

UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
HACIENDA LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUGUST 5, 2026

The Regular Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting on August 5, 2026, was called to order by Dr. Perla Hernandez-Trumkul at 6:30 pm, In Person/ZOOM meeting of the District Administration building located at 15959 East Gale Avenue, Hacienda Heights, California 91745.

Members present: Antonio Ruiz, Jason Hinojosa, Berenice De Anda, Raji Venkataraman, Dr. Perla Hernandez-Trumkul

Item No. 1	<u>AGENDA REVIEW AND RE-ORDER</u> Moved by Berenice De Anda and seconded by Antonio Ruiz for Review and Re-order. 5 yes 0 No 0 Abstain Review and Re-order <u>None</u>
Item No. 2	Request to speak to agenda (Non-Agenda) Items <u>None</u>
Item No. 3	Moved by Berenice De Anda and seconded by Raji Venkataraman for Approval of minutes from previous meeting – May 6, 2026 Review and Change Item No. 4 – 2nd line change Blanco to Blanca. 5 yes 0 No 0 Abstain
Item No. 4	<u>BOND EXPENDITURES</u> Presenter: Jackie Pielin, Director of Fiscal Services Key Updates • Total Cost of Issuance: No change during the reporting period (zero variance). • Materials and Supplies: Increased by approximately \$243,000, including: ○ Furniture purchases for Fairgrove, Lasalette, and Sparks Elementary schools. ○ Technology purchases from Arey Jones. ○ General supplies such as boxes and tape. • Other Contracted Services: Increased by approximately \$227,000, including: ○ Cummings Construction Management

