

Calexico Unified School District
Special Board Meeting
August 03, 2017 6:00 PM
District Administrative Board Room
901 Andrade Ave.
Calexico, CA 92231

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present:

Mr. Enrique Alvarado
Mr. Ciro Calderon
Mr. Richard Romero

Absent:

Mr. Lorenzo Calderon
Mr. Michael Castillo

A. Opening Items

A.1. Call to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

A.2. Pledge of Allegiance

B. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC-The Board will take any and all comments from the public related to the sole item on the agenda.

Minutes:

Mr. Vincent Cuevas, citizen, stated that one of the things that we need to do is hire a construction manager which was recommended on the 2012 audit for Measure J who will work closely with the Measure V funds.

Trustee C. Calderon and Trustee Alvarado agreed with Mr. Cuevas.

Ms. Norma Aguilar, citizen, stated that she was a bit concerned that 4 months have passed by, I'm not sure what the problem is but time is going by. There is consensus about some things in terms of the direction of how these monies are to be spent. I am a bit disappointed that the entire Board is not present this evening. We need to move forward because our students need it.

Trustee C. Calderon clarified the reasons why the entire Board is not present is due to a family emergency and work related training.

C. PRESENTATION

C.1. To Present Proposed Measure V Bond Project Options for Calexico High School.

Minutes:

Superintendent introduced the presentation for this evening. She notified the Board and the public that Mr. Jimmy Sanders could not be here tonight due to a previous engagement that he could not get out of.

Ms. Randle introduced the speakers, Jeremey Nielsen, Manny and Jesus from Jimmy Sanders' company.

Mr. Nielsen stated that based on the questions that came up during the last Board meeting, confirmed that there aren't sufficient funds currently to realize the proposals presented this evening. However, there are additional funds the State can award the District once drawings are completed and submitted to DSA for approval. He proceeded to also clarify the time lapse; phase I being approximately 18 months.

Trustee Alvarado asked if we know how much each building will cost. Mr. Nielsen and Jimmy Sanders are estimating the 4 buildings, work on the cafeteria and the band room should be covered with phase I funds.

Mr. Nielsen proceeded to give the presentations of various proposals of building placements throughout the High School Main Campus.

Trustee Romero requested clarification on the student capacity in these buildings. Ms. Ambriz confirmed that the classrooms size in these buildings can hold the average class size of 30 students.

Ms. Norma Aguilar, citizen, she asked if restrooms are included in the buildings. Superintendent Ambriz confirmed restrooms would be included along with elevators.

Trustee C. Calderon asked how much we have in the bank. Ms. Randle confirmed that \$23 Million is currently in the bank. She proceeded to clarify that the Bond money would have to be returned if not spent within a specific amount of time.

Superintendent Ambriz shared the advantage of beginning construction at the back of the school site which is avoiding displacing students from their current classroom location at the front of the school.

Trustee Alvarado suggested making use of No-Name Field for this project. Superintendent Ambriz confirmed that various groups make use of No-Name Field but if needed, we would use that piece of land for our students, difficult as it may be to make that decision.

Trustee C. Calderon addressed his concern for emergency access to classrooms located at the back of the school site and Superintendent Ambriz confirmed that this issue was discussed and access would be made available.

Parking lot issues were discussed and different ideas were shared and it was clarified that having student parking is not a requirement.

Superintendent Ambriz confirmed that the upcoming August 10, 2017 board meeting agenda includes an item to take action as to the launch of these new buildings. We will have many facilities meetings to work out the details as to where these buildings will be placed.

Trustee Romero addressed FFA location if buildings were to be placed at the back of the site. Superintendent Ambriz said that's something that would have to be discussed at future facilities meetings. She went on to mention that Calxico Unified is 1 of 2 Districts that houses FFA. It is a strong program for the District. Relocating to the Enrique Camarena site is an option. Working with local farmers is another option.

Superintendent Ambriz reminded everyone of the upcoming Board meeting where this will also be discussed and voted on. It was agreed to form a Measure V Facility Committee composed of 2 School Board members, 2 Measure V Citizens Oversight Committee members, citizens of the community, parents and students.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Clerk Of The Board