

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEASURE T CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Souza Student Support Center
Conference Room B
708 South Miller Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454
October 22, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The Measure T Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting was called to order by John Raymond at 5:35 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Raymond, Dave Cross, Ibett Martinez

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Felton

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Beecher, Kristyn Cornejo

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Introductions were held prior to Call to Order.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Raymond stated he had requested to look at the El Camino track three weeks ago, and met with Scott Roy, Coordinator of M&O. Members further discussed the use of tracks at the various school sites. Mr. Raymond mentioned that if members ever wished to see a District project, Mr. Roy could accompany them. Mr. Beecher added that he could make these arrangements for any interested Board member. Mr. Raymond also mentioned visiting the new school at Jimenez, and that the principal there, Richard Ruiz, permitted him to sit in on classes. He also commented on how outstanding the teachers there were.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 28, 2015 MEETING

It was moved by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mrs. Martinez to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting as presented. *Ayes: Mr. Raymond, Mr. Cross, Mrs. Martinez.*

V. REVIEW OF PROJECT SPENDING

Mr. Beecher reviewed the printouts from the new financial system. Mr. Raymond asked if printouts were available to members via a Public Records Act request. Mr. Beecher indicated this would not be necessary, and that if a member of the Board had any questions those would be considered as all members asking the question. Mr. Cross requested verification on the report handed out, as to whether it listed all projects under way and/or completed. Mr. Beecher stated the only thing on the report (at that time) which was object code 6160, was an the indicator for Expenditure/Capital Outlay/Measure T/El Camino. Further discussion regarding the components of the report was conducted. Mr. Raymond asked who was handling the reporting of this. Mr. Beecher explained that Mark Lannon, Purchasing Supervisor, takes any items to bid. The Board then awards the contractor, and the contracts are then drawn up by Mr. Lannon. Cheryl Sidwell, Accounting Supervisor, then draws up the appropriate budget codes. Invoices are then received by Scott Roy, Coordinator of Maintenance and Operations, who reviews and forwards on to Mr. Beecher for final review and approval. Accounts Payable then matches everything up and finalizes the payments. Mr. Raymond was complimentary of the staff in Business, adding that they are very friendly and cordial.

Mr. Raymond asked if there were any other projects going out to bid soon. Mr. Beecher discussed working with architects and engineers in regards to arrival/dismissal issues at various school sites. He further discussed the issues regarding safety out on the curbs, and the management of already existing construction. He added that he will be looking at projects tomorrow and obtaining feedback from principals. Mr. Cross asked if the District coordinates with the City of Santa Maria on these kinds of issues. Mr. Beecher stated that we would inform them, but they are issues that are taken care of by the District. He also added that the fire department has absolute say on issues involving things such as fire lanes, however. Mrs. Martinez asked if there was a list of priority for the money which is already accounted for. Mr. Beecher provided Mrs. Martinez with a copy of the bond resolution. He stated that the present greatest need was for a new elementary school.

Mrs. Martinez asked where the new school site would be located. Mr. Beecher stated he could not say at this time. Mrs. Martinez asked if there was a timeframe involved. Mr. Beecher indicated there was not. He further explained that the process of acquiring property can take from 6 months on up to a year's time, adding that the design time through the Division of the State Architect (DSA) also takes about a year, and construction taking about 18 months. Mr. Raymond asked if the State will pass a bond. Mr. Beecher replied that it is hopeful that they will.

Mr. Raymond explained to Mrs. Martinez that Jose Segura, SMEEA President, is trying to justify \$5-\$8 million for classrooms, and that he wishes to satisfy students, staff, and family. PG&E bill was about \$1.3 million last quarter.

Mr. Raymond asked if Bonita was the only school approved for air conditioning. Mr. Beecher stated that each school site has its own projects listed. Mrs. Martinez asked if all schools receive the same amount of money. Mr. Beecher stated no, that the money is dependent upon enrollment

Mr. Raymond asked if there were any other projects of mention. Mr. Beecher stated the District is still looking at Bonita and its air conditioning project. It is about \$300k to air condition the kindergarten room there. It was the only classroom at Bonita that didn't have a/c. Mr. Beecher added that the actual cost may come in between \$250k – \$375k; the District does not know how much at this time, and that is a concern. The District is still attempting to gather more information from Bonita.

Mr. Raymond stated that when they get 25 kids up at a Board meeting to speak regarding climate control in classrooms, it is difficult to turn them down. When he asked how many had air conditioning at home, only 5 of 25 students did. Mr. Cross asked if the Board can say what is feasible and what is not. Mr. Beecher stated that through the Brown Act the Board can't really respond. Mr. Cross asked if the Board was given a report and if there were any ways around their inability to provide response. Mr. Beecher stated the Board can request a written response/public hearing. It then would be placed on the Board agenda and members of the public can then make their own comments.

VI. SCHEDULING OF ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in Room B.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Raymond called the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Signed _____
President

Signed _____
Secretary

Date: _____