

APPROVED

THE PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Measure Z – Approved by District Voters on November 2, 2004)

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
October 13, 2008
5:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:
Heritage High School
26001 Briggs Road
Romoland, CA 92585

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Lee Tankesley, Chair
Anke Franklin
Victor Giardinelli

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

ATTENDING: Candace Reines, Interim Assistant Superintendent,
Business Services
Crystal Guimond, Asst. Superintendent's Secretary

OTHERS ATTENDING: Daniele Sheridan, Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone
Dr. Fred Good, Consultant

CALL TO ORDER

Lee Tankesley called the meeting to order at 4:53 p.m.

TOUR

Principal Grant Bennett gave a guided tour of Heritage High School to the Committee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Lee Tankesley led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL (Establishment of a Quorum)

Crystal Guimond led roll call. Quorum was established. Members absent: Cinthia Robbins, Barry Busch, and Ann Motte.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented or submitted.

ADOPT SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Lee Tankesley asked if the 6.1 million left from the Measure Z bond money had been designated specifically for the "start-up" on the Facilities Master Plan. Candace Reines

indicated that it had not been but that is exactly what the District will be doing; she also clarified that the 2.5 million designated out of Measure Z bond money was a separate line item for High School #4 and not included in the 6.1 million.

It was moved by Victor Giardinelli and seconded by Anke Franklin to approve the September 23, 2008, minutes, as presented.

VOTE: Ayes 3, Noes 0, Absent 3

DISTRICT UPDATE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

The District Update was presented by Candace Reines, Interim Assistant Superintendent for the Perris Union High School District.

Points discussed are listed below.

- The Perris High School opening game and opening event was a complete success; the stands were full. The crowd consisted of staff, community and students. Ms. Reines indicated that she attended the following game also, and it was just as crowded.
- The Heritage High School Dedication was October 3, 2008. Supervisors Marion Ashley and Jeff Stone were in attendance, among other dignitaries. Economic Development money had been used to fund the 2.2 million dollar Marion Ashley Stadium and will also fund the team rooms/training facilities, aquatics, and agricultural area (there are approximately 300 students in this program).
- The Paloma Valley High School Shade Structure is moving right along with anticipated conclusion to the project is December 2008.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND PINACATE MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE/DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANNING UPDATE

Dr. Fred Good asked the Chair if these two items could be combined. Dr. Good explained that he had been with the District for over a year serving as a consultant with a primary focus of the District Facilities Master Plan. Dr. Good indicated that he and the Administration worked with sites trying to come up with a level of equity to come up with what was needed at the sites. Dr. Good gave Tina Cullors praise for having representatives on the District Facilities Master Plan (DFMP) Committee from all of the collaborative districts (Romoland, Nuview, Menifee, and Perris). The DFMP Committee was formed the end of last year (2007). Dr. Good said that administration met with site focused groups and then the DFMP Committee, which was a globally focused group. Dr. Good mentioned the DFMP Committee asked questions about where to go for funding. Dr. Good said that in 2004, it was thought the State 50/50 program was 50/50, but it's actually about 30/70 (30 State and 70 local). Dr. Good gave the District "kudos" because of how much was done with the money. Dr. Good has had the pleasure of watching projects being completed due to the District's spending strategies. Dr. Good referred the Committee to the hand-out, which is a summary of the District Facilities Master Plan, "Building New Horizons"; the actual plan is about 2 inches thick. (He had one to show the group.)

Dr. Good believes he and District Administration will be getting together quarterly with this same DFMP Committee to discuss implementation of the Facilities Master Plan. Even though these are tough economic times, construction prices (including construction materials) are down.

- Lee Tankesley questioned construction prices going down and wondered about the labor prices.
- Dr. Good indicated that everyone is feeling the pinch and these prices indeed are going down, so it's a good time for the implementation of the priorities developed for the District Facilities Master Plan.
- Lee asked if the "rule of thumb" for labor vs. materials was still 50/50, and Dr. Good agreed that this was still the case.

Dr. Good referred to his hand-outs, specifically the map of the white Heritage birds-eye view, which showed how the students are contained in one small area, yet this 60+ acre site is a nightmare for the Plant Supervisor to maintain. There is an area where portables could go in to create a temporary campus. Dr. Good referred to the blue Perris High map, which is about half the size (33.17 acres vs. 63 acres) as Heritage. The District is working on the development of the Perris High campus, getting rid of some of the portables. Dr. Good explained that the District was looking at something between the two schools for the new high school, probably about 50 acres using the style of Heritage.

Dr. Good told the COC Committee that a high school site was needed in Menifee, a high school site was needed in the Lakeview/Nuevo area, and a middle school site was needed in Perris. Pinacate Middle School was designed for 700 students and now houses over 1,400 students. (Dr. Good referred the COC Committee to the white map of Pinacate.) Dr. Good indicated that while it was thought a second campus would help alleviate this situation, it would not be fair not to open up the Pinacate campus for staff monitoring and plan how to accommodate more students.