	○ Container rentals ○ Abatement services • Attorney Fees: No expenditures during this reporting period. • Architect Fees: Increased by approximately \$149,000, including services from Studio Plus, TBP, and PBK Architects. • DSA Fees: Increased by approximately \$24,000, bringing total DSA fees to \$819,000. • Other Fees and Charges: Increased by approximately \$141,000, primarily due to general inspection fees. Major Expenditure Activity • Site Work and Construction: Increased by approximately \$30.2 million, bringing total expenditures in this category to \$93.3 million. • Increase was largely due to reclassifying previously completed projects as allowable bond-funded expenditures, including: ○ Workman High School tennis courts ○ Baseball field improvements ○ Roofing projects ○ Technology infrastructure ○ Wilson High School press box ○ Network infrastructure and fiber connectivity ○ Chalmers construction contractor expenses Financial Overview • Total expenditures increased by approximately \$31 million during the reporting period. • Committed funding increased by approximately \$6.1 million, reflecting newly issued purchase orders and payments made during the period. Committee Discussion • Antonio Ruiz requested clarification regarding the approximately \$30 million increase in site work and construction expenditures. Staff indicated that additional details would be provided during the subsequent bond update presentation. • Mr. Ruiz questioned whether total expenditures and commitments were approaching or exceeding the Measure BB bond authorization. • Staff clarified: ○ Measure BB generated approximately \$148 million through two bond series (\$70 million and \$78 million). ○ Final remaining bond balances are still being determined as part of year-end closing and are expected to be finalized by the end of August. ○ Bond interest earnings increase available spending authority and must be used for eligible bond projects. ○ Interest revenue is recorded on the revenue side and is not shown as a separate expenditure line item. Action Items / Follow-Up • Fiscal Services will provide a finalized remaining bond balance after year-end close, expected by the end of August. • Additional explanation regarding the large site work and construction expenditure transfers will be presented in the subsequent bond update report.
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Item No. 5	<u>BOND UPDATE</u> A. HLPUSD Measure BB Bond Presenter: Blanca Risco, Interim Associate Superintendent, Business Services Purpose of Presentation - Reviewed the Measure BB Bond status and expenditure transfers previously presented to the Board of Education on June 11, 2026. - Provided background on bond funding, allowable expenditures, remaining balances, and planned future projects. - Explained efforts to maximize use of available bond funds while freeing up other district resources for critical facility needs. Measure BB Bond Overview - Measure BB was approved by voters on November 8, 2016, authorizing \$148 million in general obligation bonds. - Bond issuance occurred in two series: \$70 million in 2017 \$78 million in 2023 - The measure passed with 76.3% voter approval, exceeding the required 55% threshold. - Bond funds are restricted to voter-approved projects, including: - Roof repairs and replacement - Technology infrastructure upgrades - Athletic facility repairs - Fire alarm upgrades - HVAC improvements - Classroom and facility modernization Allowable Expenditure Transfers - Staff reviewed prior expenditures and identified projects that qualified as allowable bond-funded expenses. - Expenditure transfers were reviewed and confirmed as allowable by: - Bond Counsel (Hawkins) - Bond Auditor (Christy White) - Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) - These transfers move previously paid expenditures into the bond fund, which frees up General Fund and Deferred Maintenance resources for other district facility needs.
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	Examples of Allowable Transfers • School site roofing projects • Workman High School baseball field and tennis courts • Technology infrastructure upgrades • Wilson High School press box improvements Note: Staff clarified that the Workman High School Stadium project was not funded through bond dollars because it was new construction and did not qualify under Measure BB requirements. Financial Status Update • June 2026 estimates showed approximately \$10.5 million remaining in the bond building fund after accounting for: ◦ Existing encumbrances ◦ Projected expenditures ◦ Approved expenditure transfers • Staff noted that final balances remain subject to year-end closing and reconciliation. Interest Earnings • Committee discussion addressed expenditures exceeding the original \$148 million authorization. • Staff explained that bond proceeds earned approximately \$3.98 million in interest, which must also be spent on eligible bond projects. • Interest earnings increase the total amount available for bond-related expenditures. Committee Questions and Discussion Bond Balance Clarification • Antonio Ruiz requested clarification regarding: ◦ Remaining bond balances ◦ Encumbrances versus expenditure transfers ◦ How interest earnings affect available bond funding • Staff explained: ◦ Expenditure transfers and bond encumbrances are separate categories. ◦ Approximately \$17.1 million represented existing bond-funded encumbrances and obligations. ◦ Interest earnings account for expenditures exceeding the original bond authorization amount.
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	Request for Improved Financial Reporting • Mr. Ruiz requested future reports clearly identify: ○ Original bond authorization ○ Interest earnings ○ Total expenditures ○ Total commitments/encumbrances ○ Remaining available bond balance • Committee Chair Dr. Perla Hernandez-Trumkul supported the request, noting that clearer reporting would assist both committee members and the public. Staff agreed to provide a more detailed funding summary at a future meeting. HVAC and Deferred Maintenance Discussion District Facility Needs • Staff explained that transferring allowable expenditures to the bond fund creates additional Deferred Maintenance funding for major facility needs, particularly HVAC replacement. HVAC Condition Assessment Presenter: Joel Duarte, Executive Director, Facilities • A districtwide HVAC assessment conducted approximately two years ago found: ○ Roughly 1,300 to 1,400 HVAC units districtwide. ○ Approximately 80-85% of units were over 20 years old and beyond their useful life. • At the time of assessment, estimated HVAC replacement needs were approximately \$60-65 million. • Current replacement costs are expected to be significantly higher due to inflation. • Facilities staff are prioritizing: ○ Units with the highest repair frequency. ○ Systems that can no longer be effectively maintained in-house. ○ Areas directly impacting student learning environments. Equity and Facility Investment Discussion Question Raised by: Berenice De Anda
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	- Ms. De Anda expressed concern regarding perceived equity in facility investments, noting that Wilson and Los Altos High Schools appeared to receive more improvements than La Puente High School. Staff Response - Mr. Duarte explained: - Wilson High School's press box was condemned due to structural deterioration, water intrusion, and mold. - Los Altos High School's press box required upgrades to address DSA and ADA compliance deficiencies. - La Puente High School has a newer press box and previously benefited from major facility investments including: - New swimming pool - New kitchen project - Staff emphasized that project prioritization is based on: - Safety concerns - Facility conditions - Work order data - Compliance requirements - Educational needs Upcoming Bond-Eligible Projects Staff reviewed planned and ongoing projects, including: - School site roofing projects - Wilson High School press box improvements - Fire alarm installations at multiple schools - Classroom renovations - Information technology infrastructure upgrades - Gym HVAC and fire alarm improvements - Los Altos High School stadium bleachers and press box improvements - Districtwide HVAC replacement program (Phase 1) Funding Questions - Mr. Ruiz requested clarification regarding which upcoming projects would be funded by: - Remaining Measure BB dollars - Deferred Maintenance funds - Other district funding sources - Staff acknowledged the need for clearer funding breakdowns and committed to providing updated information after fiscal year closeout.
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	Los Altos Stadium Project Update Presenter: Joel Duarte, Executive Director, Facilities • The estimated \$8 million Los Altos project is primarily driven by ADA and accessibility requirements. • Planned work includes: ○ Home-side bleacher improvements ○ Accessible pathways and ramps ○ Press box upgrades • Project is currently in the design phase and has not yet reached DSA submission. • Staff estimated the project is approximately six to seven months away from DSA review.
	Action Items • Staff will provide a clearer summary of: ○ Original bond authorization ○ Interest earnings ○ Expenditures and commitments ○ Remaining balance • Staff will provide updated bond balances after fiscal year closeout. • Future reports will better identify funding sources for upcoming projects. • Facilities staff will continue prioritizing HVAC replacement needs and bond-eligible capital projects.
	B. Cumming Presenter: Joel Duarte, Executive Director, Facilities Overview • Mr. Duarte presented the Facilities Update on behalf of Jessica Morley (Cumming), who was unavailable. • The presentation focused on the status of the district's 21st Century Classroom Renovation Program and current construction projects.
	Current Project Status

