



LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE-MEASURE K MEETING
Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956 and Education Code Section 35144, the Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to conduct its business meeting at the Education Center, 11321 Bullis Road, Board Room B-105, B-106, Lynwood, California, 90262.

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Paulette Bradley
Jackie Espinoza
Edwin Hernandez
Eugene Jackson
Edith Ornelas
Vincent Osby
Mayra Scott

C. Approval of July 24, 2014 COC Meeting Minutes

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No action or discussion is permitted on any item not included on the posted agenda per GC§ 54954.2 (a). No action may be taken and no discussion held on items raised by the public except as provided in GC§54954.2 (b).

PLEASE SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT FORMS PRIOR TO START OF MEETING Per Board Policy #9323 Three (3) Minutes May be Allotted to Each Speaker to address **all their items**. If translation services are required, please state that, and an additional one (1) Minute will be allotted. **Approach the lectern and give your name and address.**

The public has the opportunity to address the Board on any item appearing on the agenda or not on the agenda. Persons wishing to address the Board are asked to fill out a **Public Comment Form** located at the sign-in area, and submit the completed form to the administrative assistant prior to start of meeting.

Those who have a group concern are encouraged to select a spokesperson to address the Board. A copy of the full agenda is available for view at the Reception Desk area of the district office at 11321 Bullis Rd., Lynwood, California, 90262. Also, at the district web site: <http://www.lynwood.k12.ca.us>.

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E. REPORTS

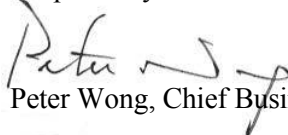
- Facility Planning and Construction Projects Update - by Del Terra
- Financial Update & Bond Sales – by Mr. Peter Wong

F. COC Orals

G. FUTURE AGENDA

H. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted by:


Peter Wong, Chief Business Official

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Thursday, July 24, 2014

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Board Room, Education Center
11321 Bullis Road
Lynwood, California 90262

CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee for Measure K, held on Thursday, July 24, 2014, was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by COC Chairperson Mr. Edwin Hernandez. Also present were LUSD Chief Business Official Peter Wong and Administrative Office Coordinator Gickee Ormeo.

ROLL CALL by Mr. Hernandez:

Paulette Bradley
Jackie Espinoza
Eugene Jackson
Edith Ornelas
Vincent Osby
Mayra Scott

APPROVAL OF MINUTE

Mr. Hernandez referred to an agreed-upon change in the schedule of the COC meetings (reflected on the April 24, 2014 minutes), moving it to Wednesdays to accommodate Mr. Jackson's work-related trips. Mr. Wong apologized and explained that due to the requirement for timely posting of agenda, this meeting has to be scheduled on a Thursday. Mr. Jackson said he is now available on Thursdays. Hence, the future COC quarterly meetings will remain to be every last Thursday of the month. Ms. Espinoza moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting; seconded by Ms. Scott. Item passed with seven votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS – None

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REPORTS

- **Request to add on future agendas “COC Orals” to allow committee members to express concerns**
- **Facility Planning and Construction Projects Update – by Ms. Susan Trevizo of Del Terra**
(PowerPoint Presentation posted on the website.)
Highlights of this presentation include:
 - o Phase 1 and Phase 2 Budget Allocation
 - o Expenditures as of June 30, 2014 totaled \$7,278,367
 - o Projects Completed During the Summer Months
 - o Projects Under Construction
 - o Proposed Projects
 - o New Buildings at Lincoln and Washington Elementary Schools
- **Financial Update - by Mr. Peter Wong**
(Financial Report posted on the website.)
Mr. Peter Wong reported that the Measure K projects are progressing according to projected timeline. Ownership of the new buildings at Lincoln and Washington Elementary Schools have been given to the

District. Plans are underway for the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for these new buildings, tentatively scheduled for September 3 and September 10.

Mr. Wong explained that there is no significant change in the financial report since the last COC meeting. He also clarified that the reports presented tonight do not reflect the full extent of all construction work that is being done. For the most part, these reports cover projects paid for by Measure K Funds, as well as the Lincoln and Washington buildings that were funded by ORG grant (half of the cost paid by State). In a week or so, another major project will commence at Abbott ES to refurbish and reconstruct the administration and library buildings, to be paid for by insurance. Mr. Wong shared that there is ongoing maintenance work that is being paid for by general funds and not by Measure K monies, hence not included in these reports.

Ms. Espinoza asked which bleachers does this report refer to that will be repaired. Mr. Wong said this referred to small bleachers for the baseball field at Firebaugh HS and Lynwood MS. He further clarified that the new bleachers at LHS were paid with unused funds that came from the State.