- Mr. Tankesley said that it looked like there was unused property by looking at the map.
- Dr. Good said that there is a lot of area for physical education; it just moved without forethought at the site.
- Victor Giardinelli asked what the ratio of Administrators to students would be.
- Dr. Good said we would actually be decreasing the spread of the buildings; it was more economical to serve the same number of students.
 - Dr. Good mentioned a middle school campus he recently visited that housed 2,680 student son 4.3 acres.
- Anke Franklin asked about the boundaries for Pinacate and who was served.
- Dr. Good explained that Pinacate only served Perris Elementary and went on to explain the dynamics of the collaboratives and the Perris Union High School District.

UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Crystal Guimond informed the COC Committee that Member, Cinthia Robbins, had submitted an e-mail indicating that she could no longer serve on the Citizen's Oversight Committee. She reported that Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone, the District's Attorneys, suggested that a formal resignation be requested, which it was. Mrs. Robbins faxed her formal resignation on October 9, 2008.

- Daniele Sheridan indicated that the COC can receive this resignation as an informational update, but the Governing Board should authorize recruitment for an additional COC member(s).
- There was some discussion regarding membership terms, the existence now of two open positions, and members positions.
 - It was agreed that Ann Motte held the Member at Large position, Victor Giardinelli held the Taxpayer Association position, Lee Tankesley held the Senior Citizen position, Barry Busch held the Business Community position, Anke Franklin held the other Member at Large position, and Cinthia Robbins held the Parent position. It was also agreed that Crystal Guimond would research the positions held in order to present appropriate information to the Governing Board in order to recruit. It was discussed COC members can only be appointed for two, two-year terms and the District will have to review the best approach to the COC members' terms and the Measure Z funds left to be expended. It was agreed that everything would be coordinated through Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Gianonne.

ELECTION OF COC OFFICERS

Lee Tankesley asked if this would be prudent in light of the previous discussion regarding the COC Committee.

- Daniele Sheridan recommended that the COC Committee elect a President, Vice President and Secretary.
- There was some discussion on this topic culminating with a nomination received to appoint Lee Tankesley as President.

It was moved by Victor Giardinelli and seconded by Anke Franklin to appoint Lee Tankesley as President

VOTE: Ayes 3, Noes 0, Absent 3

- A nomination was received to appoint Anke Franklin as Vice President.

It was moved by Lee Tankesley and seconded by Victor Giardinelli to appoint Anke Franklin as Vice President

VOTE: Ayes 3, Noes 0, Absent 3

- It was suggested by Daniele Sheridan that the Secretary position should be an administrator of the District, such as Candace Reines. A nomination was received to appoint Candace Reines as Secretary.

It was moved by Anke Franklin and seconded by Victor Giardinelli to appoint Candace Reines as Secretary.

VOTE: Ayes 3, Noes 0, Absent 3

UPDATE ON MEASURE 'Z' BOND FUND PROJECT AND MEASURE 'Z' FUND EXPENDITURES

Candace Reines reported that the Measure Z expenditures report was in the new, simplified format discussed at the previous meeting.

- Dr. Good mentioned that this format was very simple and easy to read.
- Some questions were clarified by Ms. Reines, as summarized below.
 - The \$5,000 spent for the new high school only comprised appraisals; it will ultimately cost much more.
 - On upgrades will be done with the remaining dollars for Pinacate Middle School.
 - No bond money can be spent toward a new middle school.
 - There are many more expenditures still coming through on the Perris High School project, so there will not be any monies left.
 - The District is not planning to ask for another bond but will be utilizing and available money from the State and other sources.
 - Dr. Good said that we can get more money for our dollar today, especially if the plans to build were ready for High School #4. There was quite a bit of discussion on this, as summarized below.
 - The District's responsibility is to the community, but it also has to look for land where the State will allow.
 - Apparently there are rumors that Perris Union High School District is not really looking for property.
 - Dr. Good indicated that land availability is slimmer than one might think, plus there are environmental issues, as well as community opinion about high schools that play a large part in finding land. This is very important, and the District is spending serious effort on this.
 - It was asked how involved the State was in this process, and both Dr. Good and Ms. Franklin confirmed that the State is dramatically involved. There is a long list of compliance issues. Dr. Good went on to say that the State has seen every site that the District looked at and has written up something and approved each parcel.
 - Victor Giardinelli wondered if the City of Menifee had been involved. Dr. Good indicated that if the District chose a site within the City of Menifee, there are things that must be

coordinated. However, if the land is outside the City, the District would be dealing with the County of Riverside.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no suggested agenda items.

DISCUSSION/SCHEDULING FOR NEXT COC MEETING

Lee Tankesley mentioned that he would like to have the next meeting at Pinacate Middle School.

Candace Reines asked how often the Committee should meet.

- Daniele Sheridan suggested meeting in January. She also indicated that it may become necessary to call a special meeting on the waivers.
- Ms. Reines recommended Monday, January 12, 2009, at Pinacate Middle School
- It was agreed.

ADJOURN It was moved by Member Victor Giardinelli and seconded by Member Anke Franklin to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes 3, Noes 0, Absent 3