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CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
(MEASURE VV and MEASURE M)

December 8, 2021 – 6 P.M.
Virtual Meeting

1. **Called to Order at 6:05 pm by Martha Juarez**

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

   Ms. Juarez welcomed everyone and requested that those who were not at the September meeting take a moment to introduce themselves and say what their role is.

Members Present
Diane Deugan
Martha Juarez
Nancy Kerwin
Ben Lien
Gloria McKearney
Heather Rubio
Laurence J. Strong
Minnie Tandy

Members Absent
Dr. Jolyn DePriest
Jason Hurtado-Prater

Others Present
Oscar Esquivel, Interim Superintendent
John Heredia, CVESD Director, Maintenance and Operations
Joseph Dombrowski, CVESD Facilities Manager
Shaun Gabriels, CVESD Safety Manager
Ann Marie Pering, CVESD Purchasing Manager
Mariatheresa Villanueva, CVESD Interim Executive Director of Finance
Bernadette Faustino, CVESD Accounting Manager
Lisa Brannen, CVESD Business Services and Support Specialist
Nancy Rorabaugh, Engie
Shawn O'Neill, Balfour Beatty Construction

3. Action: Adopt Resolution Regarding Teleconference CVESD ICOC Meetings During Declared State of Emergency

As was explained by Mr. Carlton at the September 8, 2021, ICOC Meeting, the Governor's exception to public meetings under the Brown Act allowing virtual meetings expired on September 30, 2021. Mr. Esquivel explained to the Committee that in order to continue meeting virtually, Assembly Bill AB61 requires the Committee to adopt a resolution to hold the meeting virtually prior to taking any action. Mr. Strong did not understand the intent of the Assembly Bill and repeatedly questioned what the action was for. He stated that he disagreed with continuing to hold the meetings virtually. He repeatedly said this meeting is "fake", and "this whole thing is fake." He repeatedly interrupted other speakers and told the Committee that "this is bullshit, we need to get to the kids and the schools, we are wasting time."

Motion/Second Tandy/Lien to approve motion Adopt Resolution Regarding Teleconference CVESD ICOC Meetings During Declared State of Emergency for the December 8, 2021, ICOC Meeting. 1 opposed, no abstentions, motion carried.

4. Approve Minutes of the CVESD ICOC

MSCU McKearney/Tandy to approve Minutes of the September 8, 2021, as presented.

5. Report: CVESD Measure VV and Measure M Bond Project Updates

Mr. Esquivel provided information in response to a question at the September 8, 2021, ICOC Meeting regarding timing and schedules for funding of the District Measure VV and Measure M Bond issuances. This schedule may change based on the needs of the school and the amount that can be borrowed by the District. He then shared information regarding the various Bond Projects at the District sites.

Ms. Faustino reviewed the Measure VV issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in August 2019. Completed Measure VV projects include the Sunnyside Summer 2019 Modernization, LED Energy Efficient Lighting Retrofit, Fire Alarm Replacements at two sites, Network Equipment, Feaster Summer 2020 Modernization, and Olympic View HVAC Controls. Projects still in progress include HVAC, Roofing Replacement and Asbestos Abatement, Juarez-Lincoln Fire Alarm Replacement, Maxwell Transportation Center, Network Equipment, and Security Systems/Low Voltage cabling. Mr. Heredia reviewed the monies being spent to ensure the school learning environments are safe, comfortable and secure. HVAC and Roofing projects are complete. Mr. Heredia noted that so far the money was spent well in comparison with the estimated cost. Projects were competitively bid and projects are coming in under budget so far. Some costs are still outstanding on completed projects, but the District does not expect them to be significant. Mr. Heredia continued to review the Bond projects, with a detailed diagram of the Maxwell Transportation Center. When this project is complete, the District will be able to consolidate all transportation needs at the Maxwell Transportation Center, including maintenance which is now located at the District Education and Support Center.

Ms. Faustino reviewed the financial information for the Measure M General Obligation Bond. Funds will be used for the District Solar Panel Project, and HVAC and Roofing

projects. Mr. Heredia described the progress and timing on the HVAC and Roofing projects. Ms. Rorabaugh, Senior Program Development Manager with Engie, relayed that the Group 1 Solar Project is complete and already up and running with solar energy. Group 2-4 sites are in progress, with Group 5 sites scheduled to begin after the winter break. Group 6 sites are still pending final approval, and construction will begin once it is received. Ms. Rorabaugh shared photos of completed solar panels at school sites, including parking lot and playground structures.

Mr. Strong again repeatedly interrupted speakers and expressed his opinion that the District is overpaying for the projects. Mr. Strong claimed that he could get it done cheaper.

Ms. Tandy expressed appreciation to the District team for the efficient use of time over breaks and that District is doing a really good job with that.

Ms. Juarez referred back to the slide with completed projects under Measure VV, which showed that to date, the first three phases, which are substantially complete, have come in under the estimated cost, with a significant savings to the District. Ms. Juarez noted that the estimated cost is the lowest bid. Mr. Heredia reported that the timing was great when the bids were sent out because it was done prior to the price increases experienced now. Ms. Duegan asked if the money that is not spent gets carried over or reallocated. Mr. Esquivel replied that yes, the money is carried over and reallocated but expenditures have to tie in to the project list presented to voters when the Bond measures were passed. Ms. Juarez commended the team for project coordination of so many projects at one time. Ms. Juarez thanked the team for following the protocol and requirements to ensure the projects are done expeditiously and cost-effectively.

6. Approved Meeting Dates for 2021-22

- *March 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m.*
- *May 11, 2022, 6:00 p.m.*

Ms. McKearney proposed that the March 2 meeting be kept as an evening meeting in light of the fact that it is Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day, and that site visits be contemplated on a different morning.

Ms. Brannen explained that she had only received 4 or 5 responses to the survey asking if anyone would like to visit the last modernized school site. Ms. Juarez asked if the ICOC would have to do those visits as part of an official meeting. Mr. Esquivel explained that in the past we have done them in conjunction with each other by convening the meeting and conducting business, then recessing the meeting to do the walk through, and reconvened the meeting to adjourn. Ms. Brannen explained that if less than a quorum wants to attend, Mr. Heredia would coordinate a time when those individuals could go, but if more than a quorum wants to attend, then an official meeting would need to occur.

Mr. Strong indicated he would go to visit the school but claimed that nothing could be voted on with so few people. Ms. Brannen explained that the site visits are to give the ICOC members the opportunity to see the end result of all of the work that is done, and

that no decisions are made at the site visits. During the last modernization, the Committee could not visit the site due to the pandemic situation and some members would now like to see the final modernization. Mr. Strong focused on the word pandemic, asking repeatedly if the District is on the side of the pandemic and wanting the District to state “on the record” that it is on the side of the pandemic. Throughout the meeting, Mr. Strong interrupted other speakers, used profanity to make his point, such as calling information shared “bullshit.” Mr. Strong labeled the District and Committee members as “sheep” who just do what the government tells them to do. Mr. Lien attempted to redirect Mr. Strong by asking him to save his comments for open discussion, Mr. Strong called Mr. Lien a “fag” and again said “this is bullshit”.

7. Other Items / Open Discussion

Mr. Esquivel received an email from Dr. DePriest that she is resigning from the ICOC effective immediately due to personal reasons. The ICOC is required to have 7 members. With Dr. DePriest’s departure, the ICOC will have 9. Mr. Strong questioned Dr. DePriest’s departure and asked why anyone would leave.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Ms. Juarez at 6:58 pm