- **Bond Sales Update – by Mr. Peter Wong**

Last week, the issuance of the second series of bonds concluded. In January 2012, the District sold \$16.M of General Obligation Bonds and \$13.5M of BAN (Bond Anticipation Notes). BAN has a shorter maturity period of 18 months; maturing in August of this year. Current conditions allowed the District to issue \$10M worth of bonds. Half of it (\$5M) will be dedicated to pay off part of the existing BAN due in August 1, 2014. The other half (\$5M) will be allocated for projects. The District's underwriters and financial advisors structured the sale that is interest-friendly for the community and appealing to the market. The interest rate for the \$10M general bond is 4.21% for a 25-year term. Each year will have a different interest rate. The rate for the BAN is 1.78%.

Ms. Bradley asked clarification for the \$5M from this sale which will be allocated for projects. Her understanding was that the District would go for additional bond issuance to have more money for new projects. Mr. Wong affirmed this and explained that the original plan to issue bonds after the first series did not immediately push through because of the issue of changing property assessed value at the time of the proposed sale.

In response to Mr. Hernandez's query, Mr. Wong shared that the BOE will hold special study sessions to determine and prioritize projects which this \$5M will be spent on.

Ms. Bradley expressed her concerns over not having enough funds for projects and for new money used to simply payoff the BAN. She also said she fears some projects will be left incomplete. Mr. Wong explained that most projects were based on estimates and that depending on market conditions, some variance can be expected between estimates and actual cost. The District has a list of proposed projects and has the flexibility to pull back from what was originally planned, depending on availability of funds. There are also other sources of funding such as the State's allocation for emergency repair that can cover for some of the proposed work. Mr. Wong shared that districts that are twice bigger than LUSD's size did not have the same progress LUSD achieved through Measure K funding. He said the completed work, as well as the new buildings, reflect that the commitment made was kept and Measure K delivered what it promised.

- **Acknowledgements**

Mr. Hernandez acknowledged the presence of LUSD Board Members Alma-Delia Renteria and Gary Hardie, Jr.

COC ORALS

- o **Ms. Paulette Bradley** shared a thank-you letter addressed to Superintendent Paul Gothold during his meeting with the COC. She said the committee still awaits information on 2 items on the list given to the Superintendent. One of the items was already addressed tonight by Mr. Wong, assuring the community a

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tax rate of \$55. The second item was regarding the expenditure on repairs done at the District Office, which was not in the original list of projects submitted. Mr. Wong responded to this by sharing that money taken from Measure K was transferred back to General Fund. He apologized for not providing this information earlier. Ms. Bradley also explained that due to the limited times the COC meet, the gathering of information in a timely manner becomes crucial. She reiterated the need for open communication and for updated posting on the Facebook page. She was pleased to have answers to these issues that help build trust with the community and maintain transparency. For this reason, she submits this letter for the record.

- o **Ms. Jacqueline Espinoza** thanked the Board members present tonight and echoed Ms. Bradley's desire to keep open communication and transparency. She emphasized the need for COC members to have ready-answers to community members who ask them questions about Measure K and the construction projects. She said the residents would like to know how their money is being spent. She thanked staff for responding to the request for updated Facebook page.
- o **Mr. Eugene Jackson** was glad to see community members present tonight. He said it is important for residents to be involved and to listen to the communication between the COC and the District. He encouraged the community to listen to answers to most of their questions and to spread the good report. He said the information presented at every meeting is important for the community to hear.
- o **Ms. Edith Ornelas** also thanked everyone for coming tonight. She recalled having only 1 or 2 residents at the last meeting. She shared that outside of these meetings, the community should visit the sites and see the progress made. Though not a homeowner herself, she has family members that own property in Lynwood and she's happy to report to them the improvements made at the schools. She was thankful for the reports given tonight.
- o **Mr. Vincent Osby** asked for the Board Members to stand and be recognized. He asked Mr. Wong to explain how the LHS bleachers were funded. Mr. Wong explained that the LHS bleachers were completed before Measure K passed. There was money which would have otherwise been returned to the State. However, former Superintendent Mr. Edward Velasquez negotiated with Sacramento to have those funds back to pay for the new bleachers, lighting, concession stands, and restrooms.
- o **Ms. Mayra Scott** thanked Del Terra for the detailed report given tonight.
- o **Mr. Edwin Hernandez** thanked the Board Members present tonight. He said it was necessary for the committee to "rubber stamp" what is presented and to make sure financial reports are open for all to see. Mr. Hernandez shared that his own children are now all grown-up but as a resident he chose to be involved. He invited the community to see what is being done at the schools. He said he was initially against Measure K, but is now pleased to see what it delivered.

Mr. Hernandez repeated the request for campus tour for the COC. Mr. Wong asked Ms. Orneo to coordinate the day and time for this tour and to identify the school sites to be visited. The visit is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, either September 6 or September 13 from 9am to 12 noon.

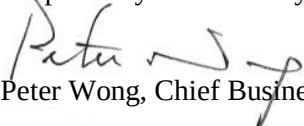
ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- o Request for translator for the next COC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bradley moved to adjourn the quarterly meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee; Mr. Jackson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by,


Peter Wong, Chief Business Official