

**Eureka City Schools District Office  
Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting  
MINUTES – October 23, 2006**

**Citizens' Oversight Committee**

**Members Present:** Sue Alton, Lynn McKenna, Heidi McLean, Theresa Nelson, Nancy Pritchard, Karen Suiker

**Members Absent:** Robert Averill, Ralph Lindstrom

**Staff Present:** Jerry Johnson, Mike McKay, Debra Tilley

The meeting commenced at 4:32 pm. by Chairperson Karen Suiker.

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

None

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Add update on Zoe Barnum High School's move to Worthington under staff reports.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 28, 2006: M / S by McLean / Nelson Ayes: 5 (Alton, McLean, Nelson, Pritchard, Suiker)

Noes: 0 Absent: 3 (Averill, Lindstrom) (McKenna arrived after vote)

September 25, 2006: M / S by Alton / Pritchard Ayes: 5 (Alton, McLean, Nelson, Pritchard, Suiker)

Noes: 0 Absent: 3 (Averill, Lindstrom) (McKenna arrived after vote)

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (limited to three minutes per speaker) – Former Chairperson Ken Skaggs clarified his comments regarding expenditures of bond funds between Measure S and Measure T at the September 25, 2006 COC meeting stating he thought there might have been some misunderstanding.**

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair: Nancy Pritchard motioned to nominate Sue Alton as Vice-Chair. Theresa Nelson seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 (McKenna, McLean, Nelson, Pritchard, Suiker) Noes: 0 Abstain: 1 (Alton) Absent: 2 (Averill, Lindstrom)

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

***Update on Recruitment for Committee Member Representing Elementary Schools:*** Assistant Superintendent Johnson reported that an application was received from a parent whose children (triplets) attend Lafayette Elementary. The application is currently being reviewed by the Interim Superintendent and will be presented to the Board at their next meeting on November 1.

***Construction progress Update:***

**Eureka High School**

Assistant Superintendent Johnson reported that the wood shop is in operation and closeout documents are being completed. State match funds have been received for the EHS Modernization. The service driveway and cafeteria patio should be completed by the end of October which has aesthetically improved this area. In the industrial arts complex new plumbing and framing has begun. The seismic retrofitting continues in the main building outside of school hours and the library is scheduled during winter break. The crane will arrive from San Francisco in early November to place the elevator in the rose garden which will connect through the upper breezeway. The annex has already been updated and the art programs are currently in their new facilities.

**Grant Elementary**

Classrooms were moved into the new modular buildings last week and the target date for the student services building is on schedule for February, 2007.

**Lafayette Modernization**

Kindergarten classes are in the new modular building. The district is checking into paving the west side if monies are available and drainage issues can be resolved. Classroom modernization is nearing completion.

***Financing Status Update:*** Assistant Superintendent Johnson reported that there is sufficient revenue to complete the elementary projects, keeping in mind that the modernization is occurring with 2002 dollars. Costs continue to

rise while projects are in progress. An independent audit is completed each year on the bond funds for review by the COC. The current bond act that we are funded under is now exhausted. Bond applications are first come, first served. Assistant Superintendent Johnson explained the bond process from application to actual funding. Proposition 39 was explained and the charge of the committee is to monitor bond funds and interest earned on the bonds. The Humboldt County Office of Education also monitors the bond funds. Monies left over from state match are available for use by the District monitored by the Governing Board. There is a timeline for all funds to be used.

***Lawsuit Update:*** Assistant Superintendent Johnson reported that there was a preliminary hearing with the Heritage Society. The Heritage Society has been asked to define their stop order to assist the District in regards to clarifying their position on the issue. A work plan was submitted by the District's historical architect as to how we could repair the lobby. The true danger was the stability of the glass in the event of an earthquake. Work to reopen the lobby, while protecting all the features that are of historical importance but allow access is slated to begin next week. Both parties are agreeable.

***Update on Zoe Barnum High School:*** Assistant Superintendent Johnson reported that the District had planned to move alternative education into the Worthington campus and Adult Education into the Jefferson campus. The Board ratified the CEQA study for the Jefferson campus, went through the 30 day period and is currently awaiting drawings from the architect for the remodel of that building. Worthington is the only site in the District that lies within the coastal zone therefore may require a coastal development permit. The District, by government code, is able to exempt itself from certain ordinances, but not coastal permits. District staff is actively working with County Planning Staff and County Public Works regarding requirements and the Board will be determining which direction to take within the very near future. The District has also commissioned a Capital Management Asset Plan by California Financial Services regarding the Worthington and Jacobs campuses.

## **VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the COC will be on November 27, 2006 and will be held at the Eureka High School Library followed by a tour of the campus modernization projects.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Meeting summary submitted by: Debra Tilley

Meeting Summary reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Johnson, Assistant Superintendent

C: Governing Board Members