

LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

October 9, 2024

FINAL MINUTES – Approved January 22, 2025

A meeting of the independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee of the Los Alamitos Unified School District was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 in the District Office Board Room at located at 10293 Bloomfield Street, Los Alamitos, California.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chair Paurvi Trivedi. A quorum of members was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lorraine Navarro led the committee and staff members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Cristina Canning
Christine Coxhill
Sulema Holguin
Alison Mohanna
Lorraine Navarro
Paurvi Trivedi

Staff Present

Elvia Galicia
C.J. Knowland
Mayra Gonzalez
Shoshana Dornblaser

Members Absent

Trini Jimenez
Marilynn Poe
Chad Stuart

IV. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Paurvi Trivedi welcomed the committee and District staff.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lorraine Navarro moved to approve the March 27, 2024 meeting minutes with a second from Christine Coxhill. The committee unanimously adopted, and the motion was carried.

VI. COMMUNITY/STAFF PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VII. UPDATE ON MEASURE K AND MEASURE G PROJECTS

C.J. Knowland presented an update of the District's construction projects. The structural steel is nearly finished for the new three court gymnasium and the framing will begin soon. Despite the soils issues that occurred earlier, the project is only two weeks behind schedule and it is possible that this time can be made up as the project continues. Completion is anticipated for next summer. The gymnasium is a concrete tilt up building. C.J. shared photos of the phases of the raising of the panels and construction of the stitch columns. Structural steel is now being installed along the roofline as well as metal decking on the top. The exterior corridors and bathrooms are now being framed.

Classroom renovations at LAHS were completed over the summer in over 30 classrooms in the 600 building and the round portion of the 700 building. The renovations included upgraded finishes, AV upgrades, roof replacements, and polished concrete floors for Art classrooms. In addition to typical classrooms, some unique spaces such as the Art Show & Gallery Room, Ceramics, Computer Labs, and Robotics & Engineering Workshop were renovated. The computer labs were redesigned to maximize the teaching wall spaces and provide furniture that can be moved and reconfigured as needed.

Lorraine Navarro asked if the gymnasium project is on budget and on time. C.J. explained that the unexpected soils issues resulted in using a significant portion of the contingency funds, but the project is still expected to be completed without exceeding the budget. The project remains on schedule and is expected to be completed per the original schedule.

Lorraine Navarro also asked about the potential renovations to the LAHS Performing Arts Center. C.J. explained that an acoustical engineer evaluated the PAC and input was garnered from the many PAC user groups. Items with the most impact to the largest number of students were identified in September. An architect is currently drafting a proposal with the project, hopefully, starting in the summer which will include new restrooms in the courtyard space, new lighting, new sound systems and new finishes. Elvia shared that there is an \$8 million budget for the PAC enhancements which will be paid for with Arts Music Block Grant Discretionary funds of \$5 million and District funds such as facilities funds and state funding.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayra Gonzalez presented the financial report as of June 30, 2024. Revenue from Measure K funds was \$7,058 and revenue from Measure G was \$6,809. Other funds were also used for the projects. Fund 25 monies used totaled \$476,876 and Capital Outlay Fund 40 was \$4,458,228. Revenues received to date total \$4,948,972. Interest earned for 2023-2024 totals \$996,338. Total Measure K and Measure G funds received to date is \$121,982,061. Other funds used total \$12,257,499 for a grand total of \$134,239,560.

Mayra reviewed the current ongoing projects. Program management is being funded from Measure G with \$1,633,540 with contracts committed of \$100,000 and expenditures of \$1,139,096 for a current balance of \$394,443. The funding sources for the gymnasium at LAHS are \$19,219,268 from Measure G \$1,062,270 from Measure K and \$8,718,462 from other funds. The preliminary budget is \$21 million with an \$8 million modification for a total budget of \$29 million. Contracts committed total \$6,129,934 which includes architect and contractor costs. Other fund expenditures are \$86,374 and bond fund expenditures are \$6,894,976 for a remaining balance of \$15,888,715.

The STEM building had a preliminary budget of \$67,066,000. Savings on this project totaled nearly \$4.4 million for a revised budget of \$62,666,984. This project is being closed out as of June 30, 2024.

The LAHS Classroom Renovation project was funded with \$465,559 from Measure G, \$3,745,906 from Measure K and \$8,398,998 from other funds. The preliminary budget was \$12 million, however, there was a modification of \$610,462 due to roofing bids coming in higher than expected for a total of \$12,610,463. Contracts committed total \$2,901,090. Other fund expenditures are \$5,497,907 and bond fund expenditures are \$4,211,465. If any additional expenditures will be taken from other district facility funds. Total fund balance for all projects currently stands at \$16,283,158. Total funding from Measures G and K for all projects, including completed projects, stands at \$121,982,061 while \$23,790,678 came from other funds for a total of \$129,489,578.

IX. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Four of the five members whose terms expire in March 2025 will have completed three terms ending their eligibility to serve on the committee. Committee members discussed the roles that would be vacated and the possibility of reducing the number of members from nine to seven.

X. SPRING MEETING DATE CHANGE

Two site tours of the new gymnasium will be scheduled for January 2025, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the March 2025 meeting has been rescheduled to March 19.

XI. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Lorraine Navarro complimented the district staff on the work on the projects.

XII. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christine Coxhill with a second from Lorraine Navarro. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.