

Citizens Bond Advisory Committee
Minutes
October 17, 2013

Present: √

Committee Members		District Resource Personnel		Out of District Personnel (For presentation only)	
Pete Alfaro	√	Dr. Salvador Cavazos	√		
Michael Beard	√	Randal O'Brien	√		
Angela Chandler		Dr. Melissa Duarte	√		
Don Coffey	√	Margie Grimes			
Tim Covington	√	Shirley Mosley	√		
Manuel Escontrias	√	Kathy Clausen	√		
Daryl Fontenot	√	David Fluker	√		
Bertha Harris	√	Bruce Riggs			
Tony Krause		Matt Flood	√		
Brennon Marsh	√	Steve Koester	√		
Chet Theiss	√	Ray Brown	√		
Dickie Woods	√	Tom Ortman	√		
Ron Zimmer	√	Brenda Garcia	√		
		Rick Walterscheid	√		
		Kathy VanDerbeek	√		

Welcome/Introductions

Chairman Pete Alfaro called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked CBAC members to introduce themselves to the group.

Minutes

The minutes from last meeting were presented. Don Coffey made a motion which was seconded by Manuel Escontrias to accept the minutes. Minutes were approved by all members present. A request was made by Chairman Pete Alfaro that the attendance be added to the top of the minutes.

2013 Bond Progress

- **Construction/Completion Items** – David Fluker showed a PowerPoint presentation of the three new elementary schools and updated the committee on where they were in the construction process.
- **Pending Construction Projects** - Randal O'Brien reported that the new transportation center needs an appropriate site to build. We are waiting for a report of platting and flood plan for the Gentry location. Randal O'Brien asked if anyone had any ideas or historical information that may be helpful.

Comments from the committee members:

- Don Coffey questioned why the North Main and Archer site was being considered for the technology center. Randal O'Brien explained that the site was selected as an alternate site once it was determined there was not enough acreage for a transportation center.
 - Don Coffey stated that we were suppose to use the Archer and North Main location for the transportation center, however once they doubled the detention pond there was not enough land. Randal O'Brien discussed variables associated with the decision including water saturation, water drainage and amount of land needed.
 - Michael Beard asked how many buses the district had. Rick Walterscheid responded that there were now 222 buses with the projection of 250 once the new schools are built. Michael Beard then asked how the County will respond to the the additional bus traffic. Pete Alfaro redirected to the task of planning a location.
 - Michael Beard would like to see a breakdown of the financial report. He would also like for them to be electronically sent out before the committee meets.
 - Pete Alfaro stated that changes with the Bond needed to be addressed and that communication with the committee needed to be open and possibly more frequent.
 - Michael Beard asked why seniors were given iPads and not first and second graders. Randal O'Brien explained that seniors received them to help with college and career readiness. Matt Flood added that it aligned with Board Goal #4.
 - Daryl Fontenot asked if insurance was offered to the parents for the iPads. Steve Koester responded no, insurance was not offered, however; each iPad is protected with a case from Otterbox for damage control.
 - Michael Beard stated that he thought TMS and the emergency center were supposed to be housed in the same building. Discussion confirmed Mr. Beard's supposition.
- **Priority One Projects**
 - **Vestibules and Fences** - David Fluker is presenting RFQs for this work at the next Board meeting.
 - **Locks** – Locks throughout the district are 99% complete with a savings of 60%.
 - **iPad Initiative** – Steve Koester handed out a copy of the iPad loan agreement which was given to senior parents. TMS distributed a total of 97 iPads to teachers at RSS, REL, GCM, and PEH. An iPad was also given to each principal. To date, 423 seniors have received an iPad and more will be given out tonight at GCM. Makeup night for seniors who have not received an iPad will be on October 30, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the RSS Auditorium. A total of 1600 iPads were purchased and includes 300 extra iPads for replacements and new students.

- **Finance** – Shirley Mosley provided a financial recap including a current list of expenditures.

- **Pending Projects and Timelines**
 - **Selection of Program Management** - RFQs should be out in October and tentatively scheduled to be presented to the Board for approval in November.
 - Ron Zimmer and Pete Alfaro offered to assist in the developing of the evaluation instrument.
 - Tim Covington also offered to assist but expressed some calendar conflicts with his schedule.

- **Other Items Discussed**
 - Transportation
 - How much land is needed to build the new transportation center?
 - Other property options
 - Buses in one central location

- **Meeting Evaluation**
 - Pete Alfaro asked everyone for input about the meeting and asked for comments.
 - Committee members stated that they appreciated that the meeting started on time.
 - The power point presentations were helpful and provided visual perspective which made it easy to understand.
 - Daryl Fontenot asked that the committee be informed of district decisions in a timelier manner. (referencing the property at North Main and Archer)

Future Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on November 21, 2013. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 12:00 p.m. and end at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy VanDerbeek
October 24, 2013