

SAN MARCOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (COC)
255 Pico Avenue, Suite 250
San Marcos, CA 92069

AMENDED MINUTES
July 25, 2013
6:00 p.m.

These minutes are a summary of discussion or action taken by the Citizens' Oversight Committee. The minutes and the audio from the meetings are posted on the District's website at www.smusd.org

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Jean Diaz at 6:00 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: Jean Diaz, Michael Hunsaker, David Barnum, Jenna Harris, Tom Kumura, Darius Khayat, and Robert Bowen
Absent: Teresa Greger and Stacy Carlson

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Bowen

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved minutes of January 31, 2013, February 21, 2013, March 5, 2013 (Special Meeting), March 5, 2013 (Special Meeting), April 24, 2013 and May 21, 2013 (Special Meeting).
Moved by David Barnum to approve minutes and seconded by Darius Khayat with one change to reference of President to Chairman in the May 21st minutes. Motion carried

AYES: Diaz, Hunsaker, Barnum, Harris, Kumura, & Khayat
ABSTAIN: None

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

Kathy began the staff reports with a power point showing the current status of construction at SMHS with before and now pictures. She started with pictures as of April 3rd. Three months later relays have been moved out to begin the basketball courts. Gym is almost finished. She pointed out building G which will house the concessions for the visitor's stands. All the lights are up now and will be operational for the first game. The Gym is operational at this time. She continued her presentation touching on the different areas and explained the progress for each area. A member requested information on the cost of Hallon vs. water.

Khary gave a presentation on programs and use of Prop K funds on all projects. Three pieces to the puzzle, Program update, Financial update and Purchasing update. Scope, schedule and budget will be used in the presentation. We have four projects we will be working on and will go over the finances. SMHS and ERATE Technology Projects. Gary explained the ERATE process to the members (Federal Program). Have to prepare and upgrade classes for Common Core. Khary gave a presentation on all four projects, San Marcos High School Reconstruction Project, E-rate Technology Projects (3 campuses), Woodland Park Middle School Modifications Project, Technology Infrastructure Upgrades Project (District-wide).

Committee requested clarification on the technology projects and Woodland Park Middle School Project costs with Prop K over the Spring /Summer of 2012. The committee was not aware of these expenditures. The \$136,603 Prop

K portion listed in presentation was not included in the audit report as well. Committee had never heard that Prop K was being used for these projects in 2012. Gary would double check the figures and numbers and the funding used. Recommendation was made to break out the E-Rate grant expenditures. Be sure that the committee is brought up to date as money is spent from Prop K funds.

Definition of Infrastructure-things that you don't see.

Discussion continued on Bonds and interest rates.

Khary continued with his presentation. He shared a diagram explaining a typical classroom infrastructure. Khary explained where we are to date with the Prop K Bond Construction Budget. He then reviewed the San Marcos High Financial Summary.

Kathy let the members know that we have started the work on Knights Realm. It is night work only so it will not affect traffic during the day. This is an ordinance of the city.

Gary pointed out the typical financial forms that are included in their packets.

7.0 STATUS OF WEBPAGE REDESIGN

Gary explained the delay on the webpage design. Gary will check with Herbie and get a timeframe. Jean feels that it is an important part of the COC duties to be able to get information out to the public as soon as possible.

8.0 DISCUSSION ADDING FACEBOOK PAGE

Darius explained the ease of communicating to the public by using Facebook. People can comment and it would be very easy to set up. We would need to control the information somehow. Need to have some boundaries. It would be announcements, links and progress on projects. Darius and Jean will work together on the Facebook page. Would the Brown Act be an issue? Gary will check. Power point will go on the website.

9.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee will take place on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Business Services Conference Room of the North County Regional Education Center, 255 Pico Avenue, San Marcos, CA 90269

10.0 COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Michael discussed the process that the Taxpayers Association will be studying starting tomorrow. The Bonds are very inefficient and costly. Problem in a number of school Districts. Poway was 100% CAB's. Michael would like to see the tranche by tranche. Jean suggested that he go the other way. Encouraged the members to attend the Special Board meeting on Monday. Meeting is strictly informational. Jean shared some information with staff and members regarding some issues that would be important to consider before the next series of bonds are considered.

Agenda items for next meeting: CAB's, High School Tour, Technology Infrastructure, Webpage and Facebook

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Jean Diaz adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Date Amended Minutes of July 25, 2013 Adopted:

Signature of Assistant Superintendent
Business Services:

10/24/13
