

**Tustin Unified School District  
Citizens' Oversight Committee  
Measure G**

**MINUTES**

**September 9, 2009**

Bill Pevehouse, President, called the regular meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee "COC" to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Tustin Unified School District, 300 South C Street, Tustin, CA.

**Members Present**

Bill Pevehouse, President  
Jim Cronn, Vice President  
David Albus  
Chris Cummins (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)  
Merlin L. Henry Jr.  
Jill Leach (Absent)  
Simon Russek  
Amy Tanaka

**Staff Present**

Brock Wagner, Deputy Superintendent, Planning and Operations  
Tony Soria, Chief Financial Officer  
David Miranda, Facilities Coordinator/Planner

**Guests**

Bill Pevehouse led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

It was moved by Amy Tanaka, seconded by David Albus, and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda.

**General Functions Consent Item:**

It was moved by Amy Tanaka, seconded by David Albus, and carried unanimously to adopt the Minutes of August 12, 2009, as amended (Item No. 1).

**Public Comments**

None.

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**Staff Presentation and Information**

1. FHS Phase III and Expenditure Report Update

The Foothill High School science center is 95% complete. Bill Pevehouse inquired about the timeline for the Foothill High School swimming pool project. The pool project is currently being reviewed by DSA and the District anticipates approval at the end of October. The demolition of the pool has been completed, and from start to finish it should take approximately 9 months to build the new pool. Chris Cummings inquired as to the financial portion of the pool. To date, Supervisor Bill Campbell and the County of Orange are committed to contributing \$750,000 towards the FHS swimming pool project. Measure L funds will cover a majority of the construction budget.

As mentioned at the last meeting, the District had applied for a Qualified School Construction Bond Program (QSCB) allocation with the California Department of Education (CDE), which is the agency responsible for administering the QSCB Program within the State and allocating QSCB financing to school districts within the State. The District's application for \$25 million was not selected, however, we were fourth from the lottery cut-off. The District would have paid less in interest, thereby saving tax dollars for its residents. There is a possibility that some districts may not be able to meet their deadline for construction and the District may still be able to qualify. In the meantime, the District will prepare for next year's QSCB allocation in attempt to secure financing for Measure L.

2. Foothill and Tustin High School Master Plans

The Tustin High School (THS) Science Center is currently being reviewed by DSA. The quad upgrade—Increment II plans were recently approved by DSA. A job walk was scheduled for September 8, and a bid opening will take place in two weeks. Approved contracts should be moving forward shortly. Bill Pevehouse inquired as to the construction logistics with students present on site. Staff replied that precautions have been taken to ensure student safety. Jim Cronn shared that he was recently on the Tustin High School campus and came upon sand bags near the construction fence line that might be a safety/liability issue. Staff replied that they will identify and address the issue.

There will be a Ribbon Cutting and Community Open House Night at the Foothill Science Center from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, November 30. The public is invited to attend the event.

Simon Russek inquired as to construction schedule for the Tustin High School quad project. Staff replied that the main quad area should be completed in December 2009, with tower completion in late December 2009/January 2010. David Albus inquired about the THS quad contingency increase from August 2009 to September 2009 and about increased budgetary costs. Staff answered that the contingency amounts remain the same; however, there is an increase in the current budget due to the costs of removing unforeseen transite materials from the site. Generally contingency fees are a percentage of the estimated cost of construction. The actual budget and contingency will be set following receipt of construction bids.

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3. General Obligation Bond II (SFID 2008-1) Measure “L” Projects

NTD, the District’s Architect, will present to the Board in October an update (list of future projects, sequence of events, etc.) of the projects within the Master Plan. As mentioned at the last meeting, the first phase of Measure L projects will include the new multipurpose facilities at the middle schools (C.E. Utt, Currie, Columbus Tustin, and Hewes middle schools). Staff is in the process of recommending an architect to present to the Board, who will provide a multi functional room prototype design, i.e., small stage, basketball courts, mondo floor, etc. This design will be implemented at all the middle schools. Cost factor will be approximately \$4.5-5 million per site (identical building at all sites). In addition, Tustin High School has a need for a full sized gym, while Foothill High School requests a smaller/auxiliary gym to meet their site needs.

4. New Business

Brock Wagner shared that Orchard Hills will be open to students in September 2010. He also shared an update on school site capacities: Orchard Hills-1,200; Hicks-1,000, Myford-825/850; and Pioneer-1,350. Elementary sites in the past have been built to hold 560-600 students. Students at this time seem to be leaving the private school system and entering Orange County public schools. Most districts are experiencing declining enrollment, but TUSD grew by 800 students last year and we are currently experiencing an estimated growth of 650/700 students. The District also experienced a smooth first day of school opening, considering this year’s larger classroom occupancy and 70% reduction in bus transportation.

The November 18 COC meeting will be held at Foothill High School in the new Science Center building at 6 p.m.

**Adjourn**

It was moved by Chris Cummings, seconded by David Albus, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.