

Eureka City Schools Citizens' Oversight Committee
Eureka High School Library
REGULAR MEETING
4:00 P.M.
November 29, 2018
Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

Chair Denise Jones called the regular meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Members Present : Jones, Burger, Campton, Mayhorn, Reece

Members Absent : Noel

Staff Present : Ziegler, Snipes, Batini

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on study session items.

C. CONSENT

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 29, 2018
m/s Reece/Campton. All in favor.

D. DISCUSSION / ACTION

No discussion / action items were on the agenda.

E. DISCUSSION

2. **Introduction of New COC Member**

Chair Denise Jones thanked and introduced new COC member Jason Mayhorn. Jason has a freshman and sophomore at EHS and fills the Parent member position. Jason stated that he is happy to be a part of the committee.

3. **Financial Update**

Assistant Superintendent Paul Ziegler went over the Financial Update and reported that there have been approximately \$900,000 in expenditures so far in fiscal year 2018-19 and just under \$11 million to date. The District is working with a financial advisor regarding when we should sell our next bonds. Paul had no specific timeline for the bond sale, but states we are getting closer. The District sold \$25 million in the first sale.

4. **Project Updates**

- **EHS Ag Complex Project:** Architects resubmitted yesterday
- **EHS Gym Project:** Review is set for the first week of December and is a six-week process. The District already has a contractor, Dinsmore Construction, on Lease-Lease Back for the project. Once we have plans back, the contractor will reach out to sub-contractors. In about four weeks, we should have better idea of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). Member Reece stated that she is happy with the District's plan. Director of Maintenance and Facilities Charley Batini mentioned that we had a focus

group to make sure the community was involved with decisions. Physical Education teachers were also involved. The facility will have two full gyms, snack bar, ADA locker rooms, weight room, and will complement the current campus. There will be more usable space in the new gym than in the current gym. We may need to make changes as we value engineer, but that is unknown at this point. The old gym will not be demolished until the new gym is open for use. The Gym and Ag projects will be going on at the same time.

- **Washington Drop-off Zone:** We are waiting for the stamped plans. It is still in review with DSA and we anticipate a spring start.

Chair Jones gave kudos to the District for the way they have handled this bond by listening to the community.

5. Annual Update

The District Annual Update is coming out at the end of December 2018. The committee discussed whether the District update and our update to the public through the Board is enough. Paul brought a draft of the Annual Update so the committee could look at the section highlighting Measure S. The members are satisfied with what we are doing as a committee to inform the public, including the District publication. They do not want to spend taxpayers' dollars on more publications and advertising. We will get the bond audit report from our auditors in December 2018 or January 2019 and that is the springboard to start the COC update to the public.

6. COC Membership Update

We have a seventh community member that is potentially interested, within our Taxpayer Group position. Paul will reach out to him to get more information and will report back.

7. Community Conversations

Member Becky Reece asked how the fire started over Thanksgiving break at the Jacobs site. Paul reported that homeless started the fire at a portable. The building has already been abated and is slotted for demolition. We have started abatement of the campus and are in conversation with a public entity to potentially lease/purchase part of the facility. It is too expensive for the District to develop but we are open to leasing to an entity that may make improvements. Classroom Unit 2 has been abated to studs. The District will salvage what we can. The Board has given direction that we will not sell the field.

8. Next Meeting Dates: February 13, 2019 (proposed); May 8 or 15, 2019 (proposed)

February 13, 2019 and May 15, 2019 were agreed upon by the COC.

9. Topics for Next Agenda

No new topics requested.

F. TOUR EHS MAIN BUILDING 2ND FLOOR PROP 39 PROJECT (OPTIONAL)

The committee toured the EHS main building 2nd floor classrooms to see the lighting upgrades supported by Prop 39. The walls were painted, ceilings upgraded, and window blinds were replaced during the upgrade. The bright, welcoming feeling of the classrooms impressed the committee.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ziegler
Assistant Superintendent / Business Services

Recording Secretary, Jennifer Snipes

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE

DATE

The next regular meeting will be held February 13, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office, 2100 J St., Eureka, CA 95501
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