

ATWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
JANUARY 11, 2005

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Nelson Crabb at 5:30 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nelson Crabb.

III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Committee members present: 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 Kory Billings and Juan Garcia.

IV. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

V. PRESENTATION OF MODERNIZATION PLAN – 7TH & 8TH

GRADE EXPANSION FOR BELLEVUE SCHOOL

Mark Holley with Architechnica began the presentation. Mark stated that the conversion of Bellevue School from a K-6 school to a K-8 school is in the process. Mark stated that the Board has acted to negotiate a contract with Turn Key, a construction company from Southern California to do the project. He said that a modular approach would be used; that these modular buildings would be permanent steel construction on concrete foundations. Mark stated that Turn Key can use better production techniques and cheaper labor by building these classroom buildings in a factory off the construction site. This narrows down the on-site construction period. Mark also stated that there is a two year turnaround when building conventional classrooms, and a three year turnaround for a complete new school. However, with this having been in the planning stage for approximately the past eight months, using the modular buildings would allow for construction this summer with completion for the opening of the 2005-06 school year. Architechnica worked with AESD and developed what facilities they wanted at the site. The design development drawings were then given to Turn Key. Turn Key came back with a quote

on the facility which was approved by the Board as a working budget. Design work is now being done such as floor plans, elevations, fixture placement, window locations, wall finishes, etc. and that when a couple of minor things are worked out with the District, the documents will be sent to Turn Key. Turn Key will then submit a final quote to the District and when that has been approved by the Board, Turn Key will begin their working drawings and construction will begin with a formal contract.

Mark then presented a slide show to address the scope of the Bellevue project. In the additions, there will be four (4) kindergarten classroom unit, a Library Media Center and a six (6) classroom structure in the back which would include two (2) Science Labs. The entire project would be approximately 17,000 sq. feet. Mark stated that the working budget is approximately 3.5 million which would include expansion of the existing parking lot so as to accommodate added staff. Audrey asked if any of the buildings were going to be demolished. Mark stated that there would only be additions. Jim asked about the kindergarten buildings and Mark stated that the kindergarten buildings were actually part of the modernization project. Architechnica is now working with Division of the State Architect (DSA) to confirm with Architechnica's structural engineers' evaluation of the project. That evaluation then goes to the Office of Public School Construction who does a review and acceptance and, in turn, approves a demo of the old structure. This is then incorporated into the formal plan. Mark then stated that the modernization plans were currently at the State for approval. Jim Murphy asked if the old kindergarten would be down and the new one up by the summer. Mark stated the new one would be up and that the old one would be down depending on the State's decision. Jim asked if the demolition of the old kindergarten building had to be done at a certain time and Mark replied that it was situated in such a way that it could be done at any time.

Audrey stated that she was glad to see the classrooms would have windows. Mark stated the importance of windows, but because of safety factor and glare, only a few windows would be incorporated in the classrooms. He stated that there would be no new windows in the library media center because the room is needed for books.

Jim Murphy asked if the contractor takes into account the fact that the

materials used are regional. For example, would they use materials on this construction that are specialized for the East Coast. Mark stated that everything listed in the specifications would be items recommended for use.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 21, 2004

MOTION by Audrey Sumpter, **SECOND** by Dorothy Bizzini to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2004, COC meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

MOTION by Dorothy Bizzini, **SECOND** by Audrey Sumpter to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2004, COC meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2005

This was a discussion item. Ron Denault proposed that the next meeting be held in April. He stated that if the same Tuesday pattern were used as previous meetings, the next meeting would be April 12, 2005 and the following would be July 12, 2005. Jim Murphy asked if the time would be 5:30. Ron Denault stated that at the previous meeting, Mr. Garcia had asked that the meeting time be 5:30 but that the previous meetings had been scheduled at 5:00 p.m. Ron said that it was up to the Committee to decide on whether 5:00 or 5:30 was better. The general consensus was that 5:00 p.m. was preferable. Meeting places were discussed and Ron Denault stated that holding COC meetings at different sites provided the Committee the opportunity to see the different schools. Dr. Obermeyer suggested that since Aileen Colburn would be under modernization during the summer, it might be a good place to hold the next meeting. Committee was in agreement.

MOTION by Jim Murphy, **SECOND** by Dorothy Bizzini to approve

Second Tuesday of the month scheduled at 5:00 p.m. for future COC meetings.
MOTION CARRIED by a vote of 6-0.

IX. PRESENTATION OF BOND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Jim Murphy asked if the funding for additional staffing, etc. was going to come out of the General Fund or was it part of the bond measure. Ron stated that teaching staff comes from the revenue limit which is based on Average Daily Attendance. This means that if a student attends all 180 days it counts as one ADA. Ron stated that students who normally would attend Mitchell Sr. as seventh graders would now be staying at Bellevue, so, depending on the numbers, there may be two or three staff members coming from other sites to accommodate these students. Jim Murphy asked about other staff such a custodial. Ron stated that additional staff would be factored into the formula and that gradual staffing could occur. Ron reminded the members of the committee that next year would only go through seventh grade and that not all rooms would be utilized until the following year when eighth grade would be incorporated. Annette Heikkila asked if the first graduating class would then be in two years and Ron concurred. Annette then asked about boundaries and whether the District would take students from other attendance areas to pull in more students for Bellevue. Ron stated that the sixth graders who currently attend Bellevue would stay at Bellevue rather than move on to Mitchell Sr. and that the District is not looking at boundary changes in the near future. Dr. Obermeyer did say however, that when the new school is built on Avenue 1, the District would look at the boundaries and changes could occur at that time. Dr. Obermeyer said that the Ron has purchased a software program that would allow us to input our information and in turn, print out reports that would give us the information needed to determine where boundaries

should be. Lou stated that the District hoped to have the initial information to the Board within the next couple of months. Annette then asked if current bussing would still be provided for the eighth graders and Ron stated that it would. Annette asked if the new school would open as a K-7. Dr. Obermeyer stated it would open as a K-8 so Annette asked if that meant that eighth graders would be transferred in from other schools. Dr. Obermeyer stated that the Board would have to ultimately make that decision but that she envisioned any student living within the boundaries of the new school that wanted to attend that school would have the option to do so. She also stated that she believed the Board would want to work directly with parents regarding this matter.

Nelson Crabb asked if anyone had reviewed the Financial Statement for 2004. Jim Murphy stated that he knew 8951 reflected proceeds from the bond sale but had a question regarding the other numbers listed in the Financial Statement. Ron Denault went over numbers and what they reflected. They were as follows: 8660 – interest on bond fund deposits since August, 4400 – non capitalized equipment which is equipment with a value of under \$5000.00 with nothing spent in that category to date, and 6100 – capital outlay which includes sites, (purchase of Avenue One property and fencing at Thomas Olaeta), buildings, and capitalized equipment which is equipment over \$5000.00. Audrey asked if a motion was needed on this and Ron stated that it was informational only. Jim Murphy then asked if there would be a quiz at the next meeting.

X. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.