

Lowell Joint School District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
11019 Valley Home Avenue
Whittier, CA 90603

Regular Meeting

Zoom Meeting 836 0513 9766

3/9/2021

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, March 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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

Jan Averill - present
Stuart Gothold - present
Taffi Graham - present
Kim Johnson - present
Richard Jones - present
Casey Powers - present (5:33 p.m.)
Martin Tourville - present

Recorder:

Denise Soto, Secretary/Technician, Facilities and Operations

Approval of Agenda # 6

Approval of agenda was moved by Stuart Gothold, seconded by Casey Powers and the motion was carried 7-0, via roll call to approve Agenda # 6 for the regular meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee held Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Approval of Official Minutes

Minutes from December 8, 2020 meeting will be tabled and approved at the next CBOC meeting on 6/8/2021

Correspondence from Citizens' Oversight Committee members:

None

Oral Communications from Citizens' Oversight Committee members and District Staff:

None

Hear public comments for items not appearing on the agenda:

None

Bond Audit Report :

Jeff Nigro from Nigro & Nigro presented a powerpoint presentation to the board members. Mr. Nigro explained what the Audit was and that their report was an unmodified opinion. Mr. Nigro presented financial information for the 2019/20 fiscal year. The information provided was up to June 30, 2020. He explained the Performance Audit as taking the majority of the time because it covers all objectives, scopes, results of testing. 1.7 million dollars of expenditures were confirmed as money used only for bond projects. It was confirmed that the bidding process was correct and that the district was in complete compliance. All detailed information is presented in the powerpoint.

Stuart Gothold asked what the Boards role in this process was. Mr. Nigro responded that their role is to receive the report. Richard (Dick) Jones asked if there was a management report.

Mr. Nigro answered that there was no report because there were no issues.

Approval of the financial report was moved by Casey Powers, seconded by Martin Tourville and the motion was carried 7-0 for approval of the financial report

Financial Update:

David Bennett provided a powerpoint presentation with a financial update for the Measure LL 48 million bond issuance approved in November of 2018. The bond was issued to get facilities in working order which will include roofing, HVAC and other failing items. The first of the projects was Maybrook Interim Housing. Mr. Bennett described Maybrook as having twelve older classrooms from the 1960's on one end and brand new portables on the other. Staff and students were very pleased with the upgrades and are very happy. Mr. Bennett stated that the contractors did a great job.

El Portal had their roofs redone and fire alarm systems done. Closeout with DSA is complete. The Olita project is complete. Olita had re roofing, HVAC and electrical upgrades. Pictures were shown of roofs, ductwork and AC units. Macy school will have re roofing, HVAC/electrical as well as a new sewer line. Pictures were shown of the roof demolition and of old construction and the lumber of the old roof, and showed how old construction was done. Additional pictures of AC units and ducting, and a trench for the sewer system. Pictures were also shown of the roots that invaded the sewer lines. Powerpoint contained pictures of much needed upgrades to make school safe and up to current codes. Last picture was shown of an old electrical room that was not to code, but everything is being upgraded to be safe for the students.

After the Macy project will be Jordan Elementary. Jordan will be replaced with new buildings. It was decided that Jordan will be the majority of the work due to the increasing enrollment of the school due to the dual immersion program and the early learning center. The work for Jordan will take the entire school year.

Meadow Green will be the next project and Meadow Green will receive HVAC, roof and fire alarms. Sewer lines will be replaced if the budget allows. The expected date for meadow green will be June 2022. In June of 2023 Rancho Starbuck will have roofing, fire alarms and sewer systems replaced.

Cathy Weisman updated the numbers of the Measure LL money spent at Maybrook. Maybrook is 100 percent complete and DSA certified. She explained once DSA certification is complete it means that everything was done to plan and the DSA takes complete liability.

EI Portal was 2.3 million and DSA certification is pending . It will take 60-90 days.

Olita is finishing and the district is in contact with Erickson Hall with financial reconciliation to be done in March/April

Macy is 33 percent invoiced for construction.

Jordan is 30 percent in with DSA for approval for the portable project. Cathy expressed her excitement about the portables.

Meadow Green and Rancho Starbuck are not at DSA level yet.

Stuart Gothold asked why there was a surplus for Maybrook and a deficit for EI Portal.

David answered that the budget numbers were from the GBA report. The Maybrook Interim housing number was big because it was the first project. They chose a larger number for the budget to be safe. EI Portal was more expensive due to underground electrical work which in the long run is better.

Approval of the financial report was moved, approved and passed 7-0 via role call.

Ratification of terms of members

3- one year terms (Richard Jones, Stuart Gothold, Casey Powers)

Moved by Jan Averil, seconded by Kim Jones, approved and passed 7-0 via role call.

Comments from Public

None

Adjournment

6:10 pm