

Minutes of the Monday, February 27, 2017
Regular Meeting of the Fremont Union High School District's
Bond and Parcel Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee

Location: Fremont High School Staff Lounge
1279 Saratoga Sunnyvale Road, Sunnyvale CA 94087

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by President Sam Zuccaro.**
Flag Salute and Roll Call
Present: Harvey Barnett, Mark Burns, Jerd Ferraiuolo, Srikant Gokulnatha, Roberta Hollimon, Susan Hough, Robert Pochowski, Susan Strawbridge, Jack Walker, and Sam Zuccaro
Staff Present: Eva Choy, Graham Clark, Jason Crutchfield, Aram Darmanian, Tara Grande, Christine Mallery, and Erik Walukiewicz
FUHSD Board
Of Trustees: Hung Wei
Consultants
to District: Ralph Jackson, David Kramer, and Mike Shannon
- 2. Introduction of Guests**
 - 2.1 Zuccaro welcomed FUHSD Board of Trustees Member, Hung Wei. He also welcomed and introduced David Kramer from Blach Construction Company.
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
 - 3.1 On motion by Ferraiuolo and second by Burns, the Agenda was adopted.
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - 4.1 On a motion by Barnett and second by Hollimon, the November 28, 2016 COC Minutes were approved.
- 5. Official Business**
 - 5.1 Discussion of the Committee's Role, Plans, Requirements and Operation

In an effort to save paper, the COC regular meeting documents will be sent in PDF form via email before each meeting but not printed. The agendas will continue to be printed however. This change was acceptable to the COC.
 - 5.2 Discussion of the Committee's Website Requirements, Design, and Maintenance*

Aram Darmanian reported that the website activity was fairly typical this quarter to

other quarters.

5.3 Discussion of any other topic related to the Bond Program and COC activities

None

5.4 Review and Approval of Regular Annual Report*

Aram Darmanian produced and distributed a draft of the Regular Annual Report for COC members to review earlier in the month. Edits to this draft were collected by email before the meeting and a few were made during the meeting. The COC members approved the final version at the meeting. Zuccaro will present the report to the Board on March 21, 2017.

6. Bond Program Reports

6.1 Update on Enrollment Projections*

Jason Crutchfield presented the Enrollment and Capacity presentation. Enrollment forecasts are completed annually by the District in conjunction with a respected demographer. The results this year illustrate increasing enrollment trends in the FUHSD over the next five years. In the 2017-18 academic year, the Projected Maximum Enrollment will be greater than the Educational Capacity at all five schools. One of the goals of the Measure K projects is to meet the requirements of additional enrollment. The District also has short term solutions, such as sharing classrooms, to handle the additional students.

In response to Hollimon's question, Jason Crutchfield explained that "Non Public School Enrollments" are District-funded students who are attending public schools outside the District, and "Community Day School Enrollments" are students who have been expelled from their home school and are attending the District Community Day School.

Hollimon also asked if there is a specific reason the enrollment predictions at LHS are lower than the other schools. Jason Crutchfield replied that the fact that there are less apartment complexes and fewer areas for new development in the LHS boundaries might be contributing factors.

Ferraiuolo asked if the retention rate from the middle schools that feed into the FUHSD high schools has changed over the years. Jason Cruthfield said that the economic situation in the valley has influenced the numbers, but generally, the rate has not changed dramatically. The schools have a great reputation, and families want their children to go to them.

Gokulnatha asked how parcel and property taxes are affected when there is an increase

in the number of students. Christine Mallery replied that depending on the reason for the increase, there could be additional funding from taxes when the number of students increases.

6.2 Update and Discussion of Bond Program Progress, Status, Plans, and Expenses*

CHS and MVHS are in the construction phase, but the weather has caused delays. Mike Shannon referred to photos of the reinforcing steel installations at MVHS.

Ralph Jackson and Mike Shannon reported on the completion of the HHS Infrastructure. Everything has been completed with \$8K left over.

David Kramer, chief estimator, discussed trends in construction costs. Predictions are that cost will not decrease in the next two years. 8-12% escalation is the predicted rate of rising costs. Ferraiuolo asked Graham what rate of inflation was used in the District calculations and Graham replied 5-6%.

Graham Clark reported that the proposed funding changes for CHS were presented and approved by the Board last week.

Christine Mallery presented the Measure K Financial Report. She explained that the \$3.6M credit under the Proposed Budget Changes for CHS is due to the use of Folia/pre-engineered buildings which are less expensive than custom buildings. The net change in the budget, approved by the Board last week, is a balance of \$2.2M into the Unidentified Projects category. The next bond issuance will be in June.

Ferraiuolo asked if there was a list of items requiring seismic upgrades, and Graham Clark explained that they are considering each school separately to identify the necessary upgrades. Aram Darmanian replied that the COC will be notified of the upgrades when the report is ready to present to the Board.

Zuccaro commented that he will be paying particular attention to the further use of Folia or pre-engineered buildings in the Measure K projects. His concern was about the cost-effectiveness due to their published 50 year usable life and that the district initially requires some changes from Folia's standard design vs. custom buildings. Graham Clark noted that there are not many opportunities to use Folia- so they will not be in many of the projects.

7. Parcel Tax Report

7.1 Update and Discussion of Parcel Tax: Annual Report on the Parcel Tax Revenue and Expenditures*

No updates.

8. Communications

There were no comments from the members of the public.

9. Future Agenda Items

The next COC meeting will be May 1, 2017, at 5 pm at the Fremont Union High School District Administration Building at 589 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Susan Strawbridge', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Susan Strawbridge
Secretary

*Exhibits