

Newark Unified School District
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
February 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes (Special Meeting)

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 6:02 PM.

2.0 Roll Call

CBOC Members:

Cindy Parks, Jack Dane, Cary Knoop, Christine Clinton, Adam Modzeleski, Yoana Navarro, Marek Yarbrough (*joined during item 6.0*).

NUSD Staff:

Bryan Richards.

3.0 Introduction of New Members

The Chair announced and welcomed two new CBOC members: Christine Clinton and Olga Borjon. Mrs. Clinton gave a brief introduction.

4.0 Resignation of CBOC Member Dat Haba from CBOC

Mr. Haba resigned due to the fact he is a volleyball coach at Newark Unified, which conform the Bylaws, excludes him from being a CBOC member.

5.0 January 4, 2018 Inspection Tour Follow-Up

The Committee discussed the lack of response from the District to the questions asked during the CBOC tour on January 4, 2017. Several members expressed dissatisfaction with the demonstrated lack of factual knowledge from the Vanir representatives about the projects inspected.

Motion: *"The CBOC gives authority to the Chair to discuss with the Governing Board the problem of not getting requested information from the District if no answers are supplied by the District by February 21, 2018."*

Moved by Mr. Knoop, second by Mrs. Navarro (6, 0, 0, 2).

6.0 Update on the Annual Report

Mr. Knoop gave an overview of the activities of the Ad-Hoc Committee.

The Ac-Hoc committee expressed concern about the quality of governance of the District, which may also affect Measure G related projects.

Mr. Knoop presented the conclusions of the Whiteford questions as listed in the Whiteford report. The Committee decided to defer acceptance of the report to when the Annual Report is approved.

Motion: "Until canceled by motion the Committee allows the chair to communicate on behalf of the CBOC, at any time, the CBOC position that expending bond funds for sites that are not predominately used to teach students is not considered a valid use of bond funds."

Moved by Mrs. Parks, second by Mr. Yarbrough (7, 0, 0, 1).

Mrs. Navarro presented arguments to restrict pictures for projects relevant to the financial year of reporting. The Committee agreed to this change.

Mrs. Navarro presented ideas on improving the financial information in the Annual Report by including vendor information. The Committee agreed this would be a great idea for the next year's Annual Report.

Mrs. Navarro asked about certain expenditures listed as "Other Expenditures". Mr. Richards explained there was a coding error; the error was inconsequential to the Annual Report.

The Committee discussed the facts, findings, concerns and recommendations section with respect to the lack of having a deferred maintenance plan, the Whiteford questions and about getting timely information from the District.

The Committee directed the Ad-Hoc subcommittee to continue to refine the fact, findings, concerns and recommendations.

7.0 Announcements, Requests, Debrief, Discussion

Mr. Modzeleski asked about the bidding process of the architecture firms.

Mrs. Navarro asked if the auditor would be available to answer questions and provide a summary on the audit procedures in the next meeting. Mr. Richards was going to ask the auditor to provide a summary.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Minutes written by Cary Knoop