

**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
August 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The Measure T Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting was called to order by John Raymond at 5:31 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: John Raymond, Dave Cross, Nancy Felton

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Luis Silveira, Ibett Martinez

STAFF PRESENT: Luke Ontiveros, Matt Beecher, Kristyn Cornejo

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None reported. Mr. Raymond noted that he mentioned the need for new committee members at the last Board meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

None reported.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 28, 2016 MEETING

Mr. Cross motioned to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016 meeting. Mrs. Felton seconded the motion. *Ayes: All.* Motion approved.

IV. REVIEW OF PROJECT SPENDING

Mr. Beecher handed out expenditure reports in advance of meeting along with a memo explaining current projects. He stated the District was contracted to spend about \$10 million+ in the 7 weeks of summer vacation with multiple contractors at multiple sites, adding that approximately \$2-3 million was with Measure T funds.

Mr. Beecher noted that on the last page of the expenditure report total project expenses are presently listed at \$1.1 million, and added that we are still very busy. He stated that in June we were still in the design phase, but by the third week of June the contractors were hard at work.

Mr. Beecher discussed additional projects including the arrival/dismissal at Miller being started next week and the play equipment there also being installed. He noted that the supplier for the wood fiber was delayed so the playground will have to be fenced off.

Additional Measure T projects were discussed, including work at Adam on the existing playground and extension of parking lot. A portable was also installed (non-Measure T funds) next to the playbox. Mr. Raymond asked about crossing guards at Adam. Mr. Beecher stated that the principal has taken that function on. He also added that signage and striping work is still occurring there.

Mr. Beecher continued project discussion at Oakley with arrival/dismissal issues there as well. We have wanted the City to allow an easement from the north entrance to the east side of the campus and then out to Oakley Park. This wouldn't work for the City however, so we will have parents using a loop instead-this will create less clutter and gets people out of the streets. He added that this project is essentially done. Mr. Beecher mentioned the portable at Oakley (non-Measure T funds) is also ready to go. Mrs. Fulton asked what the principal cost of the portable building was. Mr. Beecher stated it was \$38,000 plus an additional \$15,000 to set, but that it would be a challenge to really give an "exact" number. To walk through an example of what might be involved however, he provided a walkthrough example of a portable. This included considering items such as fire sprinklers, distance requirements involving the removal of a handball wall, and fire flow issues involving testing hydrant gallons-per-minute, which can include additional costs of having to add more fire hydrants. Mr. Beecher also mentioned that some campuses had other alternatives of placing sprinklers in the buildings. There are also accessibility issues to consider, including restrooms, parking lots, and the addition of truncated domes and ramps—the cost will rise significantly and can create a cost of up to \$110,000 for just one portable. On top of this, he added that we have also consumed space for portable buildings. Mrs. Fulton asked how many more students the District has this year. Mr. Beecher replied 500, which is why 10 of our portable buildings are at the junior high schools. There are 26 total portables, one for a county program, and 10 for the junior high schools. The rest are at the elementary schools. He stated that the District will continue grow, and next year we will again add another 400-500 more students.

Mr. Raymond asked if we have selected a new school location yet. Mr. Beecher replied that we had not, but that in the city spec plan there is a site on College Drive that the City of Santa Maria has approved for facilities. Mrs. Fulton asked what the time frame would be on this. Mr. Beecher replied he would like to see things happening in the next 12 months. Mrs. Fulton asked if the

total time to build would then be 4 years. Mr. Beecher replied it would be approximately 3 years, plus another 18 months to build. Mr. Raymond asked if Measure T funds would be used for this. Mr. Beecher replied that they would, that the bond is \$45 million and we will spend roughly \$2 million, adding that we need to pay attention to the money invested in each school and address safety first. He also stated that the primary purpose of this money is to buy land and build a school. Mrs. Fulton asked where the adopted budget was in the all of these figures. Mr. Beecher pointed out the column where it was located, and that it depends on the project one wishes to look at.

Mrs. Fulton asked where we are in the budgeting process, what is the overall plan, and where is the plan located. Mr. Beecher cited an example of the track project for Measure T on page 9, pointing out the budget for that particular activity. He explained that the District determined the size of the bond and the development of a plan was conducted through stakeholders meetings and meetings with principals at school sites to address overcrowding concerns. This feedback was then given to the architect, and they came back with a cost estimate of \$170 million. The District could not accommodate that amount, so we allocated on the basis of enrollment to schools, and asked each site what they wanted. Principals made suggestions, we identified the projects, and that is how we came up with the overall plan. Mr. Raymond asked what the actual bonding capacity was. Mr. Beecher replied \$82-83 million as a running total estimate, adding that we have a small geographical area that is residential. Mr. Raymond also asked in regards to the COP bond and if the Board would be interested in that. Mr. Beecher stated that we had \$2.2 million in to debt service. Mrs. Fulton commented that this could go a long ways in providing the District needs. She also inquired as to the time frame on the COP. Mr. Beecher replied that it was 25 years, and that it is approximately 3 years old. He also added that when we did this particular COP we grabbed the growth and applied it to debt service.

Mr. Beecher then explained the funding gap over the last 3 years. He stated how most district enrollments are declining while our District is unique in that it continues to experience growth. He also added that he has arranged with Scott Roy to have some photos put together of the schools for those members who had not been out to the sites, and provided Mr. Roy's direct phone number for those who would like to arrange site visits.

V. ANTICIPATED PROJECTED SPENDING

Mr. Beecher next discussed cluster projects (Oakley/Fairlawn – arrival/dismissal for next year). Mr. Raymond asked if there would be any major construction over the Christmas break. Mr. Beecher replied that the shade shelters DSA method required the vendor to wait for their approval, so we were unable to arrange a summer completion of this project. He added that Sanchez will likely be completed over the winter break. There were also plans to install HVAC in the Kinder pod this summer. This project is also waiting until winter. Mr. Beecher noted that

the shade shelter for Arellanes is also being looked at, but there presently is no accessible restroom there which will be necessary in order to complete this project. Mrs. Fulton asked if the kids could still sit in the unshaded area without one. Mr. Beecher stated that they could, but that we need the certifications before moving forward. Mrs. Fulton asked if the discussion of the schools being unsafe had been completed and resolved. Mr. Beecher replied that it was not yet a finalized issue. He stated that he has had conversations in the Boardroom regarding Turnkey deviation notices, adding that if we can't get justifications we will need to do modifications, and that can be a long process. He also noted that our architect and engineers have addressed every concern. Mr. Beecher also stated that the campuses which don't have modifications completed yet are only due to our waiting for certifications. None of this has to do with any student safety issues, and we are working to stop that argument. Mr. Beecher then discussed the changes for Liberty School. Mrs. Fulton asked if the state is pursuing us for any other items. Mr. Beecher replied they were not, and that we have shown them everything - the state knows the issues inside and out. Mr. Raymond commented on the last two Board meetings, and how it was discussed that the maintenance staff had worked 8-15 days plus weekends to get certain jobs done, noting how dedicated these employees are to the students. He added it would be nice if the local paper was at our Board meetings to get information like this out to the community. Mr. Beecher added that generally the news will run an article, but that the Santa Maria Times does not have an educational writer.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None reported.

VII. SCHEDULING OF ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in Room B.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Raymond called the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Signed _____
President

Signed _____
Secretary

Date: _____