

**Tustin Unified School District  
Measure G Citizens' Oversight Committee  
And  
Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee  
Joint Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**November 9, 2011**

Bruce Junor, Chairperson, called the regular meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee to order at 6 p.m., in the Board Conference Room, Tustin Unified School District, 300 South C Street, Tustin, CA.

**Members Present**

Bruce Junor (Chairperson)  
William Teter (Vice Chairperson)  
David Albus (absent)  
Nancy Gran  
George Jeffries  
Simon Russek (absent)  
Margaret Sepulveda

**Staff Present**

Tony Soria, Chief Financial Officer  
Pete Burns, Senior Director, Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities  
David Miranda, Facilities Coordinator/Planner

**Guests**

Jim Walters led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Public Comments**

None

**Adoption of the Agenda**

It was moved by Nancy Gran, seconded by William Teter, and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda.

**Staff Presentation and Information**

Tony Soria, Chief Financial Officer, shared an update to the City of Tustin lawsuit. He noted that the trial date set for November 14 has been continued due to a death in the

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District's attorney's family. The Court granted a continuance to April 16, 2012. An article from the Orange County Register regarding the lawsuit was passed out to the Committee. The Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) inquired as to funds being paid out for legal fees, and at this time, legal fees are being paid out of the General Fund budget, but could change in the near future.

**General Functions Consent Item:**

It was moved by Margie Sepulveda, seconded by Nancy Gran, and carried unanimously to adopt the Minutes of August 10, 2011.

**Informational Items/Presentations:**

1. Bond Program Expenditure Status Report (Measure G and Measure L)

Staff shared a power point presentation which provided an overview for total bond program expenditures, Foothill and Tustin High School bond allocations, as well as a snapshot of the projected fund balance to be allocated for future projects.

Tony Soria shared that the District's Building/Modernization Program had a total of \$219 million comprised of Measure G (\$80 million) and Measure L (\$95 million), \$40.2 million in State matching funds, and \$3.8 million in interest. The expenditures/allocations total \$195,967,146, with 90% of funds committed to date:

- Elementary Schools           \$ 29,651,343
- Middle Schools               \$ 38,049,165
- High Schools                 \$126,952,791
- Bond Administrative Fees   \$ 1,313,847

The Measure G and Measure L bond allocation (\$57 million total) for Foothill High School has been expended or assigned to the following projects: quad/infrastructure upgrade, new science center, modernization of locker rooms, stadium upgrade phase I (split between the three high schools, Beckman, Foothill, and Tustin), installation of administration building sprinklers/fire loop, swimming pool replacement, new Event Center, sitework/electrical/landscape/bioswale, and tennis courts/athletic field reconfiguration, with a balance of approximately \$1 million.

Staff noted other master planned Foothill High projects that are pending funding (estimated cost-\$24.3 million) which include: all-weather track and parking, building 200 modernization, existing gym modernization-HVAC, practice field renovation, library relocation, building 100 modernization, career tech/cafeteria remodel, and the administration/entry modernization.

The Measure G and Measure L bond fund allocation (\$57 million total) for Tustin High School has been expended or assigned to the following projects: stadium upgrade (split between the three high schools, Beckman, Foothill, and Tustin), quad

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upgrade/tower, new science center, Special Ed/Math modernization and Building 230 HVAC, new Sports Pavilion, site work/landscape/tech upgrade, old science building demolition, Buildings 120/220 HVAC, pool deck replacement/electrical, all-weather track, cafeteria modernization, library conversion, and a new two-story classroom/library building, with a balance of approximately \$66,489.

Staff then briefly discussed other master planned Tustin High projects that are pending funding (estimated cost \$19.1 million) as follows: existing gym modernization, field/site work renovation, existing locker rooms modernization, MUN modernization/new construction, and the administration/entry modernization.

Staff concluded the section of the presentation with an overall summary of Measure G and L funds:

- \$109 million – completed projects
- \$55.7 million - active projects
- \$30 million – planned projects

COC Member, George Jeffries requested that staff provide a report to the Committee on the Measure G and Measure L bond money voted on (bond language/project list) and how State matching dollars have been used to complete various projects.

