

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Citizