

ATWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
APRIL 19, 2005

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kory Billings at 5:05 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Kory Billings.

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Committee members present: Kory Billings, Dorothy Bizzini, Nelson Crabb, Annette Heikkila, Jim Murphy, Audrey Sumpter and Ron Denault. Also present was Dr. Lou Obermeyer, Superintendent and Allan Patterson, Director of Facilities and Transportation. Members absent were Juan Garcia.

IV. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2005

MOTION by Audrey Sumpter, **SECOND** by Nelson Crabb to approve the minutes of January 11, 200. COC meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

VI. FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATE

Modernization Plans

Ron Denault stated that the Board had approved a bid to begin modernization at Aileen Colburn School. The winning bid came from McFadden, a company out of Stockton. Ron stated that initially, the work would focus on HVAC but now included electrical, insulation, re-roofing, and handicapped accessibility (including upgrades) and floors and carpets. He said that ceiling tiles were hard to find and that the ceilings would be suspended which would cut down on the cost. Also, by upgrading the restrooms in the current resource area, the office space will virtually double. By doing so, it will accommodate four desks. In the 1950s, the size of support buildings was based on the number of students. As the schools grew, the infrastructures didn't. The construction schedule is scheduled for 57 days, to be completed on August 5, 2005. This may entail working double shifts.

Design Development for new school on Avenue One

Dorothy Bizzini asked if the District had a name for the new school. Lou stated that a name had not yet been chosen and said that she would look at District Policy and begin the process.

Jim Murphy asked how much it would take of the budget to begin. Ron stated around \$200,000.00. Jim asked if that would be long-term and Ron replied that the Board would make that decision.

Dorothy asked how many students the new school would accommodate. Lou stated it was planned to accommodate 650 students. It was asked whether Bellevue School was on track. Ron stated that it was. He said that he didn't remember at what point Turn Key filed bankruptcy but, that Mobile Modular, an alternate vendor was chosen to replace them. Mark Holley then explained the slight differences between Turn Key and Mobile Modular buildings. He said that Turn Key was attractive because they used a more conventional construction with slab on grey design while Mobile Modular uses a raised floor system. Mark said that the District negotiated with Mobile Modular to strengthen the floor by reducing the spacing in the joists. Mark stated that the site plan and circulation of the plan of Mobile Modular was almost identical to that of the Turn Key plan.

Mark then explained that there was a bid opening the following Thursday for the Bellevue Modernization Project and that the Board awarded the site work portions of the Bellevue Additions Project at the Board meeting the previous evening. He stated that the pads needed to be in place so that Mobile Modular could pour the foundations by May 15. Jim Murphy asked about maintenance and durability of the buildings as compared to conventional buildings. Mark explained that the Turn Key buildings looked attractive because with concrete foundations, they appear to be more durable. He said that because the portables would be placed on concrete foundations, the settlement issue, which is large with portables, would not be a factor. He stated that the portables would be bolted together and would look more like conventional buildings. Mark also explained that these structures would not have plywood siding like most portables but rather, would have plaster siding. He said that one of the appealing things about pre-fab buildings is that large pieces of equipment aren't required to deliver and assemble them.

A question was asked by Annette as to whether or not the parking lot would be patrolled and if the bus loading area would be separate from the parking lot. Mark stated that the parking lot would not be patrolled but both the bus loading zone and the parking area would be in full view of the administrative office. He also stated that the bus loading zone would be three cars wide.

Dorothy asked how many students the school was designed to accommodate and Lou stated it was designed for 650 students.

Getting back to the overview, Kory asked Mark to explain and show where the 7th/8th grade area separated from the elementary portion of the school and Jim asked if all of

the grade levels would be intermingling. Lou explained that the 7th/8th graders would begin at different times from the elementary students so the integration of students should not be a problem.

Annette asked if the gym came from bond monies. Lou stated that it didn't. Jim then asked if the staffing and or maintenance costs came from bond monies. Lou stated it didn't and that the funding for those items were generated by ADA.

Annette asked when the opening date of the new school was and Lou said that the plan was for the fall of 2007. Jim had questions regarding water and sewer hook up and Mark stated that it would be a later addition at extra cost. Mark explained that phase would be designed during the building process so as to tie in with the existing sewer and water systems. Audrey asked if they would drill a new well. Mark explained further that the existing well would be tested before that decision would be made.

VII. PRESENTATION OF BOND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Ron passed out a report that showed Proceeds, Interest, Cash on Hand and Expenditures to date and explained the amounts respectively.

Dorothy asked about the vandalism at Mitchell Sr. since the surveillance cameras were installed. Ron stated that the incidents were at a minimum and that Shaffer also showed a significant drop in vandalism.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM COC MEMBERS

Kory asked if anyone had any comments to make. Lou took the opportunity that Juan Garcia had moved to Merced and had submitted a resignation as a Committee member to the Board. Lou stated that the Community at Large applications would be taken back to the Board.

The Committee was then reminded that the next COC meeting would be held on the second Tuesday in July (12th) and that it would be a site visit. Would be notified of location at a later date.

IX. ADJOURN

Kory adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.