

Downey Unified School District  
CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
9625 Van Ruiten Avenue  
October 24, 2022

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) was called to order by Donald E. La Plante, Monday, October 24, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at Pace Education Center, 9625 Van Ruiten, Bellflower, California 90706.

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

	Present	Absent
Danielle De Buhr	X	
James R. Hendricks		X
Donald E. La Plante	X	
Dahlya McDonald	X	
Ozzie Macedo	X	
Jorge Somoano	X	
Jeff Townsend	X	

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:**

Dr. John Garcia, Superintendent  
Michael Martinez, Senior Director, Business Services  
Vince Madsen, Senior Director, Facilities Planning and Development  
Annie Aung, Facilities Construction Coordinator, Facilities Planning and Development

**DISTRICT CONSULTANTS PRESENT:**

None.

**RECORDER:**

Annie Aung, Facilities Construction Coordinator, Facilities Planning and Development

**WELCOME FROM DR. GARCIA**

Dr. Garcia gave an overview about the start of the school year and different byproducts of the pandemic, especially drug use and catching up academically. Dr. Garcia shared that this year has been one of the best openings since the pandemic. Dr. Garcia shared that after the last CBOC meeting, the board approved to put Measure K bond on the ballot. Dr. Garcia gave an overview of what would be covered if the bond passes. Dr. Garcia shared why the board wanted to approve the bond this year and not wait was largely due to the escalating construction costs. Danielle De Buhr asked about what feedback we are getting for Measure K. Dr. Garcia shared that people have been positive because they have seen that the previous bonds have gone to good use. Jeff Townsend asked if the campaign staff who are walking the neighborhoods are knowledgeable on the bond. Dr. Garcia shared that even if they don't know everything about it, they provide the website address and a lot of resources for voters to get more information. Jeff Townshend requested more information on the materials that were shared for Measure K to

voters by the campaign team. Jeff Townshend asked with the return of school did the district see more behavior issues. Dr. Garcia shared that last year when the students came back there were more behavior issues, but this year has been a lot better. Dahyla McDonald asked about the wellness counselors on campus and if they're helping. Dr. Garcia shared that they have made a tremendous difference for the students. Dahyla McDonald asked what credentials the counselors have. Dr. Garcia shared that the counselors are fully credentialed with Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) and are Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) or have a degree in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling (MFCC). Dahyla McDonald asked about scheduling changes for Warren High School. Dr. Garcia shared that the feedback has been positive. Jorge Somoano asked about cost of money has still been going up, how does that go along with the rate and the bond. Dr. Garcia explained the max tax rate is \$60 per \$100,000 in home assessed evaluations and Vince Madsen clarified it's the value based on homeowners' tax bills.

### **AGENDA ADOPTED**

Danielle De Buhr moved, Dahyla McDonald seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to adopt Agenda #26 for the Regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee held Monday, October 24, 2022.

### **APPROVED MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2022**

Jorge Somoano moved, Danielle De Buhr seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve Official Minutes of the regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting held on August 9, 2022 as submitted or with the necessary corrections.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS HEARD**

None

### **HEARD PUBLIC**

None

### **REVIEWED PROGRESS OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Vince Madsen provided an update of the Stauffer Middle School gymnasium and two-story building projects.

### **REVIEWED FINANCIALS**

Vince Madsen presented an expenditure report covering December 31, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and gave a high level overview of each site's financial activity. Jorge Somoano asked for a clarification on the definition of the statuses on the spreadsheet. Vince Madsen clarified all the statuses that are on the spreadsheet. Michael Martinez shared the audit process. Jorge Somoano asked if the state has a requirement that an audit needs to be made for a bond measure and what is the purpose of the CBOC. Donald La Plante shared that it's a state law to have a citizen's committee. Vince Madsen clarified the purpose of the bond oversight committee.

### **FUTURE ITEMS**

- Upcoming audit meeting on March 27, 2023
- CBOC oversight responsibilities after bond dollars have been committed

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be January 30, 2023 at Pace Education Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was adjourned by Jeff Townsend at 6:09 p.m.