Salute: led by Jose Macias

c. Approval of Agenda:

Moved: Jennifer Cobian

Seconded: Cathi Eredia

Action: 6-0

d. Approval of Minutes—(February 13, 2019)

Moved: Jose Macias

Seconded: Jennifer Cobian

Action: 6-0

2. Public Comments—No public comments

Presentation:

Norma Macias, Director of F.M.O.T. provided the committee with a bond update as of May 2019. Mrs. Macias stated she recommended meeting at Arroyo High School for the committee to view the roofing progress. The district is currently still spending the allotted HVAC money. Mrs. Macias went over the second interim bleachers which are getting ready to be closed out. The South El Monte Field House is almost closed out as well. The cafeteria at Mountain View High School's change order in the amount of \$714,569.65 was not reimbursed by the insurance company. \$1,575,830 bond dollars were set aside to construct the cafetorium upgrades. The stadium at El Monte High School Stadium is now complete. In order to close this project, we need DSA and various documents from inspectors. Mountain View High School's Gymnasium Modernization's construction is now complete.

District wide HVAC project, Group A and B are complete. Group C's HVAC at South El Monte, El Monte, Mountain View, Rosemead and Adult Ed will be completed this summer, 2019. Group D is finalizing construction documents to be bid in January of 2020 for the 2020 summer. Direct replacements will take place, but no new HVAC units.

The Granada Center might be moving as there is talk of constructing a new building. We cannot use bond money for anything over K-12. Developer fees can be used for the new construction if needed; however, Adult Ed. uses their own money to make improvements.

Update on Measure HS Sale:

Mr. Wael Elatar was pleased to share the district has locked the rates for the first series of the bond which was very favorable compared to other districts including LAUSD. The rates will lock on June 4 or 5th which will close the sale and we will receive the money the following day. The district will receive a total of \$56 million in which \$430,000 will be received the first week of June. The cost to the tax payers will go down \$400,000 dollars due to the favorable rates. The board approved combining the previous Bond Citizen Oversight Committee with the new committee which will called the Citizen's

Oversite Committee. We asked our current committee if they would like to continue to participate. An advertisement in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune was placed seeking additional members. There were a couple of names recommended and if they meet all the criteria's, we will take their names to board. If we need additional members, we will request recommendations from the board. We will have the new members joining the committee at our next meeting.

We currently have a Measure HS Campus Advisory Committee to help the district and board prioritize a list of facility projects using the Measure HS bond fund. The first project to be worked on will be the Ledesma Multi-Purpose Room. Measure D will pay for some of the construction expenses as the project began with Measure D. We have to use the remaining dollars for Measure D and begin using the funds for Measure HS.

It is critical for us to stretch and maximize our dollars and get a match from the state. Some of the projects can be funded with state dollars. The next sale of the second part of the bond will be in about 3 to 4 years. We still have 50 million dollars from Measure D we have not used, due to a slower growth assessment value from 2008 to 2014. The District sold 10 million in 2017 and does not expect to sell anymore until 2025.

The committee asked when the board will decide which projects are a priority. Mr. Elatar stated that the district invested money in Ledesma- DSA approval back in November of 2015 and will be the first project due to this. DSA rules state construction must begin 4 years of the initial approval and apply every year thereafter if construction is not complete. In order to take advantage of the design, construction must begin no later than November of 2019. This summer the project will go out to bid to ensure construction by November of 2019.

The first measure dollars went to El Monte, Rosemead and Arroyo High School. A big chunk of the Measure HS will go to Mountain View and South El Monte. There are a lot of projects district wide needed such as security enhancement. A list will be put together to take to the board in August or September and will meet with the committee once more. The last update at Arroyo High School was the roofing, two story building and library.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16th at the District Office at 5:00 p.m.