

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

MINUTES October 7, 2015

Azevada Elementary School – Classroom # 30
39450 Royal Palm Drive
Fremont, CA

Call to Order

By Committee Chair at 7:04 PM

Attendance (Quorum)

Members Present: Bryan Gebhardt, Kathryn McDonald, Sheng-Ming Shan, Dave Peper,
Anu Natarajan, Danna Bergstrom, Sally Morgan, Ashok Desai, Dax Choksi

Members Absent: Nancy Beardsley

FUSD Staff Present: Therese Gain, Director of Facilities

Guests Present: Dr. Jim Morris, Superintendent
Raul Parungao, Associate Superintendent
Eric Christen, Coalition for Fair Employment in Housing
John Loudon, California Construction Compliance Group
Gabrial Singh, 3D Datacom

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

Welcome and Introductions

The committee chair recognized guests who are present.

Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

It was pointed out that at the last meeting the choosing of an auditor was postponed based on the need for further information on the candidates. The committee moved to have the minutes amended and emailed to the members. The minutes were approved as amended.

Oral & Written Communications

An Email was received from Nicole Goehring regarding Project Labor Agreement (PLA). This topic is not on the agenda therefore it is not open for discussion. The board will be looking at this issue on October 28. The CBOC does not feel this falls under the jurisdiction of the committee.

Guests Eric Christen and John Loudon spoke to the CBOC about the Board's consideration of a PLA and urged the CBOC to weigh in against the use of a PLA. They passed out a report, "Measuring the Cost of Project Labor Agreements on School Construction in California."

Dr. Morris was asked to share his thoughts for how the year is going so far. Dr. Morris offered for Raul Parungao to chime in at any point. Dr. Morris expressed his appreciation for CBOC members that were at the ribbon cutting ceremonies. He feels that when the Board of Trustees sees the CBOC at key events, they are showing

their involvement. He feels that CBOC members are key in communication. The Board has an expectation that the projects promised will be delivered for the people in Fremont. Dr. Morris feels that the CBOC can help the Board by giving their opinion to the Board as a collective group. He feels that the CBOC should come together and give an official view on important topics to the Board. On occasion, a member has given his or her own opinion, speaking for themselves.

Dr. Morris also spoke of the great need for classrooms. We currently have 10 classrooms available district wide for incoming students. Next September he is expecting a need for 30 classrooms which the district does not have. There were 2040 students overloaded this year. There was concern brought up regarding the need for 30 classrooms next year and yet the Board has been talking about providing a new/repared pool at Mission High School. Dr. Morris told the committee that the Board approved that 1.5 million dollars come from the General Fund and another 1.5 million from Fund 40 to offset the cost of a new pool. Therefore the pool will cost a little over 4 million, but only 1 million will be coming from the bond, as originally budgeted.

Mr. Parungao spoke about enrollment. The projection for this school year was for 400 new students, but instead the district grew by 600, primarily in TK-3rd grade. At the October 28 Board meeting Mr. Parungao will present new enrollment projections for 2016-17 school year.

He also spoke about the state possibly providing funds through a state bond. Possibly 9 billion dollars. If this happens, what are the potential uses?

Patterson ranch development was brought up. The committee wondered if anything has been resolved since the last board meeting. Dr. Morris said nothing has happened yet. He said when the Patterson Ranch opens its office for sales, he plans to be there picketing and encourages the committee to join him.

Community Outreach

Robin Michel of Harris & Associates spoke about the ribbon cutting ceremonies at Azevada and Mattos ES. She brought souvenir red ribbons and programs for those who would like one. Robin will be sending out an October Newsletter. She wanted to thank those CBOC members who were able to attend one or both of the ceremonies.

Review of Audit Requirements

We are required to do an annual audit on financial and performance per Prop 39 requirements. All proposals were emailed to all committee members to review. There was discussion about the references. Mr. Parungao spoke about his experience with the firms. All firms under consideration are highly qualified. The auditor will perform 2 audits: one specifically for financials, and another for performance. There was a lot of discussion on fee's and auditor approach. After discussion, the CBOC is recommending VTD to the Board, based on experience, locale and fee. CBOC recommended a one-year engagement with option to renew.

Monthly Status Report

Serafin Fernandez shared a comprehensive and detailed update on projects, with financials that included a new section on the Program Summary. The first 3 columns, A, B, C were added to make it easier to understand. The reports need to have an umbrella snapshot because as time goes on the report will get longer and longer. There was a question regarding the contingency per series. Series A is the only one that is currently active. Series B is pending Board approval.

We are starting to identify other sources of income. The Prop 39 Energy Program fund would provide roughly 6.5 million. If we qualify for the State bond and it passes, there is the possibility for additional funds, estimated at 200 million.

Anu suggested that as we move forward with Series B, etc. that we have a discussion regarding lessons learned from Series A.

There was discussion on middle school conversions-specifically Horner and Walters JHS's. The ultimate goal is to come under budget if possible. There is the possibility of 2 story buildings because of space limitations at the sites.

Annual Report to the Board

Therese Gain spoke about the annual report that needs to go to the Board. A potential date would be the December 9 board meeting. We need to have a subcommittee to gather facts and present to the board. It needs to include how much of Series A has been accomplished and how much money has been spent thus far. The committee would like for staff to come up with an outline. The subcommittee would first present to the CBOC on December 2 and then to the Board on December 9.

The members asked if there were any volunteers to form the subcommittee. Bryan Gephardt, Anu Natarajan, and Dax Choski all volunteered. A vote was taken and the members were in favor.

FAQ's, Updates

Robin Michel informed the members that the FAQ's from the CBOC have been added to the CBOC portion of the web page. The pulldown portion of the FAQ on the main page is continually being redefined. She reminded the members that if they hear questions from the public to please send them in.

Robin also shared the exciting news that within a week a live feed will be up and running on the district web page for the Irvington High School Classroom Addition project.

Upcoming meeting dates and possible topics:

- November 4th meeting will take place at Mattos ES in one of the new science labs. The address will be included on the agenda and sent to members before the meeting.
- 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
- Feb 2016 – meeting to be held at American High School
- 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

Comments and topic suggestions offered during the discussion included:

- Would like to have feedback on the 21st Century learning furniture pilot program.
- The desks in the Azevada classroom were all for right handed people. Thinks there should be some furniture geared toward left handed people as well.
- Would like to have discussion about future enrollment issues.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Lemos, Recording Secretary

Edited by: Therese Gain, Director of Facilities