



MINUTES
ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Measure S
Citizens' Oversight Committee
District Office – 5:00 p.m.
CONFERENCE ROOM B
April 19, 2023
Meeting No. 25

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Diana Fascenelli called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 ESTABLISHED QUORUM

Present: Diana Fascenelli, Dan Slater, Nicol Jones, Bill Utter, Mrunal Shah, Bill Campbell, Patricia Buttress

Not Present: NA

Staff Present: Ernest Gonzalez, Dave Rivera, Scott Harvey, Meghna Bulsara, Rory Lorenzo

Staff Not Present: NA

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Douglas Westfall, community member: Stated only ¼ of students will benefit from new Measure S Science Centers. He also stated that many middle schools are still without shelters. He also inquired as to why there is so much focus on building Science Centers, if schools could be improved in other ways.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action

Member Patricia Buttress motioned to accept the agenda for April 19, 2023. Second by Member Bill Utter.

Motion Passed: 7-0-0

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

Member Mrunal Shah motioned to accept the minutes for January 25, 2023. Second by Member Nicol Jones.

Motion Passed: 6-0-1

Member Mrunal Shah motioned to accept the minutes for February 15, 2023. Second by Member Nicol Jones.

Motion Passed: 7-0-0

7.0 MEASURE S UPDATE PRESENTATION

Information

Mr. Harvey presented the most current timelines for the Measure S construction projects and the \$5 million current savings.

Mr. Rivera discussed that the initial bid for Orange High School was over budget in May 2022 but through value engineering changes were made which saved the District money. These savings allowed for the Phase II projects at several sites. Ms. Buttress asked if the updates could be presented to the Rotary Club. Mr. Harvey stated they could.

Mr. Harvey presented a status report for Villa Park High School in which the bid with Pinner Construction is moving along well. The plan continues to be standard rooms like the Science Centers and the removal of 18 portables with the possibility of upgrading to newer models depending on enrollment needs. Upgrades also include gender neutral restrooms and better drainage in the west side of campus.

Mr. Harvey presented Orange High School's (OHS) update and stated that the demolition of the 100 Building and the Administration Building has begun. The bid resulted in savings of \$2.5 million as it came in under budget. The new building will have a Townsend Room and Lobby for storage of artifacts found in a time capsule that was unearthed. The new plans would also include an attendance office easily accessible as well as a single point of entry to the site.

Mr. Harvey continued his presentation with a status on El Modena High School's (EMHS) bid with Bernard Bros which was awarded in January 2023. The bid was \$2 million under budget and construction began in March 2023. The plans for EMHS would allow for access to all buildings from the top floor as the buildings would all be connected. Mr. Harvey also stated all buildings (except the new Science Building) would be modernized. Additionally, the plans include updated fencing and a single point of entry to the campus.

Mr. Harvey updated the Committee members with a status on the Canyon High School project which was approved for \$8.1 million (\$600,000 under budget). Mr. Rivera stated that due to the various schools being under budget OUSD staff are re-prioritizing project plans and possibly have a Phase III with those savings. Ms. Fascenelli asked about the matching funds. Mr. Rivera stated that Fund 35 (the budget where matching funds are housed) is at about \$25 million. He stated matching funds could be used for projects not covered by Measure S but the District would continue to try and find other opportunities to increase Fund 35. Mr. Harvey stated that the Little Theater at OHS needed upgrades that are unable to be covered through Measure S but will need to be funded by another source.

8.0 COC BYLAWS UPDATE

Information

Mr. Harvey discussed the COC Bylaws First Amendment that was presented to the OUSD Board on March 2, 2023.

Mr. Harvey went on to state the COC Bylaws First Amendment would be presented for the Board's final approval at the May 4, 2023, meeting. The Bylaws changes include changing the description of the committee from "advisory" to "oversight" body, extending the current term limits to 4-year terms, removing the "Conflicts of Interest" section and changing the "Secretary" position to an OUSD employee.

Mr. Harvey reminded the Committee of any members not returning for the next term to provide a formal resignation from the Committee to move forward with filling a vacancy.

Mr. Campbell stated that he would be resigning effective May 2023 but could stay on if needed.

Ms. Fascenelli stated a switch between Ms. Jones', *Parent-Teacher Organization Representative*, position, and Mr. Campbell's, *Representative at Large*, position might be a good idea as Ms. Jones' student will no longer be attending an OUSD school. Mr. Rivera stated this change would need to go to the Board for approval, same as in a previous year where two Committee members switched.

9.0 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Information

Next Meeting Location: Villa Park HS

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Fascenelli at 6:15pm.