

Bond Oversight Committee for Measure L
January 13, 2006, 2:30 p.m.
Board Room

Members Present: Terence Donovan, Jim Hanks, Barbara Macci-Trethewey, Cathy Kennerson, Tina Lee, Henry Monroy, Bill Thornburg and Janet Thornburg

Absent: Jerry Avila and Norma S. Galindo

Others Present: Carol Cortes-Ramirez, Nan Everly, Laurie Franks, Bill Gay, Sergio Lopez, Dr. Paul Pai, Jimmy Pendley, Jimmy Sanders, Jr. and Dr. Joe Vogel

Recorder: Mary Carter

The meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee for Measure L was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Bill Thornburg.

Public Comment: None

Floor Plans for Science Building, Technology and Career Technical Building

Jimmy Sanders, Architect made a presentation to the committee on the floor plans of the Science, Technology and Career Technical Buildings, which will all be presented to the Board of Trustees on January 17 for approval. Next month, Mr. Sanders will present building sections, exterior elevations and a proposed site plan to the Board. The building layouts will be available in Dr. Vogel's office, and the square footage and description of all the rooms are contained in the booklets provided by the architect.

Prop 39 Audit

Dr. Vogel reported that the District has consulted with legal counsel, and is still awaiting a final opinion from the auditor on the use of Bond Funds to pay interest on Certificates of Participation and Lease Revenue Bonds. The District should have final results in about two weeks. Jim Hanks stated that close attention needs to be given to the intent of the voters in regard to use of bond funds.

Expenditure Report

Laurie Franks distributed a report on Bond Funds expenditures to date. The Business Office provided a report showing \$22,380,989 cash in the bank as of 1/13/06.

Project Update

Rick Webster reported that the roofing project is almost complete; room 709 at the gym has been remodeled, and a shower/locker room has been converted to a classroom, and the Financial Aid office has been remodeled. Bid proposals for air conditioning replacement and for replacing main electrical at each building are being developed. Jim Hanks asked if the College is seeking state matching funds for modernization projects;

Dr. Vogel indicated that the College is working on it. Rick Webster stated that the modernization and maintenance and safety projects have been slowed down. There are three projects on-going: renovation of pool, roofing, and expanding the Journalism room at building 1300; other projects are on hold. In response to questions about the maintenance personnel paid with Bond Funds, he reported that their upcoming projects will be concrete work and replacing benches on campus. Money has been saved using in-house labor for remodeling projects.

Dr. Vogel stated that the #1 priority is conserving funds to build the Science Building. The College will continue to try to access State funding, and is planning on selling more bonds in August 2008. Jim Hanks stated that in his experience inspection and testing can be very expensive; the College has budgeted 1.3% but it ran about 5% at Calipatria Unified.

Terence Donovan asked if the College is acquiring science equipment for the new building, and if the College is trying to avoid buying equipment that will be obsolete. Dr. Vogel stated that \$1.2 million has been budgeted for equipment for the new Science building, with some already purchased.

Committee Membership

The committee recommended Tina Lee and Janet Thornburg, whose one year terms are expiring, be reappointed to the Oversight Committee for a two year term. The committee discussed whether Norma Galindo's seat should be filled as she is now a member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Vogel will consult with Dr. Pai on the membership composition of the committee, and Dr. Pai will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.