

**Riverside Unified School District
Operations Division**

Operations Board Subcommittee Meeting

December 16, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Virtual - Zoom

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER: 1:08 p.m. by Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Committee Chairperson

PRESENT: Tom Hunt, Board President, Kathy Allavie, Board Member, and Sergio San Martin, Assistant Superintendent, Operations.

Also present were Mays Kakish, Chief Business Officer; Ana Gonzalez, Director; Planning and Development; Ken Mueller, Director; Maintenance, Operations & Transportation; Nadia Zeien, Gaby Adame, Eric Walker, Assistant Directors, Facilities Planning; Darel Hansen, Principal, Poly High School; James Vaughn, Assistant Principal, Poly High School; Steven Ybarra, Principal, Arlington High School; Tacy Duncan, Assistant Principals, Arlington High School; Jeremy Standefer, Assistant Principal, Riverside STEM Academy; School; Melissa Elwood, Assistant Director, Business Services; Michael Gull, President, RASM; Melody Clark, Faculty, UCR; Jennifer Dubon, Ruhnau Clarke Architects; Marty Greenwood, Tilden Coil; Konni Wong, WLC Architects; Jeff Kraus, John Freese, William Grover, University of California, Riverside; and Nora Lopez, (Recorder).

Public Input

Mr. Rich Davis thanked the subcommittee for the Board meeting yesterday, and also expressed his displeasure of holding this subcommittee meeting at this time of day as he feels it is too early in the day and some people may not be available to attend.

Mr. Tom Hunt shared, as a reminder, that subcommittees are not decision makers, however they are tasked with making recommendations to the entire Board of Education.

Call Meeting to Order

1. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Kathy Allavie moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2020 meeting minutes, as presented.

2. Arlington High School Project Sign Event

Mr. San Martin provided an update on the Project's construction information signage for the Arlington High School Measure O Project, and discussed the planning of a signage unveiling event, and asked Mrs. Allavie and Mr. Hunt for direction on the next steps for this type of event.

Mr. Hunt recommended that District staff and school site staff plan a future date and produce a guest list, and that it would be great to have renderings available at such event so that

attendees and the community can have visuals on the projects. He would like these types of accomplishments to be celebrated.

Mrs. Kathy Allavie, Subcommittee Chair, expressed that she doesn't believe this is the time for this type of event due to the pandemic. However, planning for a future ribbon cutting ceremony for new schools when they are ready for ground breaking is a great idea.

The subcommittee agreed on holding off on an in-person event and they would like to see a post card or flyer so that it can be used as a way of communicating with the community. School Principals, Mr. Steven Ybarra, Arlington High School, and Mr. Darel Hansen, Poly High School shared the ways in which they currently cascade information to the community and stakeholders in efforts to keep them informed.

Mr. Sergio San Martin thanked school site for the work they do to keep the community and stakeholders informed, and also thanked District staff as they continue to update District's Website - Measure O webpage with project updates and renderings. He also thanked staff who provide quarterly reports to the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee during regularly scheduled meetings.

After the subcommittee provided input, it was recommend that staff look into a post card/flyer in coordination with the communications team, school site administration, and any other key staff, and also recommended the planning for future project "ribbon" cutting ceremonies for new schools when it is safe.

3. Riverside Polytechnic High School Project Update

Staff provided an update on the Riverside Polytechnic High School Project and provided highlights on the following:

- Team Introductions:
 - Ana Gonzalez, Director, RUSD, Planning and Development
 - Konni Wong, WLC Architects
 - Marty Greenwood, Construction Manager, Tilden Coil Constructors
- Overall review, including renderings of the campus renovation status
- Overview of Kiosk area and shade structures
- Panels that showcase the history and chronological timeline of events
 - The shade structure's design, material elements, and ongoing maintenance were discussed
- Quad areas are a multi-purpose areas as it can accommodate different needs
 - Polywood Bowl: Student center outdoor environment/Theatre
 - Bear Den: Outdoor concerts, pep rally's
 - Mayors Corner: Lectures/Outdoor Classrooms/Activities

The subcommittee asked questions and provided feedback in regards to the material elements, ongoing maintenance, shade structure, lighting, security cameras, and the quad areas, it was recommended that staff work with the Design Team in relation to the Mayors Corner Quad area, as well as information in relation to installing security cameras.

