

PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
Monday, December 6, 2004
Meeting #7

FINAL MINUTES – Approved 6/28/05

The Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District was called to order by Mr. Warren Hennagin, Chairperson, at 5:36 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2004, at District Education Center, located at 1301 E. Orangethorpe Avenue, Placentia, California 92870, in the Superintendent's Meeting 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. Keith deBrucky (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
	Mrs. Judy Johnson	Mr. Art Moncrief
	Mr. Robert Hyde	Mr. Bill Walls
	Mr. Eric Padget	Mr. Tom Lindsey

Members Absent:

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Robert Hyde moved to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2004, meeting. Mr. Bill Walls seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 - 0.

4. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Warren Hennagin, Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Chairperson, greeted the committee members and staff support personnel.

Mr. David Verdugo, Assistant Superintendent of Executive Services, welcomed the committee members. He thanked them for their continued support and interest in serving on the Bond Oversight Committee.

The committee meeting will be recorded for purposes of accuracy.

5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS**

Dr. Dennis Smith, Superintendent, welcomed and thanked committee members for their participation. He updated the committee on several district activities including: Melrose Elementary School soil contamination, Mabel Paine Elementary School flooding and renovation, Van Buren Elementary School termite damage, and the reduction in construction management services.

Dr. Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Mabel Paine Elementary School flooding and updated committee members on the status of cleanup efforts and subsequent renovation of the school. The Superintendent shared that staff and students were moved to the West Campus of Esperanza High School. He added that the teachers are to be commended for their positive

attitudes and that their efforts, coupled with the wonderful welcome from the Esperanza High School student body and donations from many of the district vendors and local merchants, have made the transition a success. Mr. Mike Bailey briefly described the process that is in place to track costs of cleanup and restoration. He noted that the students will remain at the Esperanza High School West Campus for the remainder of the school year. Dr. Smith invited the committee members to visit Mabel Paine's temporary campus at Esperanza High School.

Dr. Smith presented a video of news coverage on the Melrose Elementary School campus. He indicated that elevated levels of arsenic were discovered in the soil in a portion of the ballfield adjacent to the Kelly-Wright Hardwood site. The Superintendent added that the site had been a school for 50 years and also a park for 30 of those years. Mr. Mike Bailey showed the committee a map of the area affected and spoke about the cleanup procedure. He indicated the district has taken a cautious, proactive approach on the cleanup of the area and that the parents were notified immediately and are being kept apprised of the situation.

Dr. Smith shared that three buildings at Van Buren Elementary School were temporarily condemned due to structural damage from termites and that the renovation designs have been approved by the state architect (DSA). Seven classrooms were moved to relocatables pending completion of the renovation. He added that a mold problem caused by water damage during recent heavy rains was discovered in the kindergarten classroom building. Consequently, two additional portables were brought on campus to provide temporary housing for the kindergarten classrooms. It is anticipated that these renovation projects will be completed by February or March 2005.

Mr. Mike Bailey discussed the reduction in project management/construction management (PM/CM) staff. He indicated the district has reached the midway point of the Capital Improvement Program. While a few of the district's modernization projects are scheduled for completion in March 2005, the majority of the projects should be concluded by the end of December 2004. As the remaining 16 projects reach completion, field staff will be released and the construction management trailers will be moved off the campuses. A minimal number of program and field staff will be retained at this time. He added that the services of construction management firms will be required during construction of the new Southwest Middle School and Yorba Linda High School.

In response to an inquiry regarding the Yorba Linda Redevelopment Agency (RDA), Dr. Smith indicated that it is hoped the district will be able to bond on the revenue stream after the first of the year. This would provide the district funding for the land acquisition for construction of the proposed new high school.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

7. **2004 MEASURE Y PERFORMANCE AUDIT REVIEW**

Mr. David Verdugo discussed the Measure Y finance and performance audit draft report provided to committee members. He asked members to review the draft report over the next two weeks and to get back to him with any questions they may have. He added that he would provide committee members any additional information and/or questions/comments he receives from committee members by e-mail. The final report will be included on the agenda for Board of Education review on January 18, 2005.

A brief discussion was held on several areas of the performance audit draft report.

