

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

Official Minutes

Monday, May 17, 2010

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:

Rafael Anguiano, John Beck, Howard Berger, Vanessa DeRoma, Anthony DeRose, W. Lynn Dredge,
Jim Henderson, Kenneth Nunes, Richard Ortega, Robert Phillips, Charlie Pitigliano, Bill Postlewaite,
John Thomas, Melody Tucker, Mary Wadsworth, Craig Vejvoda

Members Present: John Beck, Howard Berger, Anthony DeRose, W. Lynn Dredge, Kenneth Nunes, Richard Ortega, Charlie Pitigliano, Bill Postlewaite, John Thomas, and Craig Vejvoda

Members Absent: Rafael Anguiano, Jim Henderson, Melody Tucker, and Mary Wadsworth

COS Representatives Present:

Bill Scroggins, Superintendent/President
Leangela Miller, Dean, Fiscal Services
Karen Pauls, Facilities Analyst

Guests Present: Ed Childress, Klassen Corporation

1. Call to Order

Kenneth Nunes called the meeting to order at 5:44 pm.

Ken informed the committee of his appointment to the College of the Sequoias Board of Trustees. He advised the committee that he had to resign as the Chair of the Measure J Committee, effective today. Vice-Chair Jim Henderson was not present at the meeting. Craig Vejvoda asked Dr. Scroggins if Jim wanted to be the Chair and Dr. Scroggins informed the committee that Jim had not been contacted about being the Committee Chair. Bill Postlewaite made a motion to make Jim Henderson the Chair. Lynn Dredge seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lynn Dredge then made a motion to make Anthony DeRose Vice-Chair. Bill Postlewaite seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2010

John Thomas moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Richard Ortega seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report

Leangela Miller presented the financial report for the third quarter of 2009-10.

5. Measure J Bond Information

Bids for Tulare were opened and the bids were approximately \$10 million below budget. All alternates were also bid and accepted. Everything that could reasonably fit into the scope of work was added to the project. The bids were approved by the Board on April 26th.

Craig Vejvoda asked how many bids went to local contractors. Dr. Scroggins and Ed Childress did not have that information at hand.

Construction is scheduled to begin June 28, 2010. The ground breaking is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. It is being hosted by the COS Foundation Tulare Auxiliary.

Dr. Scroggins asked the committee if they had any ideas on a theme for naming the buildings. The Visalia campus has a Sequoia National Park Theme. Charlie Pitigliano suggested using crops (i.e. Cotton Room, Almond Room). Howard Berger suggested getting student input on a theme. Dr. Scroggins asked the committee to send him their ideas by e-mail. Dr. Scroggins also said he would work with the high schools for ideas.

Dr. Scroggins informed the committee that the policy for naming a building after someone requires a donation of 10% of the value of the building.

Lynn Dredge asked Dr. Scroggins if there are enough funds to do any other phases of the project, due to the bid savings. Dr. Scroggins said yes and pointed out that there would be another opportunity for savings when Phases III and IV are bid. Dr. Scroggins also talked about the possible reimbursement from the City of Tulare for infrastructure development on the site.

John Beck questioned why there is no specific plan for Corcoran (item #8 on the project summary sheet). Dr. Scroggins explained that he is talking with the City about possible projects. There should be a plan within the year. He also talked about the possibility of renovating of the high school. This project could be similar to the Science Lab project at Sierra Pacific High School in Hanford that allows COS to use their labs to teach classes.

Dr. Scroggins explained that COS signed a MOU with Corcoran and has hired a counselor to teach in their Learning Center.

Richard Ortega asked to what degree is the planning on the dairy. Dr. Scroggins explained that the first debate is whether it should be a facility for educational purposes only or large enough to be a production dairy. Second there were talks with the high school to discuss their needs for the dairy. To have an operating dairy they need approximately 300 head. A cost study was done to determine the cost of bringing the existing dairy to up state standards and the costs were prohibitive. COS is now looking at creating a separate entity to operate the dairy. This separation would enable the district to separate from the dairy so COS doesn't have to meet state standards.

6. Review Draft Annual Report

Dr. Scroggins briefly reviewed the annual report. He explained to the committee that the purpose of the annual report is to insure that the District is using funds properly. He advised the committee that the report needs to be made to the Board at the June 21 or the July 12, 2010 meeting. The Committee Chair or Vice Chair will present the report to the Board. Richard Ortega moved that the report be given at the June 21, 2010 Board meeting so it will be presented before the ground breaking. John Beck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Review Education Plan

Dr. Scroggins reviewed the Education Master Plan for the Tulare Center. He discussed the programs that will be moved to Tulare and only taught in Tulare. There will be a limited number of General Education courses offered in Tulare. Major courses will be taken on the Visalia campus, but lower division classes will be available in Tulare. Lynn Dredge asked Dr. Scroggins the estimated number of students that would be on campus. Dr. Scroggins said they anticipate 800 when the campus opens and are planning for 1,200.

Howard Berger asked if high school students would be allowed to take college classes during the day. Dr. Scroggins responded that they would have concurrent enrollment and will get both high school and college credit.

Dr. Scroggins also informed the committee that the Education Plan will become more specific as the opening date of the campus gets closer.

8. New Committee Member Needed to Represent COS Student Organizations

Dr. Scroggins informed the committee that ASB will propose the name of a student representative to the Board at either the June 21 or July 12, 2010 meeting. A student representative should be present at the next meeting.

9. Items for Next Agenda

Information on transportation to the new center and the COS Foundation Tulare Auxiliary were requested for the August 16, 2010 meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday, August 16, 2010, 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.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.