The following members of the public addressed the subcommittee during this agenda item:

- **Mr. Rich Davis:** Thanked the subcommittee for allowing his public comments to be submitted after the presentation of items.

4. STEM High School Project

Staff provided an update regarding the STEM Center Project at University of California, Riverside (UCR). The project update included a review of:

- Team Introductions:
 - Ana Gonzalez, Director, RUSD, Planning and Development
 - Roger Clarke, Ruhnau Clarke Architects
- Overview of Project Status
 - Included a review of project timeline
 - UCR Blaine Site: 4.9 acres
 - City Tower: .26 acres
 - City Gage Canal: .71 acres
 - Easement Road: .77 acres
 - West of Gage
 - Preliminary Site layout – Conceptual plan
- Status of Due Diligence
 - Working with the City of Riverside
 - Planning a second community meeting
 - Planning of Schematic Design, Educational Specifications, and Architectural Schematics in process
- Tentative Milestones
 - UCR Community Meeting No. 2 planning

The subcommittee discussed items in relation to the Gage canal, parking area, pathways and access, outdoor areas, fencing for security and safety, and relocation of cell towers.

Subcommittee also discussed funding for this project and Mrs. Mays Kakish shared that the STEM HS project is prioritized for funding in the current cashflow program however, the project cannot move into the construction phase due to contingency of State funds.

After the subcommittee asked questions and provided feedback, it was recommended that staff continue the planning for a UCR Committee Meeting No. 2, prepare a list of strengths and weaknesses in relation to possible future challenges, present this item at a regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting in 2021 before proceeding with the CEQA process.

The following members of the public addressed the subcommittee during this agenda item:

- **Mr. Rich Davis:** Shared that the Poly presentation lacked a budget report and would like more information on what the buildings look like, for example: the gym, scoreboard, sound system, seating capacity, and request that this information be presented at an upcoming meeting so that the public is informed. He also shared his disappointment in the Board of Trustees and staff for lack of integrity as he said he has

heard comments made about the STEM project being dead, and now there are plans to proceed with this project. He would like this meeting to be broadcasted like board meetings so that the public is informed.

- **Mr. Grover:** Thanked the Board of Education for their passion for education in science, and expressed gratitude for their support. He also expressed gratitude for continuing to engage stakeholders regarding the STEM project. In addition, he stated that sometimes UCR staff has had misconceptions about the project but once they attended the community/townhall meetings, they then agreed with the project. Again, he expressed his appreciation of STEM Education and looks forward to this continue partnership.

5. Architectural/Engineering Professional Services – Request for Qualification (RFQ)

Staff provided an update on the District’s architectural/engineering “request for qualifications” (RFQ) process.

Staff shared that the purpose for this process is to update the district’s architectural/engineering services “short-list” for ongoing capital facilities projects: Modernization, Renovations, New Construction, Additions & Expansions, Portable Projects, Site & Utilities. Staff also shared information in relation to the “Sample Selection Criteria” that is used in this process.

The subcommittee provided feedback in relation to the current shortlist, the criteria and selection process, timelines, and the District’s Design Criteria.

After the subcommittee provided feedback, it was recommended that staff continue to move forward with this process and present a recommendation to the Operations Board Subcommittee for review, and then to Board of Education at a regularly scheduled meeting.

The following members of the public addressed the subcommittee during this agenda topic:

- **Mr. Kevin Dawson:** Shared that he is surprised that money is still being spent on the STEM project and shared his opposition to this project.

Conclusion

Subcommittee Members Comments

Board members recommended that the following topics be agenzized at a future OBS meeting:

- Report by two (2) architectural firms for Eastside School, Casa Blanca School, and Highgrove School on how they will get public’s input.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.