

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Citizens Oversight Committee

April 18, 2005

MINUTES

Michael Wesner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present: Michael Wesner, Connie Tushla, Don Facciano, Kay Wilson-Bolton, Hank Lacayo, Evan Hess

VCCCD Administration Present: Mary Anne McNeil

Others Present: Handel Evans, Les Dickey, Diane Stephens

II. Chairman's Comments

A. Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2005

Add Kay Wilson-Bolton to the members present at the January 24 meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Chancellor's Comments

Chancellor James Meznek reported on the recent meeting the County Superintendent of Schools, Chuck Weis, and the Santa Paula School District Superintendent, David Gomez, regarding establishing an educational partnership in Santa Paula. Dr. Meznek noted that such a partnership might not be in the best interests of the College District and discussions are still taking place. The acquisition of the Limoneira property was also discussed.

IV. VCCCD Board Member(s) Comments

None

V. Old Business

A. Report of expenditures to date

Mary Anne McNeil reviewed the most current Ventura County Community College District Use of Bond Proceeds summary sheets. She noted that the projects were approved at the April Board meeting

- B. Updates**
 - 1. Santa Paula Center**

Mr. Evans reported that meetings are still being held regarding acquiring the Limoneira property for the East Campus Center in Santa Paula.
 - 2. Conejo Center**

Meetings and discussions are still underway regarding this project. There is \$7M of Measure S bond money set aside for the Conejo Center project. Moorpark College Vice President DiGuilio is drafting a Development and Operating Agreement with the Conejo Valley School District to define District responsibilities. Further information will be forthcoming.

- VI. New Business**
 - A. Update on Bond Program**
 - 1. Cluster of Priorities List**

Mr. Evans reported on the rising cost of construction and the effect those cost increases are having on all of the District's construction projects. The Board-approved Cluster of Priorities List shows the most important projects, which are either completed, underway, or in the planning stages. It also depicts projects, which were originally planned, but now most likely will not be built with bond funds. Recent bids, such as the Ventura College Athletic Field and the Moorpark College Child Development Center, have come in substantially over the budget. Discussion followed regarding the State funding program for new capital improvements.
 - 2. Other Issues:**
 - A. Status of Lawsuit with County**

Mr. Evans reported that we are waiting until a ruling is made on a similar lawsuit with the City of Marina and the Cal State system. That lawsuit is winding its way through the State Supreme Court.
 - B. FTR, International – Ventura College Learning Resource Center**

The District is in the process of seeking an arbitrator. In the meantime, no retention money is being released.
 - C. Moorpark College Learning Resource/ Telecommunications Center**

This project, which has been delayed a year now, should be completed in late May or early June.

D. Project Labor Agreement

Nothing has been done with the Project Labor Agreement; it is still on hold.

E. Legal Fees

Mr. Evans discussed with the committee the legal fees for the work that the firm of Orbach, Huff and Suarez, LLP is doing on the District's various construction projects.

B. Actions Taken by the Board Involving Bond Funds (since last meeting)

(Report provided in Board Agenda packet)

C. Next Meeting Date

Monday, July 11, 2005, 3 p.m., District Service Center conference room.

VII. Public Speakers

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.