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# Bond Oversight Committee

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

American Legion  
3801 Broadway  
Sacramento, CA  
95817

## Minutes

### **1.0 Welcome/Call to Order 5:35**

### **2.0 Call to Order/Members Present/Absent**

*Michael Watanabe, Terrence Gladney, Brian Hill, Terra Bennett Brown, Michael Watanabe, Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz, Alex Visaya, Jr., Lesley Taylor*

**Absent:** *Carol Davydova, Jim Price*

**Staff Present:** *Rose F. Ramos, Nathaniel Browning, Elena Hankard, Amari Watkins, Crystal Hoff*

### **3.0 Approval of Agenda/Discussion of Tonight's Meeting**

**Motion by:** *Lesley Taylor*

**Second by:** *Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz*

*The agenda was approved as presented.*

### **Site Tour and Discussion**

### **4.0 Approval of Minutes**

*August 7, 2019 – Regular Meeting*

**Motion by:** *Alex Visaya, Jr.*

**Second by:** *Brian Hill*

*The minutes were approved as presented.*

**Abstain:** *Lesley Taylor*

### **5.0 SCUSD Staff and Bond Oversight Committee Introductions**

*SCUSD and committee introductions. The committee was introduced to SCUSDs Chief Business Officer, Rose F. Ramos.*

### **6.0 Site Tour and Discussion- Conducted after 3.0**

### **7.0 Facilities Master Plan Committee Meetings and Educational Specifications Meetings Update**

*BOC chair Michael Watanabe participated in the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) committee meetings along with various principals and the DLR Group. The committee developed 6 guiding principles for the development of the FMP. With the guiding principles in mind, another committee was formed to include principals and teachers together. This committee began the creation of SCUSDs Educational Specifications (Ed Specs). The Ed Specs will eventually be incorporated with the FMP. Lesley Taylor participated in the Educational Specifications meetings with DLR. Next steps will include community meetings. At minimum, one in every trustee area.*

*The Ed Specs is a visionary document as well as a technical document. It's a guide of how SCUSD will build a building that will be relevant in 50 years. It is the document that tells the architect how to design a building. The Ed Specs is a necessary document which needs to be included when the District wants to leverage state bond funds. Participants included were principals, teachers, representatives from labor partners, district staff, etc.*

*The FMP is a living document. It is always revisited. Specifications may change due to a changing educational program.*

*Question: Is there alignment with the Ed Specs, FMP and LCAP/LCFF funds? This will be a part of the community engagement process by going out to school sites, surveying, and meeting with all of the different parent organizations. The student voice will also be incorporated.*

*Question: Are the existing, older schools a part of the FMP? The Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA) would address SCUSD existing schools. The FMP speaks more to where SCUSD wants/needs to go as a District in teaching and learning and how the facilities can help support.*

*DLR has created a website that shows how each site was assessed and ranked.*

### **8.0 Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report to the Board 2018**

*The BOC will present to the Board in February 2020. Committee members reviewed a draft of the presentation and will send suggestions/changes to the Chair if needed.*

*Staff should have 2018-2019 reports to share with the Committee at the next meeting.*

*Question: Is the presentation to the Board an appropriate place/time to talk to the Board about some of the questions that have been asked/discussed as a committee and what the BOC can provide the Board? Yes, there is a slide at the end of the presentation for this purpose. The committee will email the Chair what they would like to ask/discuss with the Board.*

### **9.0 Bond Fund Update/Projects/Staff Update**

*Staff presented the Project Status Update report generated from eBuilder. This report is a live document that shows which projects are in active status. Projects stay on this report until the last payment is made, even if the project is complete.*

*Question: Why did the project at American Legion go up in cost? New construction is expensive. The core academic dollars were a calculation off of the original 2012 Facilities Master Plan. The plan did not speak to construction management, etc.*

*SCUSD is going out for a sale for the remainder of Measure R - \$30.9mil in early December. We will be closing out the Central Kitchen project.*

*Has the community engagement piece for the gardens and kitchen been finalized as far as community use, etc? Not at this time. SCUSD is still working on details. Example: Who is responsible for maintaining? Etc.*

*Comment: The committee is still trying to figure out what its role is. Is the BOC able to participate in SCUSDs relationship with project vendors?*

*There are very strict guidelines as to what the role is of the BOC. The BOC holds an oversight (retrospective) role, not an advisory (perspective) role.*

*There is a statewide organization – Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee for the State that has good resources posted on their website.*

*There are many checks and balances in making sure the District is following due diligence.*

*The BOC meetings are very transparent and everyone can ask as many questions as they need.*

*There is the potential for a bond in March of 2020.*

#### **10.0 Bond Oversight Committee Membership**

*There are now 9 BOC members. Staff will bring to the next BOC meeting all committee members' beginning dates (When approved by the Board to serve on the committee).*

*The committee will revisit membership at the next meeting to be sure all requirements are being met.*

#### **11.0 Questions/Statements to the Board from the Bond Oversight Committee**

*Terrence Gladney: His experience has been enriched this year with having exposure to the Facilities Committee meetings and hearing that other BOC members were involved in the FMP and Ed Specs meetings.*

*Terra Bennett Brown: The FMP will be updated more frequently. Seems it is built into the document to be updated every 3 to 5 years.*

*Terra Bennett Brown: Would like to have more direct conversation about the small high schools being that they only hold 500 students but still costly to build.*

*Terrence Gladney: The small high schools were built on the heels of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Some issues/ripple effects with the schools: Example: Sports. Where do the students play? Was using \$20mil to build SES which houses 500 students money well spent when John F. Kennedy is just down the road. SCUSD should be more forward thinking instead of just chasing the dollars and just getting it done.*

*SCUSDs purpose is to focus on social/emotional learning. There are many students that feel more comfortable in a smaller learning environment and not on a comprehensive campus. The FMP will help us see how we are going to serve student needs and provide opportunity.*

*Michael Watanabe: Has the District started the process for filling Cathy Allen and Jim Dobson's positions? Yes. This District is working on it.*

*Michael Watanabe: The only people authorized to act for the District for state funding are Cathy Allen, Jim Dobson, and the Superintendent. SCUSD will need more people authorized.*

*The Superintendent is the only person who signs on behalf of the District.*

*Staff will schedule the auditors to present at the next BOC meeting.*

**Adjourn: 7:30pm.**

*Motion by: Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz*

*Second by: Terrence Gladney*

