

NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED ON May 14, 2025

Eureka City Schools Citizens' Oversight Committee
2100 J Street, Eureka, CA 95501
REGULAR MEETING
4:00 PM
February 12, 2025
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER OF OPEN SESSION

Chair Denise Jones called the regular meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Members Present: Denise Jones, Wendy Harper, Shalise Miles, Syn-dee Noel, Becky
Reece, Lucky Syphanthong

Members Absent: Bert Campton

Staff Present: Paul Ziegler, Evan Roberts, Johnna Emery, Jen Snipes

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

C. CONSENT

1. **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024**

M/S Reece/Miles. All in favor. Motion carries.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION

There were no discussion/action items.

E. DISCUSSION

2. **Receive and Review 2023-24 Performance and Financial Bond Audit**

Alicia Herrera, Partner with the District's new auditing firm Eide Bailly, LLC, virtually presented to the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC). Ms. Herrera stated that they provided a clean opinion of the audit.

• *Measure S and Measure T*

Financial Audit: There was an error in last year's audit by our prior auditing company that Eide Bailly, LLC restated and corrected.

The balance in Measure T was \$14.2 million and in Measure S there was approximately \$2.0 million, year ending June 30, 2024.

Performance Audit:

The auditor explained that they take samples of activity from both bond measures. They audited \$7.2 million in samples and found no errors and issues no findings.

3. Financial Update: Review Expenditure Reports

Assistant Superintendent Paul Ziegler gave an update of expenditures to the committee.

- *Measure S*

There was very little spending in the 2nd quarter. There is not much funding left in Measure S. As of the end of the 2nd quarter there was \$56 million spent in the measure between the bond dollars and state matching funds.

- *Measure T*

There has been a lot of activity in Measure T: \$4.2 million in the 2nd quarter, \$8 million for the fiscal year, and \$12.5 million to date.

Paul reminded the committee that Measure T funding was \$19 million, the District received nearly \$15 million in state matching funds, and the District set aside \$10 million for an approximate total of \$44 million. Paul feels we have about a \$4-5 million cushion.

4. Projects Update

Director of Maintenance, Facilities, and Operations Evan Roberts reported out on projects in progress.

- *Measure S*

EHS Gym:

We took beneficial occupancy of the gymnasium (Phase I) but the punch list is still not done and we are having issues with the heaters on the roof. Phase II (abatement) is done, Phase III (demolition) is not complete as the contractor, Thompson Builders Corporation (TBC) is using a portion of the old gym slab as staging (with District permission) to avoid mud issues, and Phase IV got an extremely late start but is now underway.

Paul inserted that TBC issued a claim to the District for the amount of \$2.8 claiming that they had to do work beyond what the contract specifies in Phase II and III. The District disagrees.

TBC and the District had an informal conference on February 7, 2025, with no conclusion. The next step is mediation. There is potential of a lawsuit if the two sides cannot come to an agreement in mediation.

EHS Science Building:

Evan stated that he is pleased with the project. There are a few items to wrap up before we can issue a notice of completion.

The new classrooms and upgrades have been accepted quite well by the students.

- *Measure T*

Adams Commercial General Contracting (ACGC) is moving at a quick pace. At the moment, though, weather is a prohibitor but they are still able to work within the two new buildings.

Turf color and logos are being discussed so we can get it ordered. We hope to have the baseball field in use the spring of 2026 and full use of the stadium in fall of 2026.

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5. Community Conversations

Becky Reece said that she has heard concerns that the gym "will never get done".

6. Next Meeting Dates:

May 14, 2025 and August 20, 2025 were confirmed by the COC as the next meeting dates.

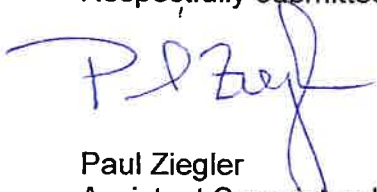
7. Topics for Next Agenda

There were no topics suggested by the committee for the next meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



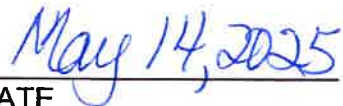
Paul Ziegler
Assistant Superintendent / Business Services



Recording Secretary, Jen Snipes



CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE



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