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**Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC)
of the Cajon Valley Union School District**

**Minutes
Adopted**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order by Kevin Borum on October 3, 2024 at 3:34 p.m. in Professional Development Room 2.

Members Present: Kevin Borum, Felicia Ferrell, Shaun Gabriels, Edith Hernandez, and James Sly. Apologies: Susan Holtz and Lori Trim.

District Staff: Richard DeJarnett, Sharon Dobbins, Miranda Durning, Jonathon Guertin, Vickie Hayman, John Heredia, Lisa Krueger, and Joshua Lunn.

Guests: Steve Devan, President / Chief Executive Officer, East County Schools Federal Credit Union.

WELCOME, ROLL CALL

Kevin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, thanking them for their attendance.

Sharon identified the new committee members present. All other members, district staff, and the guest introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 3, 2024 meeting were approved on a motion made by Edith, seconded by Felicia and carried 5-0.

MEASURES D & EE BUDGET AND PROJECT UPDATES

MEASURE D

Sharon reviewed the bond program budget and noted a budget adjustment added to reflect the actual interest earnings received. These funds have been applied to the "New Classrooms/Expanded TK & Support Services" project.

Sharon continued to review the budget vs. the commitments and expenditures as of 6/30/24. She then moved on to the Cash Flow Report, which includes additional details regarding funding, project expenditures and annual fund balances over the life of the bond program.

Sharon noted that the remaining open projects, which will be completed with contingency funds, are: (1) Planning and Conceptual Design for a potential joint-use classroom building/community resource center at Bostonia Global; and (2) Multi-purpose Room Renovations at Hillsdale Middle School. John added that the Hillsdale Middle School project is nearly complete.

Once all projects are complete, remaining bond funds will be applied to the “New Classrooms/Expanded TK & Support Services” project.

MEASURE EE

Sharon reminded the Committee that Measure EE is a \$20 Million bond program, authorized by voters in 2016, specifically intended for classroom technology, using short-term, low-interest financing. \$13 million has been issued to-date. The spending has been slower than originally anticipated due to the receipt of COVID stimulus funds which were used for student computers, allowing the technology bond funds to stretch further. Due to arbitrage regulations, which limit the allowable interest earnings, the District is required to pay a portion of the interest earnings to the IRS (based on calculations performed by the District’s financial consultants).

Jonathon shared that the COVID funding has ended, and Measure EE spending will begin to ramp up again.

Measure W: NOV 5, 2024 BOND ELECTION

Sharon shared that Measure W has received endorsements from: The East County Chamber of Commerce; San Diego Taxpayer’s Association; California School Employees Association (CSEA); and the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).

Edith shared that flyers supporting Measure W have been distributed, and the PTA is very enthusiastic about the measure. Sharon added that information regarding both the current bond program and the proposed Measure W bond program can be found on the District’s website at cajonvalley.net/bond. The District can and does provide factual information related to Measure W; however, CVUSD employees are prohibited from engaging in campaign activities during their work hours.

Steve noted that he is the treasurer for the campaign committee and is happy to answer any questions. Sharon pointed out that the District has carefully managed its bond program and has been able to complete more projects than originally planned.

James mentioned that there was an argument filed against Measure W. However, Steve shared that the El Cajon Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to support Measure W, due to the transparency of information shared with past bond measures. Steve added that a unanimous vote by the Chamber for bond endorsement is rare.

Edith thanked the team that attended the PTA meeting for providing information, answering questions and clearing up any misunderstandings.

Sharon reminded the committee that many of the District’s schools are also now eligible for state modernization funding, due to their age. However, the State only provides funding if the District can provide a 40% match. The District’s total state modernization eligibility is over \$130 million.

MEETING / CALENDAR

Sharon reviewed the updated meeting calendar with the Committee, confirming dates and times. Information will be on the website in November. Please contact Sharon or Kevin with any questions.

DISCUSSION / OTHER

Sharon reminded everyone that the bond measure will be on the November ballot.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Citizen's Oversight Committee meeting is in person on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 3:30pm in Professional Development Room 3 at the Cajon Valley Union School District office. Further information will be sent via email closer to the meeting date.