

**BANNING UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
161 W. WILLIAMS STREET
BANNING, CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES OF THE 22nd GENERAL MEETING OF
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, MEASURE R**

October 22, 2013

Meeting held at:
**District Administration Center
Board Room**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Present: Richard Krick, Susan McQuown, Carole Ranney-Davies, Kerri Mariner, Veronica Topete & Diana Benhar

Community Member Present: Ron Duncan

BUSD Staff Present: Robert T. Guillen, Superintendent of Schools, and Kookie Williams, Account Technician & Peggy Reyes, Facilities Consultant

Guests Present: Roger Clarke of Ruhnau, Ruhnau & Clarke, Project Architects, & Joe Ledesma of Ledesma & Meyer, Project Construction Management

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Carole Ranney-Davies to **Approve** Minutes of October 9, 2013:

Richard Krick seconded the Motion to **Approve**

Susan McQuown **Approve**

Veronica Topete **Approve**

Diana Benhar **Approve**

Kerri Mariner **Abstain**

4. Communications

Community Concerns

Ron Duncan communicated interest in various aspects of Measure R Projects during Committee discussion and asked for definitions of the 3 Construction Categories

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Communications, continued

Committee Concerns

Kerri Mariner went down the list of COC member qualifications to find out which of the seven COC members fulfilled which of the five qualifications stated in California Ed Code §15282. No one present was found to be active in a bona fide Taxpayers' Organization.

Kerri Mariner motioned that the Committee vote on nothing until Qualifications of Members are resolved. There was no second to the motion. Members felt there was a Quorum and wanted to move on with the Agenda.

Veronica Topete motioned that if a member is late to a meeting that time should not be used to catch them up on "back info" as the meeting last long enough already.

Mrs. McQuown asked how money was spent from the last Auditor Report (June 30, 2012) and whether the current Committee could watch over both Measure R and Measure L funds.

Kerri Mariner expressed concern that the Total Construction Cost listed on the Banning High School Athletic Facilities Ph 2 spreadsheet did not add up correctly.

Cabinet Comments

Robert Guillen, Superintendent, introduced Peggy Reyes, Facilities Consultant to the District to present the Budget for the BHS Athletic Facilities Phase 2 Project; Roger Clarke, RRC Architect to present current plans, explaining them in sequence to Phase 1 Construction and to answer questions and concerns about the BHS batting cages, apparent Plan changes, etc.; & Joe Ledesma, L&M Construction Manager to further assist with presenting information to help Committee Members better understand details of the Project.

Mr. Guillen defined the Construction Contract Categories as such:

Cat 04 – General/Demo/Tennis Courts

Cat 19 – Plumbing

Cat 22 – Electrical

Mr. Guillen stated that the District had asked for assistance from Auditors regarding Member code qualifications and was awaiting their response.

Cabinet Comments, continued

Mr. Guillen asked Kookie Williams if we had “Request to Address Citizens’ Oversight Committee” cards for future meetings.

5. Information/ Discussion

5.1 Presentation of Measure R Project Information

The three Guests made their presentations to the Committee.

Regarding the Budget presented by Peggy Reyes, Richard Krick asked which “Deductions” were used to calculate the numbers on the BHS Athletic Facilities Ph 2 spreadsheet. Peggy answered that all were used, with the exception of the parking lot lights. Veronica Topete commented that the Committee had not come to that conclusion at the last COC meeting. Sue McQuown stated that she did not want all the deductions – she wanted to keep the lights for the Tennis Courts. Mr. Krick stated that there wasn’t enough money for Tennis Courts lights, but explained how the District would save money in the long run if they were to pour concrete for future lights. After discussion with Joe Ledesma and Roger Clarke, Members Topete, Ranney-Davies, McQuown & Benhar agreed with Mr. Krick. Member Mariner abstained from comment.

Also discussed between all parties present was whether Air Conditioning could be installed later in the Concession Stand due to the fact that plans currently show the Concession Stand to be modified to vent heat, with no A/C. Members were satisfied that the structure, being built with block, would stay cool enough.

6. Action

6.1 Establish Future Meeting Date and Time

The Committee Members present at the time, by consensus approved the next meeting time and date of *5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 in the Board Room.*

Future meeting dates and times were also discussed, changed and agreed upon concluding June 2014 (eliminating three previously proposed dates), as follows:

Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. –
February 5, 2014
April 2, 2014
June 4, 2014

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6.2 Elect New Committee President

Motion by Veronica Topete to **Nominate** Richard Krick as new Committee President
Carole Ranney-Davies seconded the Motion
Richard Krick **accepted** the Nomination
Motion by Veronica Topete to **Close Nominations**

Votes for Mr. Krick as COC President

Susan McQuown **Aye**
Veronica Topete **Aye**
Diana Benhar **Aye**
Carole Ranney-Davies **Aye**
Kerri Mariner **Abstain**

Votes against Mr. Krick

None

7. Future Agenda Items

None requested

8. Adjournment

Veronica Topete Motioned that the meeting adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Kerri Mariner seconded the Motion. The Committee adjourned at that time.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kookie Williams, Account Technician.