

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

**MINUTES OF THE 4th GENERAL MEETING OF
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, MEASURE M**

November 14, 2017

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Present: Richard Krick; Susan McQuown; Veronica Topete; Ron Duncan; Chris McCallum

Absent: Diana Benhar; Mike Rose (*out of town*)

Community Member Present: None

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

Guests Present: Tom Kruse, PJHM Architects.

3. Approval of Minutes

Sue McQuown motioned to approve Measure M Minutes of September 7, 2017. Chris McCallum seconded the motion.

Ayes: 5

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 Measure M Financial Report

Kookie Williams pointed out the duplicate entry for Miscellaneous Costs on the Financial Report for \$275,475.00 and said it should be crossed off and will be removed.

Sue McQuown asked about the increase since the last Report, in Architect Estimated Project Costs. Kookie explained that the Architectural costs for doing the Security Modernization of the BHS Administration and Library Buildings had not been received and added until now. Members questioned whether ongoing changes to plans was costing the District more. Tom Kruse explained that Architects use a sliding scale to estimate costs so they can get started, based on a preliminary budget, then once a project goes out to bid and bids are received, their cost will be locked on a percentage of the actual bid used.

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstains: 0

Motion Carried

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

Robert T. Guillen, Superintendent, began by reiterating construction priorities which will be driven by the project cost determined by bids received, and the process of requesting Modernization funds from the State to complete the Security Improvements. He said that the District can ask for base bids to do the entire project with all the goods, but then having Deductive Alternates in case base bids come in too high. In such a case, the District's priorities would be in this order: Fine Arts → CTE → Administration/Visitor area parking, or the MPR Band room expansion → Administration/Library building swap.

Ron Duncan and Veronica Topete inquired about the Band room change from being part of the Fine Arts building, to being an expansion of the current Band room. Tom again explained that taking away the cost of a 5,000 square foot Band room addition to the Fine Arts Theater

5.2 Architectural Drawings, cont'd....

enabled the District to plan to expand the current MPR band area to accommodate more students and better stay within budget while building a brand new CTE building rather than using portables as discussed at a previous meeting.

Ron Duncan voiced a concern about what was promised to locals when the Measure M bond was voted in. Richard Krick stated that the rise in the cost of construction has played a big part in having to choose the sizes and types of areas that can be built now with the amount of money the District has available.

Ron inquired about which construction materials would be used. Tom Kruse, as architect of record, responded with various building materials and stated that he is trying to stay on top of rapidly changing costs in the materials.

Mr. Duncan asked when we would know the exact cost of the entire project (Fine Arts and CTE building). Mr. Kruse responded that we will know after the bids come in. Ms. Topete asked how long it would be until bids are received. Tom answered, explaining the process and times frames; once the renderings are complete, which he expects will be late February or early March, they are forwarded to DSA (Dept of State Architect). DSA takes 3-4 months to complete their review of the plans. Once approved, the District will go out to bid, which takes a month or two to complete. Once bidders are selected and contracts signed, they will break ground. We are hoping ground-breaking will be around July 2018, and that the project will be completed approximately two years later, in 2020.

CTE grant applications and the competitiveness of them were discussed – this could bring an additional total of \$6,000,000 to the projects. Mr. Guillen stated that he believes the District has a good chance for approval being that the selection process separates the applications based on rural/suburban/urban location, along with the need for and probable success of the programs, but in the event that the grants didn't come through, the deductive alternates would definitely come into play.

Veronica asked what the outside of the buildings would look like. Richard Krick suggested Kookie Williams bring pictures of the Fine Arts building at San Diego's Patrick Henry High School to show at the next meeting. Tom Kruse stated that there are many differences in the two buildings and that he will work on putting a 3-D model together to show at the next meeting.

Sue inquired as to whether District funds from Developer Fees might be used as a cushion for extra funds to complete the projects. Robert explained that those funds must be spend on Growth, and the District has very little of them at this time. There was discussion on such funds coming from the Rancho San Gorgonio development approved by the City, and whether they will be paid by RSG, or give land to the District for a new K-8 school in its place. The development will go in during phases and the District is in communication with the Developers, but does not yet know exactly how the District will lean regarding the fees.

5.3 A Current COC Members and their Terms

There were no comments.

5.4 Review Tentative Meeting Schedule for COC 2017-18 School Year

It was decided that meetings would be changed to Mondays to allow opportunity for member, Diane Benhar to attend, as she has conflicts on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Members and District staff present agreed on the proposed date of the next meeting to be Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

6. Action

6.1 Confirm Next Meeting Date and Time

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

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Adjournment

At 6:58 p.m., Ron Duncan moved to adjourn. Veronica Topete seconded the motion. Motion carried and this meeting for Measure M was declared adjourned.