



Los Alamitos Unified School District

Operations Steering Committee
January 9, 2019

MEETING SUMMARY

Superintendent Sherry Kropp called the joint meeting of the Operations Steering Committee and Bond Feasibility Committee to order at 6:33 p.m. in the District Office Training Room.

Attendees

Diana Hill	Sherry Kropp	Andrew Pulver	Nancy Nien
Chris Vlasic	Amy Belsha	Nathan Loesch	Gregg Stone
Chelsea Moore	C. J. Knowland	Cathie Severin	Gary Willems
David Boyer	Kathy Morelli	Cindy Duncan	Elvia Galicia
Kenna Kirk	John Spiratos	Theresa Blankenstein	Danny Salas
Kelly Jones	G. Brill Murphy	Virginia Wilson	David Sacks
Evelyn Garcia	Jenny Wampler	Kelli Boyles	Tanya Doby
Sandy Fenoglio	Leanne Voigt	Amy Laughlin	Susie Kim
Deborah Kaub	Tina Ramirez	Ondrea Reed	Darielle Tom
Wendy Hernandez	Shoshana Dornblaser	Ryan Weiss-Wright	Megan Avalos
Emily Ojeda	Erin Kominsky	Summer Vance	Brett Lorber
Kara Cruz	Jeff Barke	Stephanie Wyatt	Kristina Shafton

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Kropp welcomed the committee and introduced board member Diana Hill who thanked everyone for the support during the bond campaign that resulted in Measure G passing. Dr. Kropp introduced Dr. Nien who also welcomed the committee and thanked the group for their hard work on the bond. Dr. Kropp introduced C. J. Knowland, the new Director of Facilities Maintenance Operations and Transportation.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Dr. Nien described the function and responsibilities of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. The committee will review the District's expenditures of Measure K and Measure G bond proceeds and will produce an annual report of their findings to be presented to the Board of Education annually in a public session. The committee will consist of at least seven members appointed by the Board from a list of candidates submitting written applications and based on criteria established by Proposition 39. Committee members serve two-year terms with a maximum of three consecutive terms. At the committee's first meeting, members will draw lots or otherwise select a minimum of two members to serve for an initial one-year term and the remaining members will serve for an initial two-year term.

The committee is required to meet at least once a year but not more frequently than quarterly. Initial training will be provided by bond counsel and the OC Taxpayers Association. Meetings will be held at the District Office and will be open to the public. A majority of the number of

Committee members constitutes a quorum for Committee business. Dr. Nien reviewed the timeline with the committee appointments expected to be complete in February and bond sales to begin in May with proceeds being available at the end of June.

LAHS Multistory Building

Dr. Nien shared the architect's renderings and floor plans of the new multistory building for the high school. The building will be 83,000 square feet and include 14 new science classrooms, four additional chemistry labs and 13 general education classrooms. Space has been allocated for Robotics and Sports Medicine CTE programs for which the District has applied for a \$3.25 million CTE grant.

Dr. Nien shared the projected timeline for construction. The design phase is expected to be completed by April 2019 and approvals would be completed by September 2019. Construction will take approximately two years with the building projected to be ready for occupancy for the Fall 2021 semester.

Facilities Projects and Revenue

Dr. Kropp explained that modernizing the high school is the highest priority as all other school sites have been recently modernized. The high school is over 50 years old and in dire need of extensive upgrades. There will be some smaller projects at the other sites, but the bulk of the work will be done at the high school. Dr. Kropp explained that the District budgets \$2 million per year for deferred maintenance which ensures that every ten years each site is revisited to be upgraded as needed. This process has already been completed at McGaugh and is currently underway at McAuliffe. The next site scheduled for maintenance is LAE.

Dr. Kropp outlined the board approved projects which include: LAHS infrastructure, LAHS multistory building, LAHS aquatic center, LAHS second gym, LAHS scoreboards, additional restrooms at LAE, Hopkinson and LAHS and replacement of the preschool/kindergarten playgrounds.

Dr. Kropp presented an overview of Revenues and Cash Flow from June 2019 through June 2026. The figures do not include potential grants and matching funds we may receive. The District recently applied for \$6.5 million in state matching funds and \$3 million in grants. Dr. Kropp also explained that the Board recently passed a resolution allowing the District to borrow from specially earmarked funds for very short periods of time which will allow additional flexibility.

Superintendent Search

Diana Hill gave an update on the Superintendent search process. Leadership Associates has been hired to assist with the recruitment. The Board met with representatives from the firm on Tuesday to go over requirements for the position and the timeline for filling it. This meeting was open to the public. On January 15th staff and community members will have an opportunity to provide input to the search firm regarding the qualities and background they feel are important. There is also an online survey available on the district website to allow all stakeholders to give input. Leadership Associates will summarize the responses from the sessions and the online survey to present to the Board.

Closing Remarks

Dr. Kropp thanked everyone for attending and offered to answer questions.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Training Room