

**Tustin Unified School District
Citizen's Oversight Committee
Measure L**

MINUTES

September 9, 2009

George Jeffries, Chairperson, called the regular meeting of the Citizen's Oversight Committee to order at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Tustin Unified School District, 300 South C Street, Tustin, CA 92780.

Members Present

George Jeffries - Chairperson
Tran Hong – Vice Chairperson (arrived at 7:17 p.m.)
Bruce Junor
Cesare Lunetto
Ross Robbins
Susan Stalzer, M.D. (absent)
William Teter

Staff Present

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

Guests

George Jeffries led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Bruce Junor, seconded by Cesare Lunetto, and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda.

General Functions Consent Item:

It was moved by Cesare Lunetto, seconded by Bruce Junor, and carried unanimously to adopt the Minutes of August 12, 2009.

Public Comments

None

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Staff Presentation and Information

1. Expenditure Report

Brock Wagner provided an overview of the expenditure report. The Foothill High School pool project is currently being reviewed by the Department of State Architect (DSA) and the District anticipates approval at the end of October. A portion of the pool project may be paid out of Measure G, with the majority of the funding coming from Measure L Funds. In addition, the County of Orange is committed to contributing \$750,000 towards the project. There is currently very little construction activity in other Measure L projects.

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 was not selected for the first bond issue that the Feds passed to save taxpayers money. The District would have paid less in interest, thereby saving tax dollars for its residents. The selection process was done by lottery and we were fourth from the cutoff. Two school districts (Yorba Linda and Placentia USD) were chosen. An estimated \$65 million must be returned to the State for the District to get back into the offering. 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. As districts receive funds, a construction plan must be in place within six months. COC Members inquired as to state guidelines from the Feds, criteria to receive funds, size of schools, etc. Brock Wagner shared that hundreds of districts applied for QSCB funds because it was a good way to borrow money interest free. The program is designed to stimulate the economy with jobs. In the meantime, the District will prepare for next year's QSCB allocation in attempt to secure financing for Measure L.

2. General Obligation Bond (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).

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3. Foothill and Tustin High Schools Master Plans

At the last Board meeting, future modernization projects were identified for Foothill and Tustin High School. 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. The Foothill High School pool demolition is completed and from start to finish it should take approximately 9 months to build the new pool.

4. New Business

Ross Robbins inquired as to the status of the Tustin High School quad completion. Staff responded that Increment I of the project was completed prior to the start of the school year as scheduled. Staff further commented that Increment II work would begin shortly and that project schedules are contingent on state approvals. The COC inquired as to the status of the Foothill High School pool demolition. Staff responded that the pool demolition was completed during the summer and that the Science Center is approximately 95% complete.

The November 18 COC meeting will be held at Foothill High School in the new Science Center building at 7:15 p.m.

Adjourn

It was moved by Tran Hong, seconded by Bruce Junor, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.