

MEASURE A - STRONG SCHOOLS BOND
CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF April 17, 2013

Opening

The Citizens' Oversight Committee held a meeting in the Gunn High School Lounge, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto, California.

*All handouts can be viewed at the District office, Business Services 25 Churchill Avenue

Members present:

Mr. Walt Hays, Senior Citizen

Ms. Helene Leichter, Parent

Mr. James Cowie, Business Organization Member

Ms. Catharine Garber, Business Organization Member (Absent)

Ms. Arianne Teherani, Parent

Mr. Todd Collins, Taxpayer Organization

Mr. Bruce Whitson, Parent

Others present:

Mr. Tom Hodges, fs3|Hodges Construction Management

Mr. Lori Alvarez, fs3|Hodges Construction Management

District Staff Present:

Dr. Robert Golton, Bond Program Manager

Mr. Ron Smith, Facilities Project Manager

Ms. Betty Munoz, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no request for public comment.

Review of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Hays moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2013. Motion carried 6-0.

Program Status Update

Gunn Classroom Building: This building will be occupied in mid-February and the larger building is scheduled for completion in early July.

Gunn Gym: It is nearly complete. They will be taking over the interior the first week of May along with the tennis courts and basketball courts.

Gunn Miranda Parking and Drop Off: This is a two phase project and they are working with City and County to get this project completed.

Paly Athletic Stadium: The main part of the contract is complete; completion of the project is anticipated for March 2013.

Paly Classroom Building: This project is still being worked on. Due to schedule issues, occupancy was pushed back to December 2013. The contractor submitted two delay claims that could extend occupancy to 2014.

Paly Media Arts Center: The project was submitted to DSA yesterday; they should receive comments in about five months. Occupancy is anticipated for January 2014. They will start construction until the Media Arts/classroom building) project is done.

Paly Haymarket Theatre and Tower bldg. improvements: small projects, awarded a contract to All

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Trusty Builders are fabricating the windows now and installation scheduled to commence in summer 2013.

Jordan: New classroom building was occupied in January 2013. Modernization of the science wing, old cafeteria converted into music classrooms, and old music building converted into art classes.

JLS: New two-story classroom building on schedule and modernization of the science wing; anticipated completion date is August 2013.

Terman: The old library was converted into the new administration wing; it is complete and was occupied on January 2013. The library expansion will be finished on schedule; it has been framed and they are currently placing sheet rock. Occupancy is anticipated for May/June 2013. There will also be a new drama classroom building, reconfiguration of old food service area at the kitchen and new restrooms, reconfiguration of the G wing to relocate the computer lab, old administration offices will be converted into a computer lab and two classrooms.

Fairmeadow: They did a walk-through of the new two-story classroom building with teachers. In the summer, they will move out of the main wing into the new building and move kindergarten into the 5th grade area. The anticipated completion date is June 2013.

Duvenenck: A new two-story classroom building and two new single story buildings are on schedule, and some modernization of existing buildings. The completion date is August 2014.

Palo Alto High School Gym Donation

Hodges presented the conceptual design for the Palo Alto High School Gym which included a new "Hall of Fame" corridor, a sunken main gym floor, covered entry and large lobby, ticket booth, concession stand, and athletic store. It will also have a new training room and an off-site coaches' room. The new gym will have a capacity of 1900 people and they will also use the existing gym which houses 300 people. They will attempt to recreate the arcades to connect the two gyms. The basement level will have an arcade to house kids before and after games.

A committee member asked if the bond funds have been issued? Golton said they have issued three series of bonds, in the amount of \$120M, 25M, and \$70M. There remains \$163M to be issued.

Committee member asked if they were absolutely sure there were no specifications on how the funds should be spent? Golton said the specifications are contained in the Resolution of the Board of Education Ordering the Bond Election. (This resolution is attached.)

Committee member asked that they get an opinion on whether it will not affect the current bond issuance.

Committee member asked if the Board looked into a conflict of interest from Perry and his company. Golton said that at this point in time they have no agreement with Perry.

Committee member asked if there is a tax gain interest for Perry? Golton stated that he has no knowledge of Mr. Perry's tax information.

Golton said this project will be done with a lease lease-back method. There is Ed code that a district can lease a property to a builder and lease it back. The district leases the property, the lessee constructs, the building is used by the district, the title to the building vests with the district, and no bidding is required. DSA approval is needed prior to the lease being effective.

PAUSD Enrollment

The Elementary School Site Advisory Committee had two choices for the 13th elementary. One was

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the Greendell site which is located at 525 San Antonio Road. The other site is Garland, which is adjoined to Jordan and is currently leased to Stratford School. The issues with Garland are the present demographic trends show low enrollment in the South and they do not want children crossing the Oregon Expressway. The conclusion of Committee was the 13th elementary should be at Greendell and it should be a hybrid school. There will be a Board Study Session next Tuesday and there will doubtless be conversations about this. Golton said if they make a decision, construction should start in June and it will be completed in January 2017.

PAUSD General
Obligations Bonds Series
2013

The Board has approved the issuing Series C of the Strong Schools Bond in the amount of \$70 million. After issuing the bonds, they do a cost of issuance. The interest rate is 3% and they are issuing current interest bonds.

Site Visit

The Committee proceeded to the site tour of the Gunn Gym, World Languages building, and Math/English building.

April 17, 2013 Agenda

The next COC meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2013. The agenda will be worked through email.

Next Meeting and Future
Meetings Schedule

July 24, 2013

October 15, 2013

January 15, 2014

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.