



MEASURE G OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MINUTES April 14, 2015

Members Present:

Carlos Cojulun (via phone)
Jay Esban
Rich Gupta
Kim Hamilton
Mathy Wasserman
Alicia Weintraub

Members Absent:

Jen Skrabak

Staff:

Dr. Dan Stepenosky - Superintendent
Karen Kimmel – Assistant Superintendent, Business
Cherie Moreno – Director of Accounting

Chairperson Alicia Weintraub opened the meeting at 6:36pm.

Measure G District Summary Report

Dr. Stepenosky began by thanking the committee for their commitment and guidance on the Measure G Oversight Committee. Dr. Stepenosky informed the committee that other districts have invited the Las Virgenes Unified School District to discuss the Measure G Bond and the process conducted by the Measure G Oversight Committee so that other districts can model their initiatives based on the Las Virgenes Unified School District. He indicated to the committee that this is a testament to their commitment to the District. Dr. Stepenosky informed the committee that a survey was sent to area residents to obtain opinions and gain insight into the public perception of the district. He has been personally responding to the comments. The survey results have been overwhelmingly positive and where there have been constructive comments they are line with needs the district has identified as well. A Superintendent's Advisory Board

has been created as part of the initiative to gain additional insights from the area residents. The advisory board includes community members, parents, former board members and representation from each of the four cities that comprise the Las Virgenes Unified School District. Additionally, Dr. Stepenosky let the committee know a Facilities Needs Assessment was conducted in 2014 that will be used to help guide the District for any future projects.

Ms. Kimmel presented the Measure G District Summary Report to the committee. The report summarized the bond ballot allocations and encumbrances to date by category type and by school site for the period of July 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. The report included the interest income. A list of purchase orders from July 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015 for which Measure G funds were used was also included in the report. Committee members asked for clarification on some of the purchase order line items. Ms. Kimmel provided a more detailed explanation of the items questioned.

Measure G Project Update

Ms. Kimmel explained the new features of the G Building at Agoura High School. She also informed the committee that center speaker arrays are being installed at both the Agoura High School and Calabasas High School Performing Arts Education Centers. During concerts or events the vocals will now go out to the audience through the center speaker array and the music and accompaniment will go out to the audience through the side speaker arrays.

Ms. Weintraub questioned how the 1:1 computer program is being financed. Ms. Kimmel explained that the current funding is through the one-time Common Core grant from the state and that the District is purchasing Acer brand small laptops. The program has been rolled out to the 6th grade students this year and will roll out to the 3rd and 9th grade students for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Wasserman questioned how the laptops are checked in and out to the students. Ms. Kimmel explained that the procedure for checking in or checking out the laptops would be the same as for textbooks, as such if a student does not purchase the computer and fails to return the laptop at the end of the school year the district would charge a fee. Ms. Kimmel informed the committee that if a laptop is lost by a student; that the District can swipe the computer clean through the cloud. Ms. Weintraub asked if the majority of the laptops are being purchased. Ms. Kimmel let the committee know that a majority of the families in the 6th grade have opted to buy the laptop. Mr. Esban asked if there is a cost savings that is absorbed by the District since the books can be uploaded to the computer instead of purchasing the books. Ms. Kimmel explained that although textbooks can be uploaded to the computers, the interactive component of the online textbooks is not to the standards needed at this point. Therefore, the District is still purchasing actual textbooks for students. She also informed the committee that the District is not able to utilize Measure G funds to purchase the book license fees. Ms. Kimmel explained that it would probably be a few years before the online textbooks match up with the needs of the District. The District is in the process of receiving quotes to add Fiber connectivity at all of the school sites due to a lot more traffic on the web.

Future Meetings

The committee determined that there would be three meetings during the 2015-2016 school year (September, December and March). The meetings will be held at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm