

**REGULAR MEETING
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

January 30, 2017 – 6:00 pm

Meeting Location
Palm Springs Unified School District
980 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way – Board Room
Palm Springs, CA 92262

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Hampton.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hampton led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS (Establishment of a Quorum)

Roll call was conducted and a quorum established by President Hampton.

Committee Members Present:

- Henry Hampton
- Kari Middleton-Hendrix
- Zindi Aguirre
- Benjamin Anglin
- Asia Horton
- Deborah Lucas
- Diane Ross.

District Staff Present:

- Brian J. Murray, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
- Julie Arthur, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development
- Kristina Murphy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Business Services

President Hampton introduced new member Diane Ross. She filled the Senior Citizen Organization vacancy. Diane spoke to the group about her background and interests.

Public present:

- None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Anglin made a motion and Member Lucas seconded to approve the COC Regular Meeting minutes for October 24, 2016 as presented. Member Middleton-Hendrix made a motion and Member Hampton seconded to approve the Special Meeting and Regular Meeting minutes from May 9, 2016. The committee unanimously agreed.

(Only 2 members from the May 9, 2016 Special Meeting and Regular meeting were in attendance and currently reside on the committee. They were present at the October 24, 2016 meeting when the minutes were originally presented. Subsequent to the meeting, it was discovered that a new Board could in fact approve minutes from an outgoing Board.)

6. COC VACANCIES

President Hampton shared that there are currently no open seats on the committee. Diane Ross was approved as a new member at the Board of Education meeting on December 13, 2016. She filled the Senior Citizen Organization representative seat.

7. BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

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

- Member Hampton asked about the increase in the Service Center project budget. Member Middleton-Hendrix asked if the District would provide a column on the report that shows the percentage increase to a specific project.
- Brian Murray spoke about the 2016 Annual Report that was distributed to committee members. This publication is created and provided by the District to show projects that are underway.
 - Member Middleton-Hendrix asked about the solar projects. She specifically asked if the District will be responsible for maintenance. Julie Arthur briefly spoke about district-owned solar panels using the panels going in at Cathedral City HS as an example. All other solar panels currently installed at PSUSD schools did not use bond funds

8. UPDATE ON DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECTS

Julie Arthur gave an update on the current projects:

- Raymond Cree Middle School classroom building replacement. There were a series of portables that were 30 plus years old at the site. They were replaced with 9 new portable classrooms and a restroom building. It has been purposed as the sixth grade wing. All of the furniture was moved in last week and today was first day that classes were held in the new rooms. The architecture is very complimentary to the original and existing buildings. The old portables are being moved away and disposed of by the contractor. Once the asphalt for the outdoor basketball courts has been redone, the project will be complete.
- Agua Caliente Elementary School remodel has been DSA approved. We are in the process of interviewing developers to take over the project. Work is set to begin during spring recess. The construction schedule and timeline is still being put together and will take place while students are in school. There is a new principal that will be starting soon. Due to an increase in ECE enrollment, a cost adjustment

was projected for 2 additional classrooms. The original budget for this project was set 4 years ago. We could see additional budget adjustments due to construction cost increases.

- Member Middleton-Hendrix asked if there are any local hiring initiatives. Julie talked about new laws for vetting companies and new regulations that are in place so that the lowest bidder is awarded the job.
- Rancho Mirage K-8. The site for the new K-8 was originally planned for construction on the property north of Rancho Mirage High School. Building the school at this location would increase traffic to the area, causing significant congestion. The District may elect to build the school on the 80 acre parcel of land across the street from the high school.
- Raymond Cree Middle, Rancho Mirage School and James Workman Middle School roofing projects. Projects will go out to bid in March.
 - Member Middleton-Hendrix asked if the District is experiencing issues with roof leaks or flooding due to the recent storms. Brian Murray stated that there are school sites that are on the radar for repairs and or replacement. Maintenance and Operations is prioritizing these projects based on the need.
 - Member Lucas inquired as to what constitutes a repair versus replacement. Julie remarked that District staff assesses aging roofs and reported issues. She also explained that the Board gives directives and approvals to initiate projects.
- District wide pool. Pool construction is completed and students are using the pool. Cathedral City HS and Rancho Mirage HS are sharing the pool to accommodate the water polo and aquatics programs. Part of the overall project includes re-roofing of the gymnasium and installation of solar panels. The roofing portion is underway and construction should be complete in May/June 2017. The District is also working on a joint use agreement with the City of Cathedral City.
 - Discussion ensued regarding a joint use agreement with the City of Desert Hot Springs and the use of the track at Desert Hot Springs HS. Brian Murray is working on this.
- Fire Alarm replacement. Phase 1 of this project is complete. All outdated equipment has been upgraded. Phase 2 will begin at sites as aging equipment requires replacing.
- Nellie N. Coffman Middle School chiller plant replacement. This project is experiencing issues with getting cooling to two of the buildings. It will be highly efficient when the project is completed.

Member Middleton-Hendrix asked if there will be a list coming out with new projects that will be funded with Measure I Bond funds. Brian Murray reminded members that the only projects the oversight committee will have knowledge of are projects that have been Board approved and in progress.

9. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COC MEETING DATE

The next COC Regular Board meeting will be held Monday, May 22, 2017, at 6:00 pm at Raymond Cree Middle School.

- Member Hampton asked for a Special Meeting for the committee to tour an onsite project. Julie Arthur recommended the Raymond Cree Middle School classroom building replacement project at Raymond Cree Middle School. The committee agreed and will meet at RCMS on Monday, May 22, 2017, at 4:30 pm for the tour and following, conduct the Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Member Anglin made a motion and Member Middleton-Hendrix seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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Minutes Approved at May 22, 2017, Regular Meeting


Henry Hampton, President