

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

**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING OF  
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, MEASURE M**

**January 8, 2018**

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

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

Present: Richard Krick; Ron Duncan; Chris McCallum; Diana Benhar

Absent: Susan McQuown (*sick*); Veronica Topete; Mike Rose

Community Member Present: Anne Price, member of the BUSD Board of Education

BUSD Staff Present: Robert T. Guillen, Superintendent; Kookie Williams, Executive Secretary

Guests Present: Tom Kruse & Mason McCarthy, PJHM Architects; Joe Ledesma, Ledesma & Meyer Construction Management

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**3. Approval of Minutes**

Ron Duncan motioned to approve Measure M Minutes of November 14, 2017. Chris McCallum seconded the motion.

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstains: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**4. Communications**

**Community Concerns**

Thomas Finch explained that he expects the current Band size (80 students) to grow quite a bit as he develops an orchestra, and asked that the District take future growth and his input regarding it into consideration as decisions progress on whether to remove the Band room from the Fine Arts Theatre, as he saw in the drawings presented that night.

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**4. Communications, continued...**

**Committee Concerns**

None

**Cabinet Comments**

None

**5. Information/ Discussion**

**5.1 Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. (VTD) Annual Measure M Audit**

Chris McCallum motioned to accept the Audit. Ron Duncan seconded the motion.

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstains: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**5.2 Measure M Financial Report**

There was no discussion.

Ron Duncan motioned to accept the Financial Report. Chris McCallum seconded the motion.

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstains: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**5.3 Architectural Drawings of Fine Arts and Career Tech Ed (CTE) Buildings**

Tom Kruse, architect, began by stating that the District had successfully submitted the CTE grant applications for Performing Arts (PA) and the carpenter class equipment. The applications are for \$3,000,000 each. Richard Krick asked about competition with other districts for the grant money and what our chances are to be approved. Robert Guillen, Superintendent, stated that he feels our career paths will stand out from the others, so our chances are as good as they can be for the rural category our District is in. Richard asked if the Rancho San Gorgonio (RSG) development project would be a plus to push toward our approval. Robert said it would not be a factor because the timeline is too far out, being a 20-30 year project.

### **5.3 Architectural Drawings, cont'd....**

Tom Kruse shared that PJHM had submitted the plans to DSA for the BHS Security Modernization at the end of December, and that the plans for the theater and CTE will be ready for submission the beginning of March. Richard asked if that meant the project would be done first. Robert explained the process of encumbering all of Measure M dollars before applying for Prop 51 money, which is how the District is looking to fund the Modernization project, and if there is any Measure M money not encumbered when the District applies for Prop 51 funding, the State would force us to use Measure M. Because we will need every penny of Measure M for the Performing Arts and CTE buildings, we must wait to apply for Prop 51 funds until after the bid process is complete and the entire \$25MM is encumbered.

Richard asked how property acquisition was coming along on the Westward Avenue properties adjacent to the high school. Robert explained that soils testing was complete and the center property, at 654 W. Westward Ave., is currently in escrow, and we expect to own it by the end of the fiscal year. As for the vacant property directly adjacent to BHS, the three owners have not been willing to work with the District, so we will take steps toward condemnation of that property as soon as we have CDE approval to build there. We are well along in that process. There was discussion about 14 acres that RSG has set aside for the District, the channel running down the west edge of BHS, owned by RSG, and property for future a new school, and that the house on the Westward properties will likely be demolished.

Tom handed out and explained the 75% complete drawings showing how the PA and CTE buildings will look in relation to the existing campus. He explained samples he had brought, of carpet, seat fabric, brick and ceiling wooden panels. There was discussion on fencing placement, cameras and lighting, and Chris McCallum brought up having fund-raising sales for the students inside the PA. He was passionate about making the most of having a group of people there already spending money. There was discussion on possible outside Use of the facility – pricing and maintenance. Mason McCarthy, architect, said they may need to add more floor electric and data for the fundraising options discussed. Robert asked if we could somehow label the seating in order to pre-sell particular seats. Fundraising could include sponsored seats if identified. Tom answered that yes, there are brass identifiers.

### **5.4 A Current COC Members and their Terms**

Everyone present was fine with keeping Richard Krick as chairperson. There were no further comments.

### **5.5 Review Tentative Meeting Schedule for COC 2017-18 School Year**

No discussion beyond choosing the next meeting date.

**6. Action**

**6.1 Confirm Next Meeting Date and Time**

Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**7. Future Agenda Items**

No future items were discussed.

**8. Adjournment**

At 7:17 p.m. this meeting for Measure M expenditure oversight was declared adjourned.