	Under Construction • Valley Alternative High School • Orange Grove Middle School • Bixby Elementary (K-1, K-2, and K-3 classrooms) • Palm Elementary School In Design • Sparks Middle School Phase 2 (additional classroom renovations) • Bixby campus refresh for potential future expansion and use Sparks Middle School Phase 2 • Initial renovations completed approximately two years ago addressed only classrooms actively in use at the time. • Following district reconfiguration and the closure of Lassalette Middle School, additional students were moved to Sparks, increasing classroom utilization. • Several classrooms now being used were not included in the original renovation effort. • Plans are underway to renovate the remaining classrooms. • Project has been submitted to DSA, comments have been received, and responses are being prepared. • Full DSA approval is anticipated within the next few months. DSA Certification Update • A project status slide showed progress from project approval through bidding, construction, and DSA certification. • Antonio Ruiz confirmed that "certified" status indicates the project has received final DSA certification and is considered complete. • Mr. Duarte confirmed that projects not yet certified remain pending final DSA closeout. Palm Elementary Project • Construction is underway following a previous temporary pause by the Board. • ADA accessibility improvements are being completed, including construction of an accessible ramp connecting the campus to the public sidewalk. • Classroom renovations are also progressing.
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	Orange Grove Middle School • Renovations consist of a classroom refresh rather than a full modernization due to enrollment considerations. • Improvements include: ○ New flooring ○ New paint ○ New classroom furniture (currently on order) • Two phases totaling nine classrooms have been completed. Valley Alternative High School • Phase 1 renovations of six classrooms have been completed. • Completion of remaining classrooms is challenging due to lack of available swing space for relocating students during construction. • Staff are evaluating solutions to allow future phases of work to proceed. Bixby Elementary • Renovation work on three kindergarten classrooms is nearing completion. • Improvements include flooring and paint upgrades. • Additional refresh work is being planned to prepare the campus for potential future use and expansion opportunities. Bixby Campus Future Use Discussion • Committee members asked whether the district plans to sell the Bixby campus. • Staff clarified: ○ No decision has been made by the Board regarding future use. ○ There are currently no plans to sell the campus. ○ The district is preparing the site for potential future educational needs due to enrollment shifts and campus consolidations.
Item No. 6	<u>IDENTIFY POINTS OF DISCUSSION FOR UPCOMING MEETING</u> Discussion Summary

	- Committee Chair Dr. Perla Hernandez-Trumkul invited members to identify topics for upcoming meetings, in addition to the previously requested budget and bond fund clarifications. Committee Comments Antonio Ruiz expressed appreciation for the project status reporting presented in the previous update. - Mr. Ruiz noted that the slide showing each project's status, including approval, bidding, DSA submission, and certification stages, was particularly helpful for understanding project progress. - He requested that similar project-tracking information continue to be included in future reports and presentations. Action Item - Staff will continue including project status updates and milestone tracking in future bond and facilities presentations.
Item No. 7	<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING</u> November 18, 2026
Item No. 9	<u>ADJOURN</u> Moved by Antonio Ruiz and seconded by Raji Venkataraman for Adjournment at 7:45 pm. 5 yes 0 No 0 Abstain