

Redlands Unified School District
Measure J
Citizens' Oversight Committee

Minutes

District Office Conference Room
20 West Lugonia, Redlands, CA 92374
October 13, 2016

I. Opening – Chairperson Jeff Martinez called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Eason, Christine Kuzdal, Jeff Martinez, Lani Morales, Betsy Starbuck, David M. Wilson.

Staff Present: Bernie Cavanagh, Ken Morse, Michelle Cole, Ashley Palmer.

C. Approval of Minutes – On motion of Dave Eason, second by Betsy Starbuck, the minutes of April 7, 2016 were approved as submitted.

II. Public Participation

A. Community Input – none

A clarification was made for new members that the Community Input portion of the meeting is for members of the public to speak if they so desire.

III. Presentations and Reports

A. Budget Review and Project Update – Ken Morse and Bernie Cavanagh

Mr. Morse reviewed the history of Measure J, noting that a 55% voter approval was needed and in 2008 Measure J passed with 66.4% approval. Bond authorization was \$65.5 million, of which \$46 million in bonds were sold; \$13 million still remain for additional projects. Measure J was needed to finish Citrus Valley High School and included provisions for safety and security at all Measure J sites. CVHS opened in 2010, but a portion of the parking lot is still needed. District wide camera and fencing has been implemented, but the District will be reviewing these areas again. The Board wants to keep their options open for the remaining unencumbered funds to be used for more safety and security measures, while making sure to be fiscally sound and equitable.

Mr. Morse reviewed projects yet to be completed, including the Redlands High School Fencing Project, noting that it is taking some time, as a few issues have arisen and the District is trying to work through them. Mr. Cavanagh added that along with the security fencing at RHS the District is also proposing a project for a gateway at RHS as well as looking at the security of the crosswalk. These projects need to mesh well and may require Division of the State Architect (DSA) approval, and once DSA is required, prices can sky rocket. The District is currently putting proposals and costs together for these projects. Ms. Starbuck asked what triggers the need for DSA. Mr. Cavanagh replied that there are multiple factors, could be the amount of the bid or scope of work,



for example. Mr. Cavanagh also mentioned that DSA requires other fixes, but Measure J may only be used for specific things. Member David M. Wilson asked if the proposed gateway was only for aesthetics. Mr. Cavanagh stated it was for that purpose, and will need to mesh well with the security fencing. Mr. Morse added the gateway may house the school marquee as well. Ms. Starbuck mentioned a big challenge was the street running through the campus, Mr. Cavanagh agreed. A conversation ensued about the crosswalk area at RHS, ending with Mr. Cavanagh assuring the Committee that the District is discussing all the options available.

Mr. Morse continued to review the handout noting that the parking lot still needs to be completed at CVHS. He reviewed completed projects for Measure J including Phase II of CVHS and the Lock Retrofit Project, stating that this project is working well, but the District is looking in to small areas to improve. Security fencing and cameras are also complete, but the District is looking to improve these areas as well. Mr. Cavanagh shared that since the December incident in San Bernardino, the District had a debriefing and asked the Principals what they felt was still necessary to make sites more secure. The District is now reviewing that list and hopes to address some areas this year.

Mr. Morse continued reviewing the project budgets noting the Measure J Security Project has a remaining balance of \$1.8 million. Chairperson Martinez asked if the remaining balances showing in each project could be transferred around for other safety and security needs. Mr. Cavanagh said he believed that could be done. Mr. Morse informed the Committee that the Accounting Department would assist with any needed transfers. Christine Kuzdal mentioned that she has children attending schools not listed, specifically eAcademy, and inquired if this meant these schools would not receive security upgrades. Mr. Morse explained that they would, but would be financed with a different funding source. He also said he would double check if eAcademy is considered part of Orangewood High School which is part of Measure J. Mr. Morse moved on to the CVHS slide noting expenditures of \$114 million with a remaining balance of \$9.3 million. Ms. Kuzdal asked if the future parking lot would be funded with the remaining balance, Mr. Morse confirmed a portion of the funds will be used. Mr. Morse reviewed the Lock Retrofit Project, noting a final savings of \$410,000 of the overall project budget. David M. Wilson clarified these funds were used for doors with peepholes and auto locks. Mr. Cavanagh confirmed and shared the District is looking into other areas of safety and security. Member Lani Morales asked about doors with windows saying some people think this is unsafe if there is a lockdown. Mr. Cavanagh said there is a lot of discussion between experts on whether windows helps or hinders security.

IV. For the Good of the Order/Member Comments

Mr. Cavanagh thanked the two new members Christine Kuzdal and Lani Morales and those who have served for many years, letting them know the District appreciates their commitment and time given to the Committee.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Attest:



Jeff Martinez
Chair

Adopted:

February 9, 2017