

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE O CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY AUGUST 12, 2021

4:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

Call Meeting to Order:

The Measure O Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting commenced at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Tina Grande-Field, Keith Nelson, Terry Walling, Tom Evans, Lara Martin, Amanda DeLaO, Art Alcaraz, Martin De Campo, David Bristow

Member Absent:

Sarah Simpson, Marilyn Robinson, Diane Kwasman, Bob Garcia

Staff Present:

Sergio San Martin, Ana Gonzalez, Gaby Adame, Eric Walker, Nora Lopez, Rene Castro Jr., Joe Perez, Luis Martinez, Ken Mueller

Consultants Present:

Tarana Alam from KeyAnalytics; Ruben Duran, legal counsel for the Riverside District School District

Public Members Present:

None

Public Input

None

**Action Items:**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2021

Dr. Nelson asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 28, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Ms. Martin.

Public Input

None

A vote was taken via roll call vote per the Brown Act. The vote was as follows:

Yes: Keith Nelson, Terry Walling, Tom Evans, Amanda LeLaO, Art Alcaraz, Tina Grande-Field, Lara Martin, Martin De Campo, David Bristol

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sarah Simpson, Marilyn Robinson, Diane Kwasman, Bob Garcia

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carries unanimously.

## **Discussion Items**

### **2. Measure O Project Updates**

Mr. San Martin summarized the progress being made with the renovation projects as of July 2021.

Highgrove Elementary, Harrison Elementary, Jefferson Elementary and Sierra Middle School, Madison Elementary projects are completed.

Projects Under Construction: Jackson Elementary is 65% complete, Magnolia Elementary is 85% complete, Sunshine Elementary is 75% complete, Adams Elementary is 85% complete and Poly High School is 75% complete. Also under construction: Arlington High School is 50% complete, Alcott Elementary, Fremont Elementary and Monroe Elementary were started this summer and are between 5% and 10% complete.

### **Committee Discussion**

Mr. Bristol asked what the process in terms of a punch list? Does it happen often and how do issues get corrected after a project is officially completed? Mr. San Martin said at the end of every project there is a short punch list, things that need to be corrected or are still missing. They are monitored closely. Warranty items are also tracked.

Mr. Nelson asked if the staff memorialized the parents, students and teachers' reaction to the renovations? The communication teams memorialize the different phases of construction including the reactions to the final project. It is shared with the board at the state of the district presentation.

Mr. San Martin continued with the staff report and said that the Board of Education Study session has been tentatively scheduled for November 2021. Mr. San Martin said the study session came about from the last annual report that was presented to the board.

### **Public Input**

None

### 3. Ad Hoc Committee Update

David Bristol said that the committee will not be providing an update because they did not meet due to the bylaws prohibiting the formation of sub committees. Mr. Nelson said that should be discussed at the training session in November with the board.

Mr. Bristol asked to set up an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss this topic: What we would like to have as our procedures for reporting to the board after each quarterly meeting; the creation of a summary of the meeting that the Chair will present to the board.

### 4. Neighborhood Schools

Mr. Garcia wanted clarification when the neighborhood school discussion was initiated and why. Mr. San Martin presented the historical information surrounding this topic.

#### Public Input

None

#### Committee Discussion

Mr. Alcaraz asked what are the demographics around the Eastside school and if there is potential growth there? Mr. San Martin explained that the Eastside district is built out. The main focus of adding this school is to service the existing population that is there today. Currently 1400 students from this area are being bused to other schools.

Ms. Martin said that the district is experiencing a decline in enrollment and is concerned that the growth that they are envisioning may not materialize. She is concerned about spending the bond money on building new schools when they may not be needed. She feels the new schools will create less diversity and more overhead. Mr. San Martin shared his definition of a neighborhood school: one a child can walk to, When students are bused to another school, it is not a neighborhood school.

Mr. Bristol asked if the new Eastside school is expected to house all 1400 students that are currently being bused to other campuses? Mr. San Martin said that the new school is expected to house 750 students. Some students may still need to be bused, or modular classrooms may be added to Eastside.

Mr. Nelson asked if the need for additional land to build the Eastside school has been resolved. Mr. San Martin said that the school is in the process of having the environmental report created. They need 23 properties and have acquired 12 with one in escrow. It is going to take a couple of more years to acquire the balance of the properties.

5. Measure O Project Site Tours

Mr. San Martin said they could facilitate a tour as long as COVID mandates are observed. He suggested setting up the next meeting at one of the sites they would like to see.

Public Input

None

Committee Discussion

Mr. Bristol would like to tour several schools, not just one. Mr. Nelson asked staff to pick one of the completed schools to be the site for the next meeting.

6. Local Contractors on Projects

Ana shared a presentation showing the contractors used on the various projects and how much was paid to the contractors from Riverside County.

Public Input

None

Committee Discussion

Mr. Evans thanked Ana for the presentation and said this presents a positive picture of local contractors. He thinks this information should be shared with the Board. Mr. Bristol agreed.

7. Future Agenda Items

These items will be added to the agenda for the next meeting:

Discussion about amending the bylaws to allow ad hoc committees;

A quantitative definition of a neighborhood school and its application to the schools being discussed;

Discussion about having more frequent reports provided to the board;

The emails received from the national bond oversight association

#### 8. CBOC Expiring Applications

5 members' terms will be expiring on December 17: Mr. Garcia, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Walling, Mrs. Grande-Field and Mr. Evans. They will receive a letter shortly to see if they would like to continue to serve another term. They need to resubmit an application if they do want to continue, and the Board will decide at their next meeting.

#### Public Input

None

#### Committee Discussion

Mr. Evans asked if there are term limits. Ms Alam said there are three consecutive terms of two years each. If the committee is actively looking for new members but have not found any, a member can continue to serve past that time until a replacement is found. Otherwise, they must leave for two years and then reapply and can serve up to another 3, two year terms.

#### Next Meeting

Wednesday October 13

Mr. San Martin reminded the committee that the annual report still needs to be approved and thought they might like to meet before October to do this, as well as start working on a 2022 calendar.

Mr. Nelson would like a separate meeting for this.

#### Committee Members Comments

Mr. Nelson would like the discussion of the next annual report to be agendaized for the next meeting. Mr. Bristol said the agenda item should be to evaluate and finalize the report in order to present it to the Board before the end of the year.

The staff will look for a school that the next meeting can be held at and a tour can be taken. The meeting will be in person unless COVID guidelines prohibit that.

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 6:29 PM.