

**MENIFEE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES
MEETING FO THE MEASURE Q BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

September 14, 2017
District Education Center Training Room

Menifee Union School District
29775 Haun Road
Menifee, California 92586

Present:

Stu Blaze
John Corlett
Jeremie Curtis
Ken Fregin
Gloria Sanchez
Dennis Silva

Absent:

Tina Kearney

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Dennis Silva at 4:36 pm.

2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Minutes:

Roll Call showed that all Committee members were present, except for Tina Kearney. Also in attendance for all of the meeting was Governing Board Member, Ron Ulibarri; Superintendent, Dr. Steve Kennedy; Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Ambur Borth; Director of Facilities, Bruce Shaw; Cooperative Strategies representative, Jesse Landre; and Assistant Superintendent Secretary, Kristin Simpson.

A quorum was established.

3. Public Comment

Minutes:

There were no requests to speak.

4. Presentations

Minutes:

Katie Dobbs from Jones Hall shared information via phone about Serving on a COC: Introduction to Roles and Responsibilities

Ken Fregin asked Ms. Dobbs if the committee loses members what happens. Ms. Dobbs the committee would keep conducting business as usual. The District can look for replacement members as needed if necessary.

Ron Ulibarri suggested highlighting the information in the presentation that stated no funds from Measure Q Bond can be used to teacher or administrative salaries so that the public understands that facility funds cannot be used for salaries.

Jeremie Curtis asked if Proposition 39 governs this bond and if so, why does Ms. Dobbs say that the committee does not need to familiarize themselves with Prop. 39? Ms. Dobbs responded by saying that the bond project list associated with this bond lists appropriate expenditures for bond money usage. Bruce Shaw said that the County verifies the bonds compliance with Prop. 39 when they list it on the voter's ballot.

5. **Organizational Matters:**

i. **Election of Chair**

Motion Passed: Gloria Sanchez motioned to nominate Dennis Silva as Committee Chair. Motion was seconded by Jeremie Curtis.

YES	Stu Blaze
YES	John Corlett
YES	Jeremie Curtis
YES	Ken Fregin
ABSENT	Tina Kearney
YES	Gloria Sanchez
YES	Dennis Silva

ii. **Election of Vice Chair**

Motion Passed: Dennis Silva motioned to nominate Gloria Sanchez as Committee Vice Chair. Motion was seconded by Jeremie Curtis.

YES	Stu Blaze
YES	John Corlett
YES	Jeremie Curtis
YES	Ken Fregin
ABSENT	Tina Kearney
YES	Gloria Sanchez
YES	Dennis Silva

iii. **Designation of party to takes notes and prepare minutes**

Motion Passed: Dennis Silva motioned to have Kristin Simpson takes notes and prepare minutes for the Committee. Motion was seconded by Gloria Sanchez.

YES	Stu Blaze
YES	John Corlett
YES	Jeremie Curtis
YES	Ken Fregin
ABSENT	Tina Kearney
YES	Gloria Sanchez
YES	Dennis Silva

iv. Determination of Length of Terms

Motion Passed: Dennis Silva motioned to designate two-year term limits for Committee members. Motion was seconded by John Corlett.

YES	Stu Blaze
YES	John Corlett
YES	Jeremie Curtis
YES	Ken Fregin
ABSENT	Tina Kearney
YES	Gloria Sanchez
YES	Dennis Silva

v. Determination of Next Meeting Date

Motion Passed: Dennis Silva motioned to hold the next Committee meeting on October 12, 2017 at 4:30 pm at the Menifee Union School District Education Center. Motion was seconded by John Corlett.

YES	Stu Blaze
YES	John Corlett
YES	Jeremie Curtis
YES	Ken Fregin
ABSENT	Tina Kearney
YES	Gloria Sanchez
YES	Dennis Silva

Dennis Silva and Jeremie Curtis requested to view examples of previous bond committee reports and/or minutes so they have an idea of what they are supposed to do. Ambur Borth will give the committee an example of an annual report.

5. Staff Report on Bond Program

Jesse Landre, Ambur Borth, and Bruce Shaw gave a summary of the bond measure, bond project list, projects planned, bonds issued to date.

Jesse Landre answered the question as to why Measure Q was needed. He said with increased enrollment and a projection of 9800 units being built within the District in the near future, there was a need for additional school facilities.

