

PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
Tuesday, May 22, 2006
Meeting #10

FINAL MINUTES – Approved September 25, 2006

The Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District was called to order by Mr. Warren Hennagin, Chairperson, at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2006, at the site of the future Yorba Linda High School, 4175 Fairmont Boulevard, Yorba Linda, CA 92886, in the Administrative Conference Room.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The committee, staff and community members present recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:	Mr. Warren Hennagin	Mr. Robert Hyde
	Mr. Keith deBrucky	Mrs. Judy Johnson
	Mr. Art Moncrief	Mr. Eric Padget

Members Absent:	Mr. Tom Lindsey
	Mr. Bill Walls

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Keith deBrucky moved to accept the final minutes of the June 28, 2005 meeting. Mr. Robert Hyde seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 - 0.

Mr. Keith deBrucky moved to accept the draft minutes of the January 19, 2006 meeting. Mr. Art Moncrief seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 - 0.

4. **WELCOME**

Mr. Warren Hennagin, Chairperson, greeted committee members and staff support personnel.

Mr. Doug Domene, Director of Executive Services, also welcomed committee members, then introduced Mr. Jim DiCamillo, architect for the Yorba Linda High School project, and provided a brief project overview. A synopsis of the information presented was distributed to committee members.

Mr. Domene referenced the Measure Y Update flyer and thanked Ms. Rosemary Gladden, Public Information Officer, for her efforts in developing the flyer and communicating with the community. Committee members were provided opportunity to dialog with Ms. Gladden.

The committee meeting will be recorded for purposes of accuracy.

5. **TOUR OF HIGH SCHOOL SITE**

Following introductory remarks by Mr. Mike Bailey, Director of Facilities and Planning, Mr. DiCamillo provided a brief overview of the renderings of the new high school, including the new construction and renovation drawings, the site layout of the fields, the football stadium, the pool, the joint use park area with the City of Yorba Linda, and the parking facilities.

Mr. Bailey discussed details relative to the acquisition and funding of the Yorba Linda High School property and indicated the property is in escrow.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS**

Dr. Dennis Smith, Superintendent of the PYLUSD, answered questions regarding use of the school's football stadium as well as the types of fields being considered for installation. He also addressed the agreement between the City of Yorba Linda, Shapel, and the District and indicated all parties went out of their way to make the high school project a reality.

Following a brief discussion period, committee members were provided a tour of the existing facilities and property.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

8. **CONSTRUCTION/MODERNIZATION UPDATE**

Mr. Mike Bailey provided a PowerPoint presentation on the *Capital Improvement Program – Facilities Study Session* data which had been presented to the Board of Education on May 9, 2006, and distributed a copy of the information presented. Committee members were provided opportunity to dialog with Mr. Bailey regarding the information presented.

- Major projects completed
 - 22 modernization projects
 - 2 new elementary schools
 - New MPR at Travis Ranch Elementary School
 - 20 school sites received new playground equipment
 - 11 school sites received expanded parking
 - 10 school sites received new lunch shelters

- Fiscal environment
 - Labor/material costs are volatile
 - Unprecedented escalation
 - Current construction estimates are unverified
 - State matching money has been suspended

- Results
 - 5 modernization projects have been postponed
 - New school projects are advancing
 - Future needs assessment projects require new funding

- Continuing Activities
 - Current projects
 - Value engineering
 - Scope reduction
 - Phasing
 - Re-design
 - Alternative funding

9. **RESULTS OF BOND SURVEY**

Dr. Dennis Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled *Building from the Blueprint for Success* and distributed a copy of the information presented. Committee discussion included the following:

- Foundation is strong
 - Great teachers
 - Supportive community
 - Award-winning schools

- District goal
 - To have school facilities that match the foundation
 - To have facilities that create the highest quality educational environment

- The needs today
 - Modernization and restroom upgrades
 - Complete all eligible modernization projects and upgrade all restrooms not previously renovated.
 - Technology
 - Expand/upgrade district-wide infrastructure
 - Expand/upgrade student and parent access/display/print capabilities
 - New construction
 - Performing arts venues – Valencia, El Dorado, and Yorba Linda High Schools
 - High school gyms – El Dorado and Esperanza High Schools

