

EUREKA CITY SCHOOLS CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES – September 27, 2011 Location: District Office Conference Room 104

Members Present: Sue Alton, Ann Diehl, Marianne Hutchins, Heidi McLean, Lynn McKenna, Nancy Pritchard
Members Absent: Ralph Lindstrom
Staff Present: Laurie Alexander, Lee Ann Lanning, Debra Tilley, Paul Ziegler

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Alton called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Laurie Alexander, Interim Assistant Superintendent in charge of facilities was introduced.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** – was led by Eureka High Student Josh Hancock.
- III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA** – Interim Superintendent Lanning added, under discussion, the reopening / dedication of the Eureka High School Auditorium to include a tour of the facility improvements completed with bond funds.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - (limited to three minutes per speaker / 20 minutes each item) – EHS Teacher / Tennis Coach Mike Bass and student-athletes addressed the committee regarding the deteriorating condition of the campus tennis courts. The tennis courts have been neglected and, although parents and volunteers have been working on them, professional repair is needed in order to bring the courts to acceptable playing conditions. Because of the urgency it is hoped repairs could be completed before the end of the girls' season in November. The team is able to obtain an alternate site for practices and matches that may occur during this time. It is requested that remaining bond funds be considered for this important project.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 21, 2011**
It was M/S by Pritchard/McKenna to approve the minutes of June 21, 2011.
Ayes: 6 (Alton, Diehl, Hutchins, McLean, McKenna, Pritchard) Noes: 0 Absent: 1 (Lindstrom)
- VI. DISCUSSION / INFORMATION / ACTION**
Election of Officers –
Chairperson; Alton was nominated by Hutchins, second by Pritchard
Ayes: 5 (Diehl, Hutchins, McLean, McKenna, Pritchard) Abstain: 1 (Alton) Noes: 0 Absent: 1 (Lindstrom)
Vice-Chairperson; Pritchard was nominated by McLean, second by Hutchins
Ayes: 5 (Alton, Diehl, Hutchins, McLean, McKenna,) Abstain: 1 (Pritchard) Noes: 0 Absent: 1 (Lindstrom)
Secretary; McLean was nominated by Pritchard, second by Diehl
Ayes: 5 (Alton, Diehl, Hutchins, McKenna, Pritchard) Abstain: 1 (McLean) Noes: 0 Absent: 1 (Lindstrom)
Fiscal Review / Measures S & T – CBO Ziegler shared that there had been little activity since the last meeting update. Monies were unencumbered as projects were completed under budget. The ending fund balance to date is \$590,846.00.
Planned Expenditures for Remaining Bond Funds – the committee discussed future potential projects; the gym roof at Winship, the EHS boys' locker room, tennis courts, roof over the pool area, and track. Interim Assistant Superintendent Alexander mentioned there will be a board workshop on facilities in December. The committee requested staff report to the board, at the October 19 board meeting, that the committee recommends moving forward obtaining bids on the projects discussed, prioritizing by what serves students and the community.
2010-2011 Annual Report / Format – Chairperson Alton revisited ideas discussed at the last COC meeting regarding the format of the Annual Report to the Community due in January of 2012. Suggestions included a video as a student's senior project, newspaper article or a pamphlet including photos, to report on all of the projects funded by the bonds. The committee agreed to keep this year's report the same format as prior years and consider one of the suggestions for the final report due in January of 2013. Member Pritchard will work with staff to develop the final annual report.
Reopening / Dedication of the Eureka High School Auditorium - Interim Superintendent Lanning shared Eureka High School is preparing for a reopening / dedication of the auditorium on October 6, from 7-9 p.m.

They are planning a talent show and are considering having student government provide a tour of the campus to show the bond projects to attendees.

Eureka High Tennis Courts – This committee expressed concern regarding the deterioration of the tennis courts. This item was included in the discussion under *Planned Expenditures for Remaining Bond Funds* and supported by the committee as a suggested use of the funds.

Support for Local property Tax for School Construction Bonds – Chairperson Alton addressed the letter to the COC received in late June from Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District's Citizens' Oversight Committee asking for support to lower the vote required to pass a construction tax to maintain school facilities from 66.7% to 55%. The committee concurred this was not an appropriate mandate as a committee to pursue.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Fiscal Review - Measures S & T/ Planned Expenditures for Remaining Bond Funds / 2010-2011 Annual Report / Tour of District Office

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the COC will be Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at the District Office Business Services Conference Room 104.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Alton adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 5:45 p.m. followed by a tour of the new facility.

Secretary of the COC, APPROVED

Date