

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

MINUTES

November 18, 2009

Jim Cronn, Vice President, called the regular meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee "COC" to order at 6 p.m. in the Science Center at Foothill High School, 19251 Dodge Avenue, Santa Ana, CA.

Members Present

Bill Pevehouse, President (absent)
Jim Cronn, Vice President
David Albus (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)
Chris Cummins
Merlin L. Henry Jr.
Jill Leach
Simon Russek
Amy Tanaka

Staff Present

Brock Wagner, Deputy Superintendent, Planning and Operations
Tony Soria, Chief Financial Officer
Peter Burns, Senior Director, Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities
David Miranda, Facilities Coordinator/Planner

Guests

Jim Cronn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Jill Leach, seconded by Merlin L. Henry Jr., and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda.

General Functions Consent Item:

It was moved by Jill Leach, seconded by Simon Russek and carried unanimously to adopt the Minutes of September 9, 2009.

Public Comments

None.

Staff Presentation and Information

1. FHS Phase III and Expenditure Report Update

The Foothill High School Science Center project is near official close-out. The COC inquired as to the expenditure report and the 10% retainer for the project. Staff replied that a punch list is being completed before releasing final retentions. Committee members commended the trade contractors for doing a great job in providing a beautiful building.

The demolition of the Foothill High School swimming pool has been completed. The pool plans are currently being reviewed by the Department of State Architect (DSA) and contracts will be awarded upon receipt of DSA stamped plans. DSA has also requested that the District re-test PSI levels/water pressure at Foothill High School. An inquiry was made as to the Labor Compliance Program and how it figures into the building of the pool. State law requires that prevailing wage be paid on all school district construction projects. The Labor Compliance Program is one of many State mandates and the approximate fee is based on 0.7% of construction costs.

Bids of \$3.5 million were received for construction of the pool, in addition to \$250,000 for lighting and a shade structure, which puts the total project costs at approximately \$3.7 million, seating/bleachers will be incorporated upon project completion. Foothill High School students are currently using the pools at Beckman and Tustin High schools. David Albus inquired as to architectural fees and their relation to bid costs. Staff responded that the architectural fees are based on the Office of Public School Construction sliding fee scale which is based on a percentage of construction costs. The final budget and contingency costs will be set following Board award of construction bids.

2. Tustin High School Science Center/Quad

The Tustin High School Science Center ground breaking is tentatively scheduled for January 2010. The plans are currently being reviewed by DSA and should be approved within three to four weeks. The project is similar to Foothill High School; the interior is the same layout and same square footage with the exception of the exterior design which features a mission style with a tile roof. The cost is estimated at \$16 million, with a 12-14 month construction schedule. The Tustin High School quad completion is slated for January/February 2010. The COC inquired as to the increases to the quad budget. The preliminary budget was based on an architectural estimate at the master planning stage. Staff confirmed that the current scope of work was much more extensive than the original design.

NTD Architecture is currently working on designs for the next phase of modernization/construction at Foothill and Tustin High Schools. Foothill projects include an auxiliary gym/multipurpose space, locker room remodel, and modernization of building 200. Tustin High projects include a new full-size gym, and modernization of the math and special education buildings.

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4. New Business

Brock Wagner shared that the bid for Heritage School on the MCAS came in at \$9 million, and we received over 200 bids (a sign of the times).

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.

Adjourn

It was moved by David Albus, seconded by Chris Cummins, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.