

Lowell Joint School District  
CITIZEN'S BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
11019 VALLEY HOME AVENUE  
WHITTIER, Ca 90603

Minutes

**Regular Meeting**

**Zoom Meeting Id 872 3194 7272**

**9/8/2020**

**Welcome**

David Bennett welcomed everyone to the meeting via Zoom.

The regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) was called to order by Richard Jones, President on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:38 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

A quorum of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was in attendance as established by roll call:

|                  | Present | Absent |
|------------------|---------|--------|
| Stuart Gothold   | x       |        |
| Kim Johnson      | x       |        |
| Taffi Graham     | x       |        |
| Richard Jones    | x       |        |
| Casey Powers     | x       |        |
| Jan Averill      |         | x      |
| Martin Tourville | x       |        |

Jan Averill called in before the meeting started. She was having internet issues and was unable to log on. She expressed regret for not being able to participate.

**Recorder:**

Denise Soto, Secretary/Technician, Facilities and Operations

**Approval of Agenda #4:**

Approval of agenda was moved, seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to approve Agenda #4 for the regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee held Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

**Approval of Official Minutes:**

Approval of the minutes was moved, seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee held Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

**Correspondence from Citizens' Oversight Committee members:**

None

**Oral Communications from Citizens' Oversight Committee members:**

Mr. Bennett formally welcomed Taffi Graham to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

Richard (Dick) Jones welcomed Taffi Graham as well and said she was a great addition to the Committee.

**Hear Public Comments:**

None

## **Project Update:**

David Bennett presented a slide show to the Committee. He explained in 2018 Measure LL was passed that would provide 48 million dollars for upgrades to technology, fire alarm systems, security systems and roofing and HVAC systems that were most deficient.

Maybrook is our interim housing project. Students will attend school there while their school is being upgraded. At Maybrook a portion of the land was graded, 14 portable buildings were added and 2 portable restroom buildings. The Maybrook Project is complete and is the first project to be complete using Measure LL funds. A few months ago, they needed to look into the sequencing of the projects due to the escalation of increasing costs, they took the opportunity to do the El Portal Roofing Project. The HVAC project was already complete at that school using Prop 39 dollars. The work was completed over the summer. The school would have been ready for students to attend if students were attending school.

Before and after photos of the work being done at El Portal and Olita were shown in the slideshow. For El Portal there were pictures of the fascia, the support beams, etc. He showed pictures of the support of the rotting beams during replacement and other projects. For Olita, which is a lease/leaseback project, there were pictures of the cranes lifting the new HVAC units to the roof. These replaced the older units that were floor to ceiling units in the wall. After reinforcement and preparation for the new units, the HVAC units were installed. Mr. Bennett shared that the plan is to begin the work at Macy in December which will be similar to Olita School but with a new fire alarm system. It is currently out for bid with a deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Macy is projected to be completed in June, 2021. The next project will be Jordan Elementary with the plans of that taking one year to complete as they will need to add new buildings, portable replacements and replace the sewer line if it is financially feasible. CBOC members will get to see the Facility Master Plans of the project at a future meeting. Next will be Meadow Green which will be roofing, HVAC, and fire alarm system and sewer line. The last project will be the Rancho Starbuck Project which is the intermediate school which will get new roofing, HVAC, fire alarm and new sewer system.

A question was asked if due to the Covid Situation if they were able to fast track projects. Mr. Bennett responded that they were on the fence about starting work at Macy, but after discussing with contractors about savings if projects were moved up, they moved ahead with Macy. By moving Macy up they are able to move other projects up and save money.

Moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Financial Update:**

Andrea Reynolds presented a slide presentation to the Committee. Andrea advised this was similar to the June update. A slide was shown with actual expenditures.

42.6 million was the estimate for all projects. Expenditures to date are 3.4 million with 38 million remaining. Mr. Jones asked if there have been any surprises. Andrea deferred to David Bennett. Mr. Bennett advised that there have been no surprises but mentioned that the first bid for Maybrook was higher than expected, so they sent it out again and saved 1 million dollars. We were surprised in a good way.

Ms. Reynolds advised that when measure LL was approved, the original plan was to do 4 issuances of 12 million each to cover the authorized 48 million. The first issuance was 14 million. They are looking to issue the second amount now and due to low interest rates, they will be able to issue the full remaining amount in October or November before the election to save on unknown interest rates. This will save the taxpayers money. Andrea explained the issuance amounts to the committee. 1<sup>st</sup> issuance was 11.7 million. 12 million minus the issuance cost. Second issuance will be 36.2 million. 4.4 million is left over and is subject to change for materials and labor rates.

No Questions.

Moved, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

**Comments from Public:**

None

Question was how the public is made aware of the meetings. Mr. Bennett advised that we post the meeting information on the website and also post the agenda.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

