

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
SCHOOL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 3
MEASURE J – TULARE AREA
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Official Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2011

5:30pm

Board Room/Staff Development Room
Tulare Joint Union High School District Office
426 North Blackstone Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274

Measure J – Tulare Area Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Members:

John Beck, Howard Berger, Cody DeSilva, Anthony DeRose, W. Lynn Dredge,
Jim Henderson, Richard Ortega, Robert Phillips, John Thomas,
Melody Tucker, Craig Vejvoda

Members Present: John Beck, Howard Berger, W. Lynn Dredge, Mike Graville, Jim Henderson, and Craig Vejvoda

Members Absent: Anthony DeRose, Richard Ortega, John Thomas, Melody Tucker and Cody DeSilva

COS Representatives Present:

William Scroggins, Superintendent/President
Leangela Miller-Hernandez, Dean, Fiscal Services
Susan York, Executive Assistant, Administrative Services
Karen Pauls, Facilities Analyst

Guests Present: Ed Childress, Klassen Corporation
Stephanie Garcia, COS Student

1. Call to Order

Jim Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

2. Introduction of Mike Graville

Jim introduced Mike Graville the new Measure J Committee Member representing Corcoran.

3. Public Comments

Mr. Henderson said "good-bye" to Dr. Scroggins and wished him well in his new position at another college.

Mr. Henderson also stated that he drove by the new Tulare Campus and that it is a handsome facility and that these are proud times for the community of Tulare.

4. Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2010

Lynn Dredge moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Howard Berger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Financial Report

Leangela Miller-Hernandez presented the financial report for the third quarter of 2010-11. She pointed out that Phase II and support for Corcoran had been moved below the line.

Mike Graville asked why Corcoran did not receive their portion of the bond money and why Lindsey received theirs. Dr. Scroggins explained that Lindsey had a project that was defined and Corcoran's project fell through because nothing had been decided by the committee at the annual review leaving the project status undecided. The prison guard program was authorized by the State, but The Department of Prisons would not authorize it.

There were questions regarding the building status due to rain delays. Dr. Scroggins reported that the project is still on schedule to be completed by 2013. He also informed the committee that the largest change order has been the upgraded structural steel and that the current expectation is for the project to be approximately \$500,000 under budget.

6. Recent Bond Financing Decisions

The Board agreed to issue \$10 million at market issue for the second Tulare Bond issuance. At the time of this meeting the District had not yet gone to market for the BAN (Bond Anticipation Note), but a rate of 3.5% is anticipated. The BAN's maximum issue time is 5 years. The current GO (General Obligation) Bond is also 3.5%. The District intends to convert the BAN to a COP (Certificate of Participation). Both are loans, but the COP will use existing property as collateral.

In the future, projects deemed important will be formulated into another bond under Prop 39 Bond ONLY if another State Bond is passed.

Due to the declining economy the Corcoran project and Voc Ed have not been complete, but all others have been accomplished.

7. How Excess Funds are Used and How Items are Prioritized

Phase I and III prioritized due to 100% funding with Phase II awaiting the passage of a State Bond.

Dr. Scroggins stated that the Corcoran project is still identified, but not approved. He also said the promise to Corcoran has not dissolved, but it is still being analyzed for prioritization. Again, he reiterated that the prison guard program was authorized by the State, but the Department of Prisons would not authorize it.

Dr. Scroggins said that no State Bond has been passed since 2006, but the COS project is consistently in the top 10. He stated that no one could have anticipated the decline in the economy. He said the State is setting on reversion monies (meaning when a school declines the money and another school comes back on to the list based on the unuse of other schools).

The committee would like to know the approximate amount of money in reversion. This information will be brought back to the committee at the next scheduled meeting.

The Chancellor's Office prioritizes projects. It was suggested that COS could by-pass the Chancellor's Office priority system by pressuring current legislators, but \$22 million is a very large amount to request out of a reversion fund.

Lynn Dredge asked if Corcoran should be doing anything to get the money and Dr. Scroggins said it is not advisable as the priorities of today won't be the same in five years.

8. Timing/Presentation of Second Annual Measure J Report

Dr. Scroggins explained that the annual report would be similar to last year's report. The report has to be adopted by the Governing Board. A draft of the second annual report will be sent to all committee members.

9. Tulare Union High School Board Report

COS is working with the COS Ag Committee regarding curriculum and where finances are available because the Tulare District ran out of money before completing the projects and additional facilities will be needed. Everything is moving along even though there is a lack of funding.

10. Transportation Information to the New Center

Dr. Scroggins talked to the committee about the arrangements College of the Sequoias has with Tulare and Kings Counties. Students pay \$5.00 and get unlimited transportation to anywhere in Kings and Tulare Counties.

11. COS Foundation Tulare Auxiliary Report

Craig Vejvoda reported that the COS Foundation Tulare Auxiliary had two concerts at the World Ag Expo. The Blake Shelton concert, benefiting the Agri Center, was well attended. The second night, David Nail's concert, benefiting the COS Foundation was not well attended. The auxiliary is still working with the Agri Center on a financial settlement. The auxiliary is looking for a year end fund raiser.

12. Other Measure J Project Discussions/Questions

Dr. Scroggins informed the committee that a lot of "in-kind" donations are coming in for the Tulare Auxiliary. Craig Vejvoda stated that another meeting is coming up soon.

13. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Presentation of progress at new Tulare campus.
- b. What is happening with Corcoran?
- c. Access roads to new campus.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee decided to begin scheduling meetings to be held every six (6) months.

Monday, October 3, 2011, has been set as the next meeting of the Measure J – Tulare Area Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. **The meeting will be held at the Board Room/Staff Development Room of the Tulare Joint Union High School District Office at 5:30 pm.**

15. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.