

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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Date of Meeting: 3/19/14

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MEASURE R BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (Cline)

The Assistant Superintendent of Business & Fiscal Services will introduce Dr. Karen Hill Scott, 2013 Measure R Bond Oversight Committee chair, who will present the Bond Oversight Committee's first annual report to the Board of Trustees as per Proposition 39 requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

None – Information only.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Attached: 2013 Measure R Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report (4 pages)

Measure R Bond Oversight Committee

2013 Annual Report to the Community

OXNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 2014



Harrington School Reconstruction

The **Measure R Bond Oversight Committee (Committee)** is pleased to report the progress of the Measure R School Facilities Improvement Program. Approved by voters in November 2012, Measure R authorized the Oxnard School District (District) to issue \$90 million in General Obligation Bonds to replace portable classrooms, relieve student overcrowding by building and equipping new classrooms and educational facilities and repairing and equipping existing classrooms and educational facilities throughout the District.

As required by State law, a Bond Oversight Committee has been established to actively monitor all Measure R projects and expenditures, provide proper oversight, controls, and accountability to ensure that Measure R funds are used as they were intended, and make regular reports to the community at large on the progress of Measure R projects.

All projects are consistent with the project list provided to voters by the District's Board of Trustees. Over the course of the year, the Committee has met to review progress and expenditures to ensure all funds have been spent as promised to voters. This report shares program progress and financial information. We want to thank the Oxnard community for their continued support and we will continue to keep the community informed.

Sincerely,
Karen Hill Scott, Chair
Measure R Bond Oversight Committee

Measure R Bond Oversight Committee

- Karen Hill Scott, Chair
- *Community at Large Representative*
- Moises Sanchez, Vice Chair
- *Senior Citizens Organization Member*
- Nancy Lindholm
- *Business Organization Representative*
- Jessica Vargas
- *PTA/SSC Parent Representative*
- Charles McLaughlin
- *Bona-fide Taxpayers Organization Member*
- Leticia Santibanez
- *Parent/Guardian of Enrolled Child*
- Claudia Garcia
- *Community at Large Representative*
- *The Committee meets at least quarterly.*
- *Each member of the committee is appointed by the District's Board of Trustees for a two year term of service.*
- *Committee minutes and information on bond funded projects are available on the Bond Oversight Committee page located on the Measure R website:*

www.oxnardbondprojects.org

Oxnard School District

- Dr. Cesar Morales
- *Superintendent*
- **Board of Trustees**
- Ana Del Rio-Barba, President
- Albert Duff, Sr., Clerk
- Denis O'Leary, Trustee
- Ernie Morrison, Trustee
- Veronica Robles—Solis, Trustee

School Facilities Improvement Program

Program Overview

After much consideration and research of options, the Oxnard School District elected to reconfigure its educational program. The reconfigured program would support K-5, K-8, and 6-8 school models. The K-5 schools will offer educational strands that would be further enhanced by academy programs at reconfigured 6-8 middle schools. The K-8 schools will provide additional choice to parents and provide greater opportunities to extend select educational programs.

The Board adopted the Facilities Implementation Program in January 2013, which is updated every six months to report on progress and next steps. The full report and related updates are located on the Measure R website: www.oxnardbondprojects.org. The Facilities Implementation Program is designed to meet five key goals adopted by the Board of Trustees:

- Reduce overcrowding at elementary schools by adopting a K-5 educational strand and facilities program
- Convert existing junior high schools to 6-8 middle schools that support an academy based instructional program
- Expand the K-8 instructional program and additional K-8 school facilities to increase parent choice
- Implement an extended day kindergarten program with improved facilities
- Increase enrollment capacity over time to accommodate projected growth in grades K-8

The program has been designed to be implemented in three phases over time. Phase 1 is now underway and implements the District's K-5, 6-8 and K-8 grade reconfiguration and technology programs. The Phase also acquires additional school sites to accommodate planned growth and reconstructs three of the District's oldest schools: Lemonwood, Harrington and Elm. Phase 2 provides for the funding of additional and periodic technology improvements and begins the improvement of school gym/multipurpose rooms at existing school sites, including Fremont School. Phase 3 includes replacement funding for new technology and support facility upgrades to Chavez, Curren, Kamala, Driffill, Haydock, Frank, Marina West, Rose, Sierra Linda, Brekke, McAuliffe, Ramona, and Ritcher schools and improved kindergarten facilities at McKinna, Marina West, Rose, and Sierra Linda schools.

The implementation program is a combination of the Basic Program which relies on local funding, including developer fees, Mello Roos funds, capital program balances, voter approved Measure R proceeds and the Enhanced Program that seeks to maximize State aid reimbursements for modernization and construction of school facilities.

Phase 1 Program Summary

Educational Reconfiguration. Based on an assessment of available classrooms and site capacities, the following reconfiguration strategies are underway:

- Convert all existing non-portable to permanent elementary schools to a K-5 grade configuration
- Convert all completed portable to permanent elementary schools to K-8 facilities
- Convert existing 7-8 intermediate schools to 6-8 middle schools
- Implement an extended day kindergarten program

The conversion of 7-8 intermediate schools to 6-8 middle schools is planned for Frank, Fremont, and Haydock. Soria School is currently the district's only K-8 campus. The conversion of campuses into K-8 schools is planned for Chavez, Curren, Driffill, Kamala, and Lemonwood. All remaining schools are planned for conversion to K-5 sites. Implementation of the program is underway in consultation with staff and parents as needed.

