

Facilities Services Department
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Merced City School District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2022, 4:00 PM –Meeting Via ZOOM

- I. **Call to order:** Dr. Ken Testa called the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) meeting to order at 4:03 pm.
- II. **Roll call:**

Robert Garcia _____ Kelly Phillips _____ Robin Kuhls X Janette McAuley X
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- III. **Flag Salute:** Dr. Ken Testa led the pledge.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda:**
Motion: Robin Kuhls **Second:** Jannette McAuley **Vote:** Approved
- V. **Approval of Minutes from the meeting on September 20, 2022:**
Motion: Jannette McAuley **Second:** Robin Kuhls **Vote:** Approved
- VI. **Welcome and Introductions:**
Dr. Ken Testa welcomed and thanked committee members and district staff for attending. Dr. Testa introduced MCSD's new Superintendent Dr. Diana Jiménez, Chief of Staff Nicole Hamlin, Chief Business Officer Linda Parker, Accounting Technician Julio Rodriguez-Rivera, and new Facilities Department Secretary Diana Meraz to Committee members.
- VII. **Bond Report and Current Projects Updates:**
Dr. Testa shared the Measure M Facilities Updates that featured Sheehy Elementary Playground improvements, portable housing, landscaping, irrigation, fencing, and new lighting. New concrete was laid to elevate a portion of Sheehy that was considered to be in a flood zone. With the anticipated utilization of multiple funding sources, including federal ESSER funds, Franklin Elementary's first of three phases includes upgrades to air conditioning units, air flow enhanced technology, installation of marker boards, and new classroom windows. Dr. Testa reported that the Board of Education approved Sheehy Elementary School Modernization Increment 1 Project and the bidding process would soon begin for the upcoming Franklin Elementary Phase 2 Administration and Classroom Construction Project. Special mention of the Galen Clark Preschool Inclusion Project completion. Dr. Testa expressed appreciation to Dr. Jiménez and Ms. Hamlin for their support and participation in the special event which provides wonderful new learning environments for our youngest scholars.
- VIII. **Quarterly Financial Report:** Julio Rodriguez-Rivera shared the Measure M Summary Expenditure Report and

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reported very little change in the fund balance since the prior BOC meeting. Julio reported the remaining Measure M Bond funds will be increased by approximately \$5.5 M from the recent bond sale.

Dr. Testa pointed out the primary role of the BOC is to provide accountability to voters by reviewing fund expenditures and insuring they fulfill Measure M commitments to the community. Remarking on how the State Facility Program reimburses MCSD for completed projects, Dr. Testa also reported that \$723,000 was deposited the prior day from the State for the Rivera Elementary School housing addition project (completed in 2019).

IX. Membership

Dr. Testa shared the importance and need for members of this committee. Pursuant to Proposition 39, (7), seven members should constitute all BOCs. As time and the during the Covid pandemic, we slowly lost members. Dr. Testa stated that the members in attendance are greatly appreciated. Robin Kuhls asked if the District had posted about recruitment on Facebook because she hadn't seen anything. Dr. Testa mentioned that with the change in positions at the District Office, advertising had not started as of yet and the District is aware of the importance of doing so to recruit members. Nicole Hamlin stated that it is on the radar of the Communication Department to put together a companion for recruitment. Robin Kuhls asked who runs the District's Facebook page. Mrs. Hamlin responded Eric Mitchell the Communication Director runs the page and all the posts. Jannette McAuley asked if we have gone to the Lions or Rotary Clubs. Dr. Testa mentioned the District has gone to speak with those clubs for recruitment in the past, which was a great recommendation.

X. Open Discussion/Questions

Mrs. McAuley gave kudos to the District for the weekly Parent square Measure M Updates, that it is very important for parents to see all the work that is being done at their scholar's schools.

XI. Adjournment:

Motion: Jannette McAuley **Second:** Robin Kuhls **Time:** 4:40 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: **November 15, 2022**

Note: (This meeting has been rescheduled for November 29, 2022, for an in-person meeting at the MCSD District Office Boardroom beginning at 4 p.m.)