

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

MINUTES

September 11, 2008

Bill Pevehouse, President, called the regular meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee "COC" to order at 6:03 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
Chris Cummins (absent)
Ann Davert
Jill Leach
Larry Leaman
Amy Tanaka (absent)
Susan Stalzer (alternate)

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

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

Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Larry Leaman, seconded by Ann Davert, and carried unanimously to amend the agenda, to include discussion of future COC meeting dates.

General Functions Consent Item:

It was moved by Jill Leach, seconded by Ann Davert, and carried unanimously to adopt the Minutes of May 8, 2008.

Public Comments

None.

Staff Presentation and Information

1. Update of FHS Phase III and Expenditure Report

Brock Wagner shared that the Foothill High School Infrastructure/Quad Phase IIIA project is 100% completed. Estimates for the new Phase IIIB Science Building were reviewed, with the costs for the Science Building coming in at approximately \$19 million, the two projects together should be slightly under the \$25 million projection. Construction costs for steel and cement came in higher than anticipated and due to steel fabrication and raw materials, there will be a slight delay in the projected opening date to December 2009. Staff is in contact with the state to obtain funds for approximately \$2-\$4.5 million. It was also shared that \$25 million has been put in reserve for Tustin High School.

2. Update of Tustin High School Master Plan

The Tustin High School Master Plan was adopted by the Board in June 2008. Quick start projects will be: 1) the stadium area (safety seats) and fencing, 2) redesign and unification of the quad area, similar to Foothill High School (the infrastructure was updated earlier under Measure G), and 3) Science Center will break ground around June 2009.

3. General Obligation Bond II (SFID 2008-1)

The Board approved to move forward on Measure L” which is slated to go to the voters on November 4, 2008. The amount of \$95 million will go the polls, with \$32 million for Foothill High School, \$32 million for Tustin High School, and \$31 million for the elementary and middle schools. The fee would be approximately \$23.75 per \$100,000 assessed value. There is a possibility of a second citizen’s oversight committee and staff is conferring with legal counsel.

The District has experienced a growth of approximately 500 students above the original projection included in the Revised Final Budget. The construction of Orchard Hills is underway and an architect has been hired for the elementary school site on the MCAS. In negotiating with the City of Tustin, an impasse has been reached regarding the high school site on the Base and will need to be resolved before moving forward. The planned community on the Base has not evolved as expected. Should a fourth high school be built, it’s a possibility that it would be a magnet school. The District has implemented an early college program at Beckman High, which has been very successful and will be moving to Tustin High School and next year to Foothill High School. This program is great for kids and parents and the students receive double credit in lower division credit for college.

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4. Establish 2008-09 COC Future Meeting Dates

The 2008-09 COC meetings were scheduled for every other month. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at 6 p.m., in the Board Conference Room.

Future meeting dates: Thursday, January 8, 2009
 Wednesday, March 11, 2009
 Thursday, May 14, 2009

Information Item:

Ann Davert requested if COC members could endorse Measure L and the answer was yes.

No new business.

Adjourn

It was moved by Jill Leach, seconded by Larry Leaman, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.