8. **MEMBER VACANCY**

Mr. David Verdugo shared that the resignation of Mr. Owen Holmes has created an opening on the Bond Oversight Committee. He also indicated that Mr. Mark Skvarna, Superintendent of Baldwin Park Unified School District and a resident of Yorba Linda, has volunteered to serve on the Bond Oversight Committee. Committee members briefly discussed Mr. Skvarna's qualifications.

Mr. Verdugo also asked committee members to review their respective terms on the committee (i.e., initial terms were indicated as 2 year or 3 year commitments) and shared his hope that all committee members would agree to continue their participation on the Bond Oversight Committee. Mr. Verdugo will e-mail committee members responses to questions raised and will provide information on their respective terms of service.

9. **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Robert Hyde, Dr. Dennis Smith provided committee members an update on the proposed Yorba Linda High School which is tentatively scheduled to open in fall 2008. Dr. Smith discussed the North Orange County Community College property status, land acquisition, funding sources for the project, and responded to committee member questions.

Mr. Warren Hennagin inquired about the Eastside Elementary School Project. Mr. David Verdugo discussed the demographics of the San Antonio Road/Murdock Ranch area. Mr. Mike Bailey then spoke on the decline of elementary school enrollment across the district which included Bryant Ranch, Travis Ranch and Fairmont Elementary Schools. Dr. Dennis Smith indicated that enrollment at some schools, including the anticipated opening enrollment for Lakeview Elementary School, is around 350 students. This decline in elementary student enrollment is occurring not only across Orange County but statewide as well. He added that the \$1 million price of new homes makes it impossible for young families to purchase starter homes in many areas and is a factor in the declining enrollment figures. At this time, the Eastside project will stay on the project list. Dr. Smith and Mr. Bailey answered questions from the committee members.

Mr. Mike Bailey updated the committee members on the status of the following:

- **Current and new projects**
 - Lakeview Elementary School – completion, summer 2005
 - Mabel Paine Elementary School Restoration – anticipated completion this year
 - Melrose Elementary School – currently completing the close out of the new construction project
 - Travis Ranch School – new multipurpose room to be completed summer 2005
 - Rio Vista, Modernization/Final Phase - administration building to be completed summer 2005
 - Kraemer Middle School , Modernization/Phase II - elective program and administration buildings to be completed summer of 2005
 - Valencia High School – girls' locker room
 - Van Buren Elementary School – ongoing project
 - Topaz Elementary School – ongoing project
 - Linda Vista Elementary School – ongoing project

- New modernization projects in design phase
 - Woodsboro Elementary School – anticipated to begin, summer 2006
 - Tynes Elementary School – anticipated to begin, summer 2006
 - El Camino Real High School – anticipated to begin, summer 2006
- Additional finish work to complete the modernizations
 - Tuffree Middle School – anticipated 2006
 - Yorba Linda Middle School – anticipated 2006
- New construction in the planning stages, anticipated 2007/2008
 - Southwest Middle School
 - Yorba Linda High School
- Reconfiguration of portable classrooms
 - Rio Vista Elementary School – anticipated 2006
- In design stage
 - El Dorado High School Performing Arts Building
 - Valencia High School – Phase III

In response to an inquiry from Mrs. Judy Johnson, Mr. Bailey indicated plans for the proposed Yorba Linda High School include a potential site for a second stadium in the district. The construction of a stadium is a cost issue and would require that the district secure the property. Dr. Smith said the district is in negotiations for the high school property at this time. Dr. Smith and Mr. Bailey answered questions from committee members.

Mrs. Judy Johnson inquired about committee school tours and suggested the committee be provided another tour subsequent to the return to daylight saving time. Mr. David Verdugo and Mrs. Rosemary Gladden spoke about the last community Measure Y tour.

In response to inquiries from Mr. Tom Lindsey, Dr. Smith discussed the issuance of the final \$26,000,000 Measure Y bond and the valuable assistance the district received from the bond consulting firm. He added that it is likely the district would use their services again. Mr. Bailey indicated it is anticipated the funding from bonds will be completed during the next fiscal year.

10. FUTURE MEETING

To be determined; specific details will be provided committee members in the near future.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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. David Verdugo