

**Fremont Unified School District
2014 Measure E
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

MINUTES November 4, 2015
Mattos Elementary School – Classroom # 27
37944 Farwell Drive
Fremont, CA

Call to Order

By Vice-Committee Chair at 7:15 PM

Attendance

(Quorum)

Members Present: Bryan Gebhardt, Kathryn McDonald, Sheng-Ming Shan, Dave Peper, Ashok Desai, Dax Choksi, Nancy Beardsley

Members Absent: Anu Natarajan, Danna Bergstrom, Jeff Bowen

FUSD Staff Present: Therese Gain, Director of Facilities

Guests Present: Raul Parungao, Associate Superintendent

Consultants Present: Serafin Fernandez, Gene Directo, Robin Michel, Chris Dunne; Harris & Associates

Welcome and Introductions

The vice-committee chair recognized guests who are present.

Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

The previous month's minutes were approved as submitted with one abstention.

Oral & Written Communications

There were no oral or written communications.

Community Outreach

Robin Michel shared the latest newsletter that has been posted on the district website titled, "How We Spent Our Summer 'Vacation'". This newsletter hi-lights the ribbon cutting ceremonies at Azevada and Mattos Elementary Schools. The plan for the newsletter will be to publish one on a quarterly basis. The lead story for the next one will be about the increased enrollment at the district.

Robin also shared some exciting news about Henry Fung's physics class at Irvington High School. The students will be watching the crane lift the 2nd story on to the new classroom building. This is an educational opportunity and Mr. Fung's class will be able to capitalize on that. Our videographer, Duke DeLeon will be there to capture it on film. There will be a lot of discussion about the math and science needed for this and career opportunities that are available in this field. There is also an after school group, Girls in STEM, that will be creating a model of the crane. The tentative date for this is November 18, 2015.

Report Out from 10/28/15 Board Meeting

The Board approved Vavrinke, Trine, Dave and Company, LLP, for bond performance and financial audit services.

The Board also authorized staff to begin negotiation and draft a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for future board consideration. It was also decided to have a Board subcommittee formed with a minimum of two Board Trustees. At this time, this subcommittee will be Larry Sweeney and Desrie Campbell. A tentative timeline has been put into place for the development of a PLA. The language needs to be specific to determine when and where to use union labor, etc. Concern was expressed about the District drafting a PLA. Kathy McDonald suggested that the CBOC draft an opinion for the Board. The PLA draft will most likely be brought back to the Board in February 2016.

Raul Parungao, Associate Superintendent provided a presentation on enrollment projections. He pointed out that as a district we grew by 1.8% from last year and that over the next 7 years this growth will increase substantially. The growth has been largely driven by new development and the turn around of the housing market. The American attendance area has seen the most growth. Mr. Parungao spoke about the schools being overcrowded to the point that it is becoming a safety issue.

Mr. Parungao reminded us that current developer fees are \$5.70 sq. foot, which is way below what is needed to provide a classroom for incoming students. Fremont Unified has been meeting with some developers to explore enhanced mitigation. Currently the City of Fremont can deny developments only if it will become a traffic hazard.

Monthly Status Report

Serafin Fernandez shared a comprehensive and detailed update on projects, with financial summary. It was mentioned that the Board really likes the new overview page of the report. Priority 1 is complete. A Notice of Completion will be going to the Board, tentatively on November 18, 2015. That project was completed under budget and the savings will then go back into the contingency fund.

Serafin talked about the classroom addition projects that are complete at Azevada and Mattos Elementary Schools. As we are continuing the classroom addition project at Irvington High School, a lot is being discussed about what worked, what didn't work, lessons learned, etc. with Azevada and Mattos that can help drive the project at Irvington. We all got to see a time-lapse video of the Irvington High classroom addition which is posted on the website. Very exciting!

There will be a ground breaking ceremony at Warm Springs Elementary for their classroom addition project. As soon as the date is confirmed it will be posted on the website.

We were given a brief update on upcoming projects: American High School HVAC, IT upgrades at 19 sites, remaining flooring projects at 25 sites, and exterior lighting. It will be a very busy summer!

Annual Report to the Board

A draft presentation of the Annual Report to the Board was shown. There was good feedback from the committee on how to improve it. The committee was very appreciate of all the work that has gone into this report so far.

FAQ's, Updates

Robin Michel provided a handout of current FAQ's. These have been added to the website. She said she is working with our webmaster, Barth Paine, on how to better organize it on the website. There was one more question brought forward that needs to be addressed: How much do we pay the Bond counsel? This will be added as well.

Upcoming meeting dates and possible topics:

- December 2 meeting will be at the district office PD Center and will focus on the Annual Report to the Board.
- Jan 2016 – Audit Report and Middle School Conversion process
- Feb 2016 – meeting to be held at American High School – and discuss PLA

- March 2016 – Meeting to be held at Irvington High School
- April 2016 – talk about upcoming summer projects
- May/June 2016 – specifics about the middle school conversions

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Lemos, Recording Secretary

Edited by: Therese Gain