The State school funding program had stopped altogether even though it was the law. Passage of Proposition 51 in the November 2016 election, allows for Districts to request matching funds for school facilities again however the waiting list for reimbursement could take years to receive. Bruce Shaw added that the last time the District received matching funds from the State was in 2009 for Han Christensen Middle School. The District received nothing for Herk Bouris Elementary School or for Harvest Hill STEAM Academy both of which cost \$26-\$27 million each to build. Jesse Landre said that Governor Brown is against Prop. 51 therefore it may take up to 10 years for schools to be reimbursed because it is up to the Governor to approve the reimbursements.

Stu Blaze asked how much money was approved for Measure Q. Bruce Shaw answered that \$135 million was approved however only \$127-\$128 million can be used because the bond has to incur its debt service.

Ken Fregin asked if Measure Q did not pass, what would the school district have to do. Dr. Kennedy answered that the District would possibly have to look at going back to a multi-track, year-round school calendar in order to avoid overcrowded classrooms.

Jeremie Curtis asked if the District is currently requesting reimbursement from the State even though there is a long waiting period. Bruce Shaw answered yes, the District has submitted a request for reimbursement from the State.

Dr. Kennedy added that \$135 million in bonds are not issued all at once in order to not overburden taxpayers. Bruce Shaw added that to date, approximately \$23.2 million in bonds have been issued to build ES #14. Jesse Landre said that bonds would most likely be issued every 2-3 years.

Jesse Landre said the State school-funding program is broken and the District needed to come up with a plan to build new schools. The District tried to utilize all local revenues, like CFDs (Community Facility District) funds to meet its needs. CFDs are formed between the District and the developer at the time of building. Current CFDs for the District will bring in a revenue of approximately \$43 million, but this money is not sufficient to meet the District's facility needs.

Ambur Borth said that the District is currently in the process of implementing a Facilities Master Plan to anticipate the District's needs. The District will be able to determine what the next projects is after ES#14 and what the Menifee Valley Middle School remodel will look like.

Ambur Borth explained that the District received \$23+ million in June for ES#14. She went on to further explain the funding summary pages that were included in the committee's notebook and how to read them. She noted that the committee should be looking at Fund 21 for Measure Q Bond money expenditures. Bruce Shaw explained that the list contains the names of the prime contractors being used to build ES#14.

Dennis Silva asked how the vendor list is derived. Ambur Borth responded that the vendor list is derived by open bid.

Stu Blaze asked if Audie Murphy gave the District the land for ES#14. Bruce Shaw responded no, Audie Murphy did not contribute anything towards purchasing the land for ES#14. That a builder may let you set-up a CFD in the area, but that's usually all they contribute. Stu Blaze said that the Audie Murphy developer is telling people that they are paying 50 percent of cost to build the new school. Bruce Shaw responded that is not true.

Dennis Silva asked how many students does the average house. Ambur Borth responded that the average newly designed school houses approximately 1000 students. Bruce Shaw added that schools are usually built to house 800 students, but are capable of holding approximately 1050 students for elementary schools and approximately 1200 students for middle schools.

Dennis Silva asked where the fastest growth in the District currently is. Jesse Landre answered that the fastest growth is in Audie Murphy Ranch and French Valley.

Dennis Silva asked about the land off of Scott and Leon Roads. Dr. Kennedy responded saying that land is where Perris Union High School HS#4 will be built. Dr. Kennedy briefly talked about unification and how the District cannot unify without Perris Union High School building HS#4 because we cannot send all of our students to one high school (Paloma Valley) as it will cause a significant shift in the demographics of the District. Currently Menifee USD does not qualify for all of the criteria that the State requires in order to unify.

Dennis Silva asked why the Menifee Union School District's boundaries extend into Murrieta and other cities and are not just in Menifee. Bruce Shaw stated that the boundaries were drawn almost 100 years ago and haven't changed.

8. **Adjourn**

Motion Passed: Dennis Silva motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 pm. Motion was seconded by Stu Blaze.

YES	Stu Blaze
YES	John Corlett
YES	Jeremie Curtis
YES	Ken Fregin
ABSENT	Tina Kearney
YES	Gloria Sanchez
YES	Dennis Silva