

Lompoc Unified School District
Measure N Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2006

Due to a lack of quorum, an informal discussion was held from 4:07 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. A quorum was established at 4:40 p.m., during which time official business was handled. At 4:51 p.m. Julie McAninch excused herself from the meeting and informal discussion resumed.

Informal Discussion Topics included the following:

Old Business:

- A. At the October 27, 2005 meeting, the Committee requested that Jim Reizer research details of the amounts in the 2430 and 2440 object codes entries on the Financial Report. Mr. Reizer responded with a memo dated January 18, 2006 detailing the amounts in question including copies of timesheets.
 - 1. Marno Goetsch, referring to an e-mail attached to Mr. Reizer's memo, noted the verbal approval given by Mr. Moranville and Mr. Edwards. He stated he would like these approvals for additional and overtime to be in writing in the future.
 - 2. Gary Black said he would look into the authorizations by Mr. Moranville and Mr. Edwards since neither are currently employed by LUSD.
 - 3. Gary also stated that all work being done under Measure N is on the DSA approved plans.

Status of Projects:

- A. Joe Wilcox reviewed the handout titled "Measure N Committee Update 3/2/06"
- B. There was discussion regarding the 18 month State Allocation Board deadline.
- C. The five schools currently under construction (Fillmore, La Canada, Clarence Ruth, Lompoc Valley M.S., and Lompoc High School) will be closed during the summer so the contractors can work without interruption.
 - 1. Dorothy Jackson expressed concern regarding the Family Center at Clarence Ruth School. Joe Wilcox suggested that we might be able to fence off the Family Center for the summer so it could stay open.
 - 2. The issues would be isolating the power, fire alarm, phones and water. Dorothy stated the only concern she saw was the water. Jim Bakos suggested we might be able to back feed that somehow.
- D. Dr. Lynch inquired regarding the Series II Elementary schools (Buena Vista, Crestview, Hapgood and Los Berros)
 - 1. Gary Black said we rejected the recent bids so we could de-scope the projects and try to obtain bids within the budget. Joe Wilcox clarified that we won't be re-designing the projects, we will be cutting out some of the work (de-scoping).
 - 2. LUSD is trying to put the projects back out to bid in the next few weeks. We are hoping to start construction on them this summer.
 - 3. Gary Black explained that Measure N was only one funding piece in the overall LUSD Modernization program. Later in the program, we will come back and be able to fill in the projects that we have cut.

4. Joe Wilcox said the DSA approved drawings are good for 4 or 5 years and KBZ will be renewing them each year.
- E. Gary Black introduced Ron Glenn. He said that Ron was retired from Diani Building Corp. where he was the lead estimator and construction manager.
- F. Gary commented on the construction volume. He said we would have at least 5 schools in construction this summer, and possibly 9. The following summer we expect to have 10 schools in construction.
- G. Gary explained that LUSD is getting funded at the end of the funding process. We only have 2 projects left, Maple High School and Vandenberg Middle School that may not be funded. If the funding runs out before they are approved, then we will have to wait until the State passes another bond measure.

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Marno Goetsch. The following people were in attendance:

Marno Goetsch
Dorothy Jackson
Julie McAninch
Ed Schuler
Jim Bakos
Gary Black
Ron Glenn
Joe Wilcox
Dr. Frank Lynch

David Shelton was absent due to a dental appointment.

Meeting handouts:

3/2/06 Agenda
10/27/05 Meeting Minutes & Agenda for Approval
Purchasing Department Memo dated January 18, 2006
Finance Report: 10/1/05 to 12/31/05 (Transaction Activity Report)
SAB approvals for 14 schools
Copy of 11/4/05 letter to Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association
KBZ Handout "Measure N Committee Update 3/2/06"
Oversight Committee Presentation Grid

II. Approval of minutes of the October 27, 2005 meeting

A motion was made by Dorothy Jackson, seconded by Julie McAninch, and carried 4 to 0 to approve the minutes as submitted.

III. Courtesy to Visitors

There were no visitors present.

IV. Old Business

Covered during "informal discussion".

V. Finance Report

Covered during “informal discussion”.

VI. Status of Projects

Covered during “informal discussion”.

VII. Other Items from the Committee

A. Marno Goetsch stated that the Committee is not functioning legally. He explained that when the Board of Education approved extending the terms of the current members, the Oversight Committee should have elected a new chair and vice-chair. He stated that needs to be done.

A motion was made by Dorothy Jackson, seconded by Julie McAninch, and carried 4 to 0 to have Marno Goetsch continue in the position of Chairman and Ed Schuler continue as Vice-Chairman.

B. Marno Goetsch pointed out that the term of 2 members of the Oversight Committee would expire in July 2006. Dr. Lynch pointed out that, once again, there was no response to a letter sent to the Santa Barbara Taxpayers Association dated November 4, 2005 requesting a member for the committee. He asked for recommendations from the Committee for names of potential future committee members or organizations they would like contacted to solicit members.

Julie McAninch excused herself from the meeting at 4:51 p.m. Since there was no quorum, informal discussion continued from this point on.

C. Marno Goetsch requested that the Audit Report be sent to the Oversight Committee Members as soon as it is received by LUSD.

Finance Report:

- A. LUSD is required to allocate 3% of the annual budget to the Routine Restricted Maintenance Fund as a condition of accepting state funding.
- B. Gary Black handed out the Oversight Committee Presentation Grid to all present.
 - 1. He explained that the bids for Buena Vista, Crestview, Hapgood and Los Berros came in too high. LUSD will have to de-scope the projects by the amounts listed in red to come in line with the budget.
 - 2. Gary further explained that the delayed (postponed) work will be paid for out of the Routine Restricted Maintenance Fund or the Deferred Maintenance Fund in order to complete Modernization. These funds are protected and must be spent on facilities.
 - 3. Gary stated that during the next 3 to 10 years “we will still be doing modernization”.
 - 4. While the local bond amount had a “cushion” built in, unfortunately, construction costs have skyrocketed. As a result, we have used most of our “cushion” for the schools currently under construction.

- C. Dorothy Jackson questioned the differing State Allocations for the schools and how they were computed. Gary explained that the allocations are based on the number of students at the site or square footage. Whichever computation results in the larger allocation is applied. He further explained that portable classrooms are not counted towards the square footage computation.
- D. Dr. Frank Lynch suggested that we invite Ron Carter to come to the next meeting and answer some of the bond sale questions. The Committee agreed.
- E. Gary stated that in January of this year, there was a percentage increase applied to the State Allocation Board Funding. This caused our projects funded in January and February to be increased by 4.36%.
- F. Gary explained the large expectations that have been placed on Jim Bakos over the last two years. While we really don't want to pay more for administration than we have to, it's really not feasible for one person to manage both the Maintenance and Grounds departments as well as Modernization. As a result, we have hired Ron Glenn to do construction management.
 - 1. Gary assured the Committee that within the next year the addition in staffing will result in a visible difference in the quality of grounds & maintenance at our school sites.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Marno Goetsch, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Ed Schuler, Vice-Chairperson

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