

**Folsom Cordova Unified School District
Measure M Citizens Oversight Committee
December 5, 2011
Education Services Center**

MINUTES

Committee Members:

Present: Beth Carlson, Russ Davis, Amy Hiramoto, Brandon Ivie, Laura Ruby, Josie Steelman and Leroy Tripette

Absent: Jeremy Bernau, Dave Hatch, Sheryl Longworth, Conrade Mayer, Craig Osborn, Jerry Quinn

Others Present: School district staff: Rhonda Crawford, Matt Washburn, Grant Smith, Mike Hammond, Geri Wickham, and Julie Magowan.

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order 5:15 pm.

Approval of meeting minutes: Beth Carlson moved to approve the August 22, 2011, minutes and Leroy Tripette seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously, with one abstention, Russ Davis.

Construction projects:

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

- Education Services Center - Increment 1 is now finishing up with landscaping and parking lot striping. In Increment 2 many of the finishes are in – carpeting is in on 2nd & 3rd floors, casework is in place, wall finishes are in, and cage storage is being installed. Move-in for Facilities and ETIS (Technology) is scheduled for mid-January. It will take approximately one month for all of the departments to get moved.
- Maintenance Facility – Plans are done, but waiting for funding before continuing with the project.
- Mather High School/Morrison Creek Middle School in the Rio del Oro area – Plans are at a stopping point and have been suspended, waiting for development and funding.
- Sphere of Influence, Folsom – Scheduled to go to LAFCO (Local Agencies Formation Commission) on January 4, 2012 for approval. If it is approved, the next step is to negotiate financing plans for infrastructure, etc. Building is still probably 5 years out.

Assessed Valuation/Waiver Request

When the bond was passed, there was a statutory bonding capacity limit of 2.5%. Due to decreasing assessed valuations, the district is unable to sell bonds to continue with planned projects, such as the Maintenance Facility and the Alternative Education Center. The district will be asking for a waiver of this limitation from the California Department of Education (CDE). The request is to increase the debt capacity limit from 2.5% to 10.2%, which would allow the district the flexibility to sell up to \$100 million in new bonds. The amount asked for is negotiable, and the district does not plan on selling the full amount at one time, but rather in several series. If the waiver isn't granted, all projects will be suspended until such time as we meet the 2.5% limit. In order to submit the waiver request, the district needs to show support and/or approval from the Oversight Committee, the collective bargaining units, and the Board of Education. Once it is sent to the CDE, it could take a few months before their decision is made.

Russ Davis made a motion that the Oversight Committee vote to approve the District's waiver request. Beth Carlson seconded the motion.

In favor:	6
Opposed:	0
Abstain:	1

Formation of a Surplus Property 7-11 Committee

The purpose of the Committee is to review what happens to the 3 district properties that will be vacated by the move to the Education Services Center – the District Office at 125 E. Bidwell Street, Granite Center at 909 Mormon Street, and the Warehouse Quonset Hut at 701 Bidwell Street. It would be an advisory committee that reviews how those properties are disposed of, either by selling or leasing. It would allow members of the community to voice their concerns and keep them updated. The district is asking members of the Oversight Committee to sit on the 7-11 Committee, along with Rhonda Crawford (CFO/CBO) and Michael Itkoff (President of FCEA, the teacher's union).

The most recent status of the properties is that the City of Folsom has given the District Office property and the Quonset Hut the affordable housing designation. The district is looking at asking the City to re-zone the Quonset Hut for commercial use. There has been some interest in that property as a commercial property. We are still waiting for a seismic evaluation of the Granite Center property. There is a company that teaches classes on venture capitalism, which is interested in leasing the Granite property.

Communication:

Term Extensions for Committee Members

The original members of the Oversight Committee have served 2 years and were asked to extend their terms for another 2 years. All present members accepted – Amy Hiramoto, Brandon Ivie, Josie Steelman, Beth Carlson, Laura Ruby, and Russ Davis.

Other Committee Topics:

- A Media Tour of the Education Services Center is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 3:30 pm.

Next Meeting date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. The location will be the Education Services Center.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Conrad M. Meyer
Vice Chairperson

Laura Ruby, Chairperson