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Eureka City Schools Citizens' Oversight Committee

2100 J Street, Eureka, CA 95501

REGULAR MEETING

4:00 PM, Room 114

August 16, 2017

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER OF OPEN SESSION

Co-Chair Becky Reece called the regular meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Members Present : Burger, Campton, Noel, Pell, Reece

Members Absent : Jones

Staff Present : Ziegler, Snipes, Batini

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS★

- There were no public comments on nonagenda items.

C. CONSENT

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2017

- M/S Noel/Burger. All in favor.

D. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- No Discussion / Action items.

E. DISCUSSION

2. Financial Update

Paul Ziegler updated the COC members through 2016-17. The District has spent approximately \$2,000,000 on various projects in 2016-17 and \$5,900,000 to date. The Alice Birney and Lafayette Parking Lot projects are in full swing and the progress payments will be catching up. There are many irons in the fire right now.

We will see some significant spending as we move into the Music Building and Gymnasium projects.

One member asked if we expected to still have \$19,000,000 in the bank at this point. Paul explained that we did many smaller projects in the beginning and he thought the gym project would be further along.

Paul is concerned about the pace of approval from DSA. It has really slowed since the State bond passed. He is also concerned about the lack of bids from our local contractors. Charley Batini shared that our local contractors use the same subcontractors and that we have been sending out to other Builder's Exchanges to draw more interest.

The District has a Study Session tomorrow night regarding the gym budget. Paul invited all members to attend if they would like. Paul explained that even though we have gone over budget we have saved on many other projects and at this point, we are under budget as a whole.

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3. Project Updates

- **Alice Birney/Lafayette Parking Lot Projects:** Lafayette is having soft soil issues
- **Alice Birney:** Rekeyed entire campus (in house)
- **Grant:** PA/bell system completed; soil surveys are being conducted for the parking lot project
- **Lafayette:** Office plan is with consultants
- **Washington:** Library has been updated with new paint, carpets, blinds, network, etc.
- **Winship:** Green house is complete but the interior still needs work (in house); working on PA/bell system
- **Zane:** S St Project nearing completion and is expected to be done by mid-September
- **EHS:** Pierson Company was the low bid for the Music Building Project
- **Ag Building:** Working on footprint and design and have staff involved. Liquefaction is an issue where the building currently stands. We are working with the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) and thought we had everything in place. When we met with them, they told us that unless there is imminent danger there is no money. We went through and drilled holes in the floor and discovered an eight inch separation from the floor and the soil. The welding class/classrooms are condemned. The plan is to have an Ag complex at the top of the hill near the Auto shop. We are reaching out to our geological engineers to test the soil. We will continue to update on the Ag project.
- **EHS Gym:** Budget to be discussed at the next Board meeting. We had a consulting firm do our Environmental Impact Report (EIR). We had some concern from a local tribe and the Heritage Society. The Board thought there was enough evidence to move forward and they accepted the EIR. The next item is to come up with a budget. Dale Maples is heading a gym committee group so there is community input regarding the new gym.

4. Community Conversations

- No discussion.

5. COC Membership Update

Paul hopes to see Denise Jones back with the Committee. She has taken a leave due to a personal matter.

With school opening, we hope to get some interest for our vacant position. If we do get some interest, Paul asked if he and Syn-dee Noel could be the members that interview again. All agreed. We are still looking for a parent of a student to fill the seventh spot. Jim Pell mentioned that his lifestyle will be changing and that he will be traveling more and will keep us updated on whether he can continue once his term is up.

6. Report out to the Community

- Per bylaws, Paul took the Report to the Community to the Board at the July 27th meeting. The report explains where the bond money was spent. Now that it is Board approved, we will post on our website and Facebook. Paul will put a draft together for a Letter to the Editor and share with the members for input.

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7. Funding Update

- Alice Birney will get \$600,000 for State matching funds, Lincoln Phase II and III are in the process for \$1,500,000 State matching funds, the Ag complex \$1,000,000, and \$3,800,000 for the gym. This is approximately \$6,000,000 in State matching funds. We are earmarking gym funds now because a gym must be built. If we have a shortfall after the gym project, the Board may need to reprioritize the promise list. We will probably sell bonds again in approximately two years or less.

8. Next Meeting Dates: November 8 or 14, 2017 (proposed); Propose February Date

- Our next COC meetings will be November 8, 2017 and February 7, 2018.

9. Topics for Next Agenda

- No additional agenda topics were brought forward.

F. ADJOURNMENT

- Co-Chair Reece adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ziegler
Assistant Superintendent / Business Services

Recording Secretary, Jen Snipes

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

DATE

The next regular meeting will be held November 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in room# 104 at 2100 J Street, Eureka, CA.
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