2. Districtwide Needs Assessment Update (Measure G and Measure L)

David Miranda shared that the District is in the process of preparing a Districtwide Facilities Needs Assessment which will assist in best identifying the most critical building needs of the District. The District Office and Maintenance facilities will be included in the assessment in addition to each school site. This plan will help to identify and prioritize current and future facility needs across the District. The next step will be interviewing architects in early December 2011 with the intent to recommend a firm for Board approval to start work in January 2012.

The following will be considered for prioritizing projects based on:

- Regulatory and building code compliance
- Technology needs
- Educational program enhancements
- Enrollment shifts
- School site capacity and utilization
- Condition of existing structures
- Equity among schools

COC Member, Margie Sepulveda inquired as to who decides the order of construction for this assessment. Staff replied that after receiving the report/assessment the greatest needs will be reported to the Board for approval and then shared with the COC. David Miranda shared that there seems to be a favorable bid climate, with material costs continuing to rise, but labor costs maintaining at a steady rate. The District recently experienced this by receiving a reimbursement of

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approximately \$75,000 from Barnhart Balfour Beatty for the construction of the Beckman High School snack bar which was allocated but unused on the project.

3. Building Program/Project Update (Measure G and Measure L)

David Miranda provided a brief update and shared pictures and/or renderings on the following completed, active, and future projects:

- a. Recently Completed Projects
  - Tustin High School (THS) Science Center
  - THS landscaping plan and site work
  - THS existing science building demolition and HVAC 120/220
  - THS electrical upgrade
  - Foothill High School (FHS) site work/electrical upgrade/landscaping
- b. Active Projects (in construction)
  - THS Sports Pavilion – estimated date of completion – April 2012
  - FHS Event Center - estimated date of completion – May 2012
  - THS Pool Rehab - estimated date of completion – late December 2011
- c. Future Upcoming Projects (pending DSA approval or in planning stage)
  - Activity Centers – The bid process for the four middle school projects at Columbus Tustin, Currie, Hewes and Utt is complete and groundbreaking ceremonies are forthcoming. Renderings of the projects were shared and it was noted that the project scope will create facility space at these middle schools to make them equitable to similar spaces at the Pioneer and Orchard Hills sites. Staff then stated that the Utt project is the only one still pending an official DSA approval as the architect and engineer are in the process of presenting alternative soil remediation and foundation designs.
  - FHS Tennis Courts and Fields – A bid opening will be held on December 22, 2011, and the project is slated to be completed in six months. The scope consists of six new tennis courts with fencing and lighting, will address fire access and remove existing relocatables occupied by OCDE, create a new bus drop-off area, reconfigure existing parking lot, extend the parking lot, and reconfigure athletic fields. Rendering were shared.
  - Currie Modernization Buildings 400, 500, and 600 – modernization targeted for summer 2012 and the District is hopeful to capture a favorable bid climate by bidding immediately following DSA approval which is expected shortly. David Miranda shared key components of project scope: creating exterior doors for each room, new windows to allow natural light into classroom spaces, centralized and modernized building for a science program, and installation of permanent walls rather than the temporary ones that now exist. The 800 building was cleaned up this summer by Maintenance and Operations.

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- District Stadium (THS) Upgrades – Current estimates are \$3.4 million to be split between the three high school sites. The actual construction would take place between January 2013 and June 2013. The goal is to start construction after Football season and complete before June graduation ceremonies. Key components are: snack bar/restroom facility, field lighting replacement, permanent visitor bleachers, underground utilities, artificial turf field and irrigation, drainage improvements, and an all-weather track.
- District Stadium turf options - a turf committee is in place with all three high schools being represented. They are looking into the maintenance and safety of a synthetic surface, contacting school districts in the county that have an all-weather track and turf field (findings show that high schools across Southern California with use of turf fields is as follows: San Diego County 70%, Orange County 50%-60%, and Riverside 50%-60%). The Committee is also investigating injuries and insurance, myths versus realities, water savings if any, CEQA compliance, existing parking needs, and current code requirements.

This presentation to the COC will be posted on the District's Measure G and Measure L websites dated November 9, 2011.

4. New Business

None.

**Adjourn**

It was moved by Bruce Junor, Chairperson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.