Program Progress



Technology Deployment Training

Technology Program. The District has concluded the planning efforts required for the deployment of over 7,000 iPads to students at 8 school sites. The deployment process included sessions with parents to deliver the device and provide training on setup, proper use, and safekeeping. Teachers will utilize a growing list of free education apps that support interactive and individualized instruction in reading, writing, mathematics, and science as well as Common Core State standards. Specialized apps and hardware have been identified to utilize the iPads in support of students with special needs, including Braille keyboards and “VoiceOver” technology that give visually impaired students complete control of the device with no need to see the screen.

Project 1 – Kindergarten & Science Lab Reconfiguration. Project 1 was developed to encompass all kindergarten and science lab reconfigurations required to accommodate the District’s desire to implement grade level reconfiguration across the entire District beginning August 2014. Improvement needs to eight sites were identified including kindergarten reconfiguration improvements to Brekke, McAuliffe, and Ritche as well as science lab improvements to Chavez, Curren, Kamala, Haydock, and Fremont. The project is currently in the design phase with construction scheduled to commence in Summer 2014.

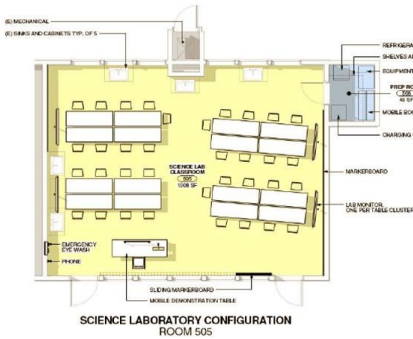
Project 2—Driffill Kindergarten Improvements. The project includes the construction of 4 new kindergarten classrooms, demolition of existing classroom wings and enhancements to exterior finishes and site work to improve the aesthetics of existing buildings. The project is currently in design and is scheduled to commence construction in January 2014.

Project 3 – Lemonwood School Reconstruction. The new campus will house 900 students per State standards in 28 general purpose classrooms (960 square feet each), 4 kindergarten classrooms, 3 science/flex lab classrooms, and 2 special education classrooms. Additionally, the new campus will contain specified support facilities, administration areas, media center, food service, multipurpose room, physical education spaces, and restrooms. Design efforts are underway with construction scheduled to commence in Summer 2015.

Project 4 – Harrington School Reconstruction. The new campus will house 700 students per State standards in grades K-5, including 23 general purpose classrooms, 4 kindergarten classrooms, and 1 Resource Specialist Program (RSP) room. Additionally, the new campus will contain specified support facilities, administration areas, media center, food service, multipurpose room, physical education spaces, and restrooms. Design efforts are underway with construction scheduled to commence in November 2014.

Project 5 – Elm School Reconstruction. The new campus will house 600 students per State standards in grades K-5 including 20 general purpose classrooms (960 square feet each), 4 kindergarten classrooms (1,120 square feet each), and 1 Resource Specialist Program (RSP) room (480 square feet). Additionally, the new campus will contain specified support facilities, administration areas, media center, food service, multipurpose room, physical education spaces, and restrooms. Design efforts are underway with construction scheduled to commence in Spring 2016.

New K-5 Elementary Site Acquisition (Seabridge). The Facilities Implementation Program has identified the need to acquire land for an additional elementary school site to be constructed as needed and when permitted by available funding. The District has acquired an approximately 6.5 acre site located at Wooley Road and Seabridge Lane (known as the Seabridge site).



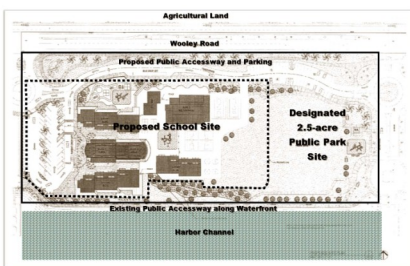
Haydock Science Demonstration Lab



Driffill Kindergarten Design



Lemonwood School Reconstruction



Seabridge Site

Financial Information

Measure R Bond Sales

Total Authorization: \$90 million

Series A—\$18.39 million December 2012

Series B—\$25.5 million May 2013

Total Bond Sales: \$43.89 million

Annual Financial & Performance Audit

The integrity of Measure R funds are audited annually by an independent accounting firm. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the District's auditor was Nigro and Nigro, A Professional Accountancy Corporation. As described in the independent firm's audit report, it is the firm's opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Measure R General Obligation Bond Building Fund as of June 30, 2013, and the changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In regards to the performance audit, the firm's opinion was that the District complied with compliance requirements for the Measure R General Obligation Bond proceeds. The Bond Oversight Committee has reviewed the independent auditor's reports, and together with their other activities, believe that Measure R funds have been spent in accordance with the Measure and in a manner consistent with applicable State law.

Measure R Program Expenditures (as of June 30, 2013)

Project	Budget	Measure R Expenditures July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013
Acquire Site New Elem K-5		
Total	\$7,625,000	\$4,284,396
Acquire Site New MS Site		
Total	\$60,000	-
Design & Reconstruct Harrington Elem K-5		
Total	\$22,822,171	\$180,707
Design & Reconstruct Lemonwood Elem K-8		
Total	\$31,402,250	\$175,006
Design & Reconstruct Elm Elem K-5		
Total	\$20,170,543	-
Design & Improve K-5 Kindergarten Facilities		
Total	\$3,278,827	\$83,877
Design & Construct Science Labs/Academies		
Total	\$4,381,468	\$180,388
FF&E Allowance		
Total	\$445,000	-
Technology		
Total	\$11,201,175	\$314,163
Program Reserve	\$10,138,643	
Estimated Fund Balance	\$10,260,158	
GRAND TOTAL	\$121,785,236	\$5,218,538

Note:

1) Total Measure R expenditures through June 30, 2013 were \$5,812,865

Expenditures above exclude \$594,327 in other expenditures outside of the Facilities Implementation Program