

**Folsom Cordova Unified School District
Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee
March 22, 2010
Vista del Lago Library**

MINUTES

Committee Members:

Present: Jeremy Bernau, Beth Carlson, Amy Hiramoto, Brandon Ivie, Conrade Mayer, Craig Osborn, Jerry Quinn, Laura Ruby, and Josie Steelman

Absent: Rebecca Budge, Russ Davis, Dave Hatch, and Jenny Jennings

Others Present: School district staff: Debbie Bettencourt, Matt Washburn, Grant Smith, Geri Wickham, and Julie Magowan. Also present were Jolene Livingstone and Dave Tanel.

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order 5:20 pm.

Approval of meeting minutes: Jerry Quinn moved to approve the January 25, 2010, minutes and Josie Steelman seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Resolution ordering the Measure M election/Full ballot text:

The resolution from the Board Meeting of December 14, 2006, which ordered the Measure M election, as well as the full ballot text were presented to the committee for informational purposes.

Construction projects:

Matt Washburn and the Facilities and Planning Department staff reviewed all current construction projects:

- District Maintenance Facility – The facility has been designed and documentation is 95% complete. We are waiting on funding availability and anticipate that with our next bond sale we will have funding availability. The approving agency will be the City of Rancho Cordova. It is a LEED (energy efficient) design. We are looking at starting construction in approximately 2 years.
- Education Services Center – We have received environmental approval. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has agreed to the transplanting of remaining elderberry bushes. We have an approved settlement agreement and an approved biological opinion. We are waiting our final mitigation settlement, after which we can begin construction. Offsite mitigation amounted to \$400,000. The district will be responsible for approximately 15% of that. We anticipate start of construction will be the end of April/beginning of May. The building plans have been approved by the Division of the State Architect. We are working on final exterior plans with Panatoni Development.

- Mather High School/Morrison Creek Middle School – We are still working on plans. We want to be ready when development starts in the area. This complex was originally slated for the Rio del Oro area, but the development there seems to have stalled, due to issues in the City of Rancho Cordova over developer fees. There is a possibility that the plans we have in development now for this complex may be relocated to South of 50 (Folsom SOI). If that does happen those plans would become the next high school/middle school in Folsom.
- Glenborough – We have been meeting with Gencorp in the Glenborough area. We anticipate that to be the first area of development. This is the area between Hazel and Prairie City Roads, south of Highway 50. This might be one of the first areas where we will build a new elementary school.

Annual Audit Report:

- We were in compliance on all of the expenditures that were audited – approximately 33% of the total number of expenditures were audited, which represents approximately 69% of the dollar value of total expenditures. Jerry Quinn made the motion to file the audit. It was seconded by Josie Steelman and was approved unanimously.

Communication:

- Articles relating to projects in the Measure M area were presented.

Other Committee Topics:

- Debbie Bettencourt presented Budget Status Summary Reports to the committee, at the request of Jerry Quinn. Even though the committee does not actually get into the setting of budgets, this information is for committee information. Discussion also arose about how various facilities are funded. For instance, high schools are generally funded 1/3 with State funds, 1/3 with developer fees, and 1/3 from bond funds. Elementary school funding relies more on State and developer fees and less on bond money. The Education Services Center is funded solely by bond money.
- Jolene Livingston introduced herself to the committee as a resident of Folsom, with children attending district schools, and a concerned citizen. She questioned the wording in the bond text, in particular, about the funding for “support facilities”. She felt it wasn’t clear that these facilities would include a new district office and that most voters also didn’t realize what they were voting for. She questioned if this was brought up at any of the public meetings that were held before the election. Laura Ruby was on the previous bond committee and she remembers that the voters were made aware of the Education Services Center. Mrs. Livingston feels that this is a facility that will affect all voters in the district and wondered why they all weren’t entitled to vote for it. It was explained that existing voters in Rancho Cordova and Folsom have already paid their fair share for existing district facilities and other auxiliary locations. What will happen to the money that is generated from the sale of the existing facilities? Will it go back into the Measure M “pot”? It could. It is the Board’s discretion of what to do with the proceeds of such sales. There may be other capital improvements needed, such as Folsom Lake High School.

- Dave Tanel also introduced himself as a resident of Folsom. He questioned the perception of spending \$35 million on 2 district support facilities and how people will view that in light of larger class sizes, discontinued programs, and school closures. The committee understands the public's perceptions and is trying to come up with ways to get the information out that bond money cannot be used for those types of things. It was pointed out by Matt Washburn that the money that is saved by consolidating services into one location will go back into the general fund and will help pay for programs that are in danger of being cut. Mr. Tanel also asked about the repayment of the bonds in the future and what if the money isn't there to support it. Mrs. Bettencourt explained that we can only issue bonds that the current assessed tax valuations can support.

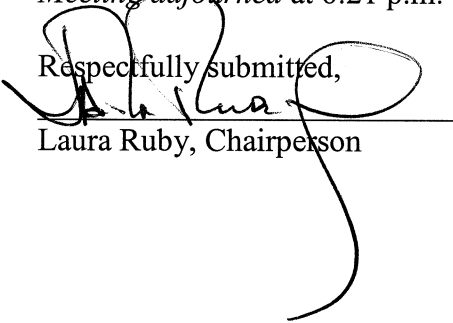
- The question was brought up that if some of the students that live south of Highway 50, but attend schools north of 50, can some of the Measure M money be used to update those facilities. Mrs. Bettencourt said she would need to get a legal opinion from our bond counsel on that.

Next Meeting date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. The location will be Mills Middle School – Room 41.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Ruby, Chairperson