

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

Minutes

**Regular Meeting**

**Welcome**

David Bennett welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the committee to excuse Jim Coombs, Superintendent of Schools as he is participating in WASC. Mr. Bennett thanked the committee for their service.

The regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) was called to order by Vice Chair, Lyn Carty, Monday, March 9, 2020 at 5:35 p.m. in the Board Room of Lowell Joint School District located at 11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier.

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

	Present	Absent
Stuart Gothold	x	
Kim Johnson	x	
Lyn Carty	x	
Richard Jones		Arrived at 5:40
Casey Powers	x	
Jan Averill	x	
Martin Tourville	x	

**Introduction of District Staff:**

- ❖ David Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Operations
- ❖ Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- ❖ Cathy Weissman, Bond Contracts & Accounting Compliance Manager
- ❖ MJ Evanoff, Executive Secretary of the Superintendent
- ❖ Denise Soto, Secretary/Technician of Facilities and Operations

**Recorder:**

Denise Soto, Secretary/Technician, Facilities and Operations

**Approval of Agenda #2:**

Stuart Gothold moved, Martin Tourville seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to approve Agenda #2 for the regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee held Monday, March 9, 2020.

**Approval of Official Minutes:**

Stuart Gothold moved, Martin Tourville seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to approve Official Minutes of the regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee held Monday March 9, 2020.

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

None

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

Kim Johnson asked when Olita School was going to move and if there was information on the website. Mr. Bennett advised that Olita School will be moving the next school year and information is not available on the website due to changes that are often made.

**Lyn Carty turned meeting over to Richard Jones**

**Hear Public Comments:**

None

## **Project Update/Project Financials/Future Projects**

David Bennet, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Operations presented information regarding project updates and future projects in relation to Measure LL. He advised of the delay of original plan to move Olita School over Winter Break due to waiting on utilities and other unexpected circumstances. Lyn Carty asked if all portable units have A/C. Mr. Bennett advised all portables have A/C. Stuart Gothold asked if the Maybrook campus would be opened as an additional school post completion of projects. Mr. Bennett advised this will need to be addressed and a decision made by the School Board. Martin Tourville asked when the asphalt project is scheduled and if the furniture will be moved from Olita and back to Olita. Mr. Bennett advised that asphalt is scheduled to be done on 3/16/20, but may be postponed due to rains. The ground needs to be dry. Mr. Bennett advised that Lowell Joint has received donations of furniture from Heights Christian as well as Orange County Department of Ed. Mr. Bennett said we are 75% furnished and will purchase additional furniture needed for the site. David Bennett advised we will be mounting T.V. screens in Maybrook Campus as it is more cost effective. Richard Jones asked if there was a limitation on what could be spent on technology and furniture. Mr. Bennett advised that there was not a set limit on what could be spent as long as it is written in the approved contracts. Martin Tourville asked if the electric overheads will stay permanently. Mr. Bennett explained having the overheads that way was the most cost effective and they would remain as they are as long as we are using the Maybrook Campus as interim housing and stated this may change to an underground electrical system if the location becomes a permanent school. Mr. Bennett also advised that the portable restrooms purchased will be relocated after the interim housing is complete.

Andrea Reynolds reviewed the current budget for Measure LL Handouts were given to each board member to review. 48 million dollars in bonds were authorized in November 2019.

14 million dollars have been issued to date. So far 1.5 million has been spent on current project (Maybrook Interim Housing) with 1.5 million dollars remaining to be spent.

Andrea advised that larger amount of budget was for architects and engineer drawings for other projects that are to be going to take to the DSA. Once plans are approved they can be submitted to the office of Public School Construction in hopes to receive grants. Cost of construction is escalating at 4.1% per year.

It was asked if there have been any surprised so far, Andrea had Mr. Bennett address the issue.

Mr. Bennett advised that there will be change orders made in construction to be expected but there have been no big surprises so far other than being possibly over ambitious in time of move. Move has been delayed to the summer rather than original plan of December.

Kim Johnson asked why the budget for Jordan Elementary was so much more than other projects. Mr. Bennett advised that there will be a pre-school added to Jordan which is part of the increased cost. Jordan has dual immersion program which was implemented to decrease enrollment loss to other school district who had this program. Five additional classrooms are needed to sustain this program. It was asked if the upgrades were primarily interior. Mr. Bennett advised that the modernization is to include HVAC, roofing, electrical and sewer lines and that the look of the schools i.e. carpet, buildings will look the same as the most important upgrades needed are a cool environment, roofs that don't leak and sewer upgrades.

Kim Johnson asked if the roofs would be numbered on the top. David Bennett said he will look into that information.

El Portal had a grant under Prop 39 which provided them with HVAC and lighting replacement already, so they will have roofs replaced and sewer line. Macy will have roofing, HVAC, fire alarm and sewer line. Meadow Green will also have HVAC, fire alarm and sewer line. Olita will have roofing replaced, HVAC and electrical. Rancho Starbuck will have roofing, HVAC and electrical.

Mr. Bennett advised this is what Measure LL will cover, which is the basics which are needed.

He said they will create a plan of what will need assessment in the future. Mr. Jones asked if the electrical upgrade will prepare them for upgrades in technology. Mr. Bennett said it will.

It was asked how they got to the numbers for costs of projects. Mr. Bennett advised that they have architects get estimates. He advised they have been very close in preliminary numbers.

Mr. Bennett advised that Olita School has already been DSA approved as of 2016.

### **Comments from the Public**

None

Next Meeting scheduled for June 8, Mr. Jones apologized for being late.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting ended at 6:20 pm

