

**CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**
150 District Center Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92264

October 16, 2023 – 5:30 pm
PSUSD District Administration Center - Zoom

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Member Fenton.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Fenton led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL (Establishment of a Quorum)**

Roll call was conducted at 5:32 pm and a quorum established by Member Fenton.

Members present: Scott Fenton (Chair)
 Justin Decker
 Helene Kalfuss (Co-Chair)
 Linda Scudder

Absent: Richard Clapp

District staff present: Jeff Simmons, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Julie Arthur, Executive Director, Facilities Planning Development
 Kristina Murphy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Business Services

Public present: None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (solicited online and in writing 72 hours prior to the meeting)**
None

5. **COC Vacancies**

Member Fenton noted that we are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- Business Community Representative
- Parent of a Student in PSUSD

Members were asked to have interested candidates forward names of potential candidates to the Business Services office or direct them to our website to complete an application for consideration.

6. **BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS**

The committee reviewed the quarterly expenditure reports provided by the district.

7. **UPDATE ON DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECTS**

Julie gave an update on the current bond projects:

Bubbling Wells Elementary Modernization

The school was built in the early 1990's. The initial studies are complete, and we have secured the architect, (Rhunau Rhunau Clark). The design is close to the Landau and Sunny Sands Elementary School modernization projects.

Cathedral City High Modernization

The school was built in 1991. The modernization project will include renovation of all existing classrooms, lighting, carpet, fire alarms, the PA intercom system, and the central plant. The plans also include expanding the kitchen and cafeteria and bringing the entire campus up to ADA compliance. The central plant components are a year out. HVAC/roof replacement is in the bidding process. We are anticipating beginning the project during springs break. ESSER III funding will be used for a chunk of the project.

Della S. Lindley Elementary Modernization and Design

Temporary portables are being moved on campus. The project is getting ready to start. Should go to the board for approval Nov/Dec.

District Wide Prop 39

Projects ongoing.

DLA 500 Building Replacement

Built in 1968. Seismic assessment found it not structurally compliant. The funding for this project will be split funded and should be finalized by December. The final order for furniture is in progress.

Facilities Master Plan

The California Department of Education requires California school districts to prepare and/or update their Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for their district every five years. Projects are prioritized with high priority going to safety and security of campuses and buildings with aging infrastructure. We will be adding new code related items to green campuses.

James Workman Middle Modernization

Built in 1996. The modernization will include the removal of all portable classrooms and replacing them with permanent 1 story buildings. Will also be modernizing offices. There will be upgrades made to the existing locker rooms and the kitchen and eating areas will be expanded. Portables are being moved on to campus. We are working with the City of Cathedral City to get the dirt that is piled up on Date Palm, from the Hilary storm, (16,000 cubic yards of dirt) to build up pads needed to begin construction.

Landau Elementary Modernization

The project will consist of removal of the metal modulars and replacing them with permanent 1 & 2 story classroom buildings. Giving play space back to the schools that are currently inhabited by portables. Temporary portables are being moved on to campus so 12 classrooms can be moved over the winter break. There is a community meeting scheduled for November 18th in the MPR to address concerns regarding the construction. The district met with teachers last week and noted that each new classroom will be getting a sink.

Nellie Coffman Middle School Locker Room Upgrade

The design was approved by the school and is in the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for approval. Project to include removal of the showers, leaving additional space for privacy dressing rooms. We will also construct an indoor classroom space for inclement weather or for classes to watch film and revamping the teacher/coach's offices. New LED lighting, plumbing, and leveling of the floors will also be part of this renovation. The bid has been awarded and the project is set to begin over the Thanksgiving break, with no long lead times expected for materials.

Palm Springs HS 900/901 Upgrade

This project is complete. The classrooms were completely remodeled and furnished.

Palm Springs High School Seismic

This project is just about complete. The ASB area still has an area that is being worked on.

PSHS Locker Room HVAC

This is the last of the 4 high schools in the district to transfer from swamp to HVAC units. We are currently waiting for plans to come out of DSA.

Sunny Sands Elementary Modernization

The project will consist of removal of the metal modulars and replacing them with permanent 1 & 2 story classroom buildings. Giving play space back to the schools that are currently inhabited by portables. Temporary portables are being moved on to campus so classrooms can be moved over the winter break. There was a community meeting scheduled to address concerns regarding the construction, but it was not very well attended. The district will meet with teachers next week to discuss their concerns.

Member Fenton asked if the committee could tour Desert Learning Academy after the project is completed.

- Julie stated that once the furniture is in place, we will set up a special meeting for the committee to see the finished project, (January/February 2024).

8. Approval of Minutes

Member Fenton asked for a motion to approve the COC Regular Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2023. Member Kalfuss made a motion and Member Decker second. The committee unanimously agreed.

9. Setting of the Next Meeting/Location

The next COC Regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2024, at 5:00pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Member Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Kalfuss made a motion to adjourn and Member Scudder second. The committee unanimously agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be approved during the next Regular Meeting on February 20, 2024.

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