- Vocational/career education
 - Expand vocational and career education opportunities at all four high schools
- Site improvements
 - Upgrade all remaining fire and security alarm systems, lighting and shelters
 - Renovate/improve all field areas (PE/athletic fields and stadiums)
- Replace aging relocatables
 - Includes all currently leased classrooms – Rio Vista and Wagner Elementary Schools, El Camino Real High School
- The costs
 - New local bond measure

Mr. Doug Domene provided a PowerPoint presentation on the *PYLUSD Voter Survey, April 2006* and distributed a copy of the information presented. Discussion included the following:

- Survey conducted April 24 – 28
- 400 interviews completed in the district
- Survey results indicated the following:
 - The State of California and the District are going in the right direction.
 - 68% of respondents surveyed indicated the PYLUSD is going in the right direction.
 - Community priorities and levels of support:
 - Highest Priorities: 89%—technology and infrastructure; 75%—replacing portables
 - When respondents were asked, “if a bond were held today”:
 - 41% surveyed indicated they would vote yes on a new bond
 - 19% surveyed said probably yes
 - 21% surveyed said definitely no
 - 9% surveyed said probably no
 - 10%, no answer
 - Initial support of bond: As compared to the May 2001 survey, results showed the level of support to be higher in April 2006
 - Areas of support: 72% supported upgrading restroom facilities
 - Most compelling reason to support a bond issue: 67% surveyed indicated support for vocational training
 - At the conclusion of the survey, respondents were again asked, “If the election were held today, would you support a bond”:
 - 40% surveyed indicated they would vote yes on a new bond
 - 21% surveyed said probably yes
 - 21% surveyed said definitely no
 - 7% surveyed said probably no
 - 11%, no answer
 - Final bond support: 40% surveyed said definitely yes in April 2006 compared to 34% in May 2001
 - Potential bond return: May 2001 bond measure - \$32 = \$102 million; current bond measure - \$27 = \$148 million

Committee members were provided opportunity to dialog with Dr. Smith, Mr. Domene, and Mr. Bailey regarding the information provided.

10. **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Keith deBrucky regarding funding for the Yorba Linda High School project, Dr. Smith indicated some of the funding would come from Measure Y; however, the majority of the funding is from the RDA and state matching dollars. Mr. Bailey discussed the state architect approval process for site plans and conceptual drawings. He added that the District is in the design development stage for the Yorba Linda High School project. We anticipate submitting plans to the DSA in the spring of 2007 with state approval likely in the fall of 2007, followed by construction bidding in late fall.

Mr. Art Moncrief asked about the City of Yorba Linda's redevelopment plan. Dr. Smith said the district has no position on the redevelopment issue.

In reply to an inquiry from Ms. Judy Johnson regarding the status of the plans for Valadez Middle School, Mr. Bailey stated that the plans are out of the state architect's office and that the project architect is in the process of making corrections per the review and comments of the state architect's office. It is anticipated that bid packages will go out in late February 2006. The pad could then be completed during the summer of 2006 with construction beginning in the fall of 2006.

Mr. Robert Hyde asked about the time schedule for the new schools. Dr. Smith replied that it appears at this time that Valadez Middle School will open in the fall of 2007 followed in the fall of 2008 by the opening of Yorba Linda High School to ninth- and tenth-grade students. Ground breaking should take place next year. Mr. Bailey noted that Shapel is performing the grading on the field and park areas, and that the District will be responsible for grading for the building pad. While the infrastructure will be in place, the last phase of construction will be completed after the opening of the school. The project will take around 24 months to complete.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Keith deBrucky to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robert Hyde seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later time. Specific details will be provided committee members in the near future.

The foregoing conveys our understanding of items discussed and decisions reached during this meeting. We assume our understanding to be correct unless notice to the contrary is brought to our attention.

Submitted by,
Mr. Doug Domene