

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the District Board Room. Dr. Paul W. Andersen, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities/Planning, served as temporary chair to facilitate the agenda.

The first item of business was self-introductions by committee members. It was apparent that the committee has a wide range of business talent, school involvement and interest in the Measure M construction process.

The committee's By-Laws were presented in detail. The general areas of purpose, duties, authorized activities, membership, meetings, District support, reports, officers, amendments and termination were presented. These By-Laws were developed and approved by the Board of Education pursuant to the requirements of Proposition 39. During the discussion questions arose as follows:

- Timeliness of reports
- Level of detail in minutes
- Rationale behind the bond issuance schedule
- Bond expenditure requirements
- Tape recording of meetings
- Utilization of Roberts' Rules of Order as a guide
- Utilization of District staff for minutes
- Web site features

The third item of business was the establishment of terms. Members were assigned to either a three-year or two-year term. This was decided by picking numbers from a hat. The representative from Ontario, when identified, will serve a two-year term. A listing of terms will be prepared for the next meeting.

The committee decided to hold meetings the second Monday of the month with the fourth Monday as an alternate meeting date.

Two officers are called for in the By-Laws. They are the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Mr. Al Valdez was selected as Chairperson, and Mr. Roger Larkin was chosen as the Vice Chairperson.

A suggestion was made to have a field trip at the August meeting to tour new school sites and schools proposed for modernization work. It was further recommended that the sites visited should be videotaped.

A request was made to have further discussion on the priorities of the committee. The timeline adopted by the Board and potential changes were brought up. Questions regarding the second District stadium at Ayala High School and its priority status were

raised. Some members felt the committee should issue a position statement. Board minutes for November and December Measure M topics was requested.

Information regarding the status of new construction and modernization projects was shared with the committee. Two schools have now broken ground and a third will start this summer. A fourth school, Woodcrest Junior High School, will begin this winter. Modernization of Don Lugo High School and Walnut Elementary is scheduled to be bid this fall.

Bonds have been issued for \$40 million so far. Questions about issuing beyond the proposed schedule prompted a request to meet with the underwriter. Issuing more bonds would be a challenge to expend the funds within three years of receipt. Further, there is a question as to whether or not the tax rate to support a higher issuance level would exceed that presented to the voters under Measure M ballot language.

The meeting was opened to the public for comment and questions. A teacher from Magnolia spoke to issues at that campus. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.