

El Rancho Unified School District Minutes

Joint Board of Education / Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

March 12, 2019
6:00 PM

El Rancho Unified School District
Professional Development Center
9333 Loch Lomond Drive
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present:

Carolyn Castillo
Leanne Ibarra
Jose Lara
Dr. Teresa Merino
Gabriel Orosco

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jose Lara, President at 6:00 p.m.

1.A. ROLL CALL - Members of the Board of Education

Jose Lara, President
Gabriel A. Orosco, Vice President
Leanne M. Ibarra, Clerk
Dr. Teresa L. Merino, Member
Carolyn Castillo, Member

1.B. ROLL CALL - Members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Christine Saavedra, Chairperson (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)
Guadalupe Martinez, Vice Chairperson (absent)
Martha Estrada, Member (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)
Angela Gonzalez, Member (absent)
Esther Mejia, Member (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)
Dr. Joseph Rivera, Member (absent)

1.C. ROLL CALL - Members of the Administrative Cabinet

Karling Aguilera-Fort, Superintendent
Jacqueline Cardenas, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Dr. Alejandro Rojas, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Reynaldo Reyes, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Dora Soto-Delgado, Director, Student Services
Dean Cochran, Director, Special Education
Roberta Gonzalez, Director, Early Learning Program

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECORDER - Sandy Watkins

VISITORS - Register No. 21-2018/2019

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- 3.A. Approved the Agenda for the Joint Board of Education/Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting of March 12, 2019.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Dr. Teresa Merino and a second by Carolyn Castillo.

Yes Carolyn Castillo

Yes Leanne Ibarra

Yes Jose Lara

Yes Dr. Teresa Merino

Yes Gabriel Orosco

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Blue Comment Cards

*This is the time of the meeting when members of the public may address the Board on matters that **are on the agenda only**. In the interest of time, individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Board shall limit the total time for each agenda item to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes.*

- Tony Hernandez was impressed with the last Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting. He emphasized how well the Committee worked together, which validates their purpose.
- Lilia Carreon attended the last Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting at which she observed the meeting was well organized and well run. She expressed the Committee is a good combination of individuals and hopes to keep the Committee in place.

5. DISCUSSION

5.A. Welcome and Introductions.

The Board of Education and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members introduced themselves.

Board President Lara thanked the Committee for volunteering their time to assist the District.

5.B. Clarification of Board of Education and Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Roles and Responsibilities.

Board President Lara reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Education and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) as outlined in the CBOC Bylaws.

5.C. Membership and Recruitment.

Two members of the Committee were appointed without following the appointment process outlined in the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws. Due to this discrepancy, the seats for the member active in a bona-fide taxpayers organization and member active in a senior citizens' organization will be re-opened.

Motion Passed: To remove Esther Mejia and Dr. Joseph Rivera from the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and declare the seats for the member active in a bona-fide taxpayers organization and member active in a senior citizens' organization as vacant. Passed with a motion by Gabriel Orosco and a second by Leanne Ibarra.

No	Carolyn Castillo
Yes	Leanne Ibarra
Yes	Jose Lara
No	Dr. Teresa Merino
Yes	Gabriel Orosco

5.D. Review/Revise Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee By-laws.

Members of the Board of Education and Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee provided input to desired revisions to the Committee Bylaws. The recommended revisions will be brought forth to the next joint meeting of the Board and CBOC for further review and input.

Section 1

Paragraph two, last sentence: *The Committee does not have legal capacity independent from the District.*

- Suggestion: Revise and expand for clarity.

Section 3.1

Inform the Public. The Committee *shall inform the public* concerning the District's expenditure of bond proceeds.

- Suggestion: Need clarity on how the public will be informed.
- Suggestion: Add sentence: The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction.

Section 3.2

Review Expenditures: (b) no bond proceeds were used for teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses *in compliance with* Attorney General Opinion . . .

- Suggestion: Change to (b) no bond proceeds were used for teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses *with the exception of activities outlined in the* Attorney General Opinion . . .
- Suggestion: Needs to be more specific. Information provided needs to be detailed.

Section 3.5

(d) The approval of the design for each project including exterior materials, paint, color, interior finishes, site plan, and construction methods (modular vs. permanent) which shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion.

- Suggestion: (d) The approval of the design for each project including ~~exterior materials, paint, color, interior finishes,~~ site plan, ~~and~~ construction methods (modular vs. permanent) *and layouts* which shall be determined by the Board in its sole discretion.

Section 4.1

Suggestion: Add the following:

- Review expenditures to include but not limited to invoices, purchase orders, and consulting agreements.
- Mechanism designed to reduce the cost of professional fees.
- Mechanism designed to reduce the cost of site preparation
- Recommendations regarding the joint use of core facilities.

Section 5.4

Suggestion: Extend the term for current members.

Section 5.6

Removal; Vacancy. The Board may remove any Committee member for *any reason . . .*

- Suggestion: Change *any reason* to *for cause*.

Section 6.1

Suggestions:

- To meet as needed, but not more than once per month.
- Meet at a minimum of every other month.
- Staff recommend the Committee to meet quarterly.
- Members of the Committee are requesting to meet more often due to having an active bond project.

Section 8

Reports. In addition to the Annual Report required in Section 3.3, the Committee may report to the Board from *time to time . . .*

- Suggestion: Change *time to time* to *quarterly through a joint meeting*.
- Suggestion: Change *time to time* to *as needed*.
- Suggestion: The CBOC Chair provide an update at a regular Board meeting to keep the community informed.
- Suggestion: In addition to the Annual Report, the Committee may report to the Board as requested.

General Suggestion:

- Include Education Code when and wherever it applies.

5.E. Calendar of Future Joint Board of Education/Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meetings.

It was determined to call the next joint Board of Education and Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting when new members have been appointed.

5.F. Additional Discussion Items.

- Bring forth a report on bond expenditures.

6. ADJOURNMENT

6.A. Adjourn the Joint Board of Education/Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting of March 12, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Carolyn Castillo and a second by Leanne Ibarra.

Yes Carolyn Castillo
Yes Leanne Ibarra
Yes Jose Lara
Yes Dr. Teresa Merino
Yes Gabriel Orosco

NOTE: Exhibits listed herein are a part of these minutes and are filed in the Official Board Minutes Record Book of the Board of Education, which is open for public inspection.

Minutes approved, as written , as corrected

Board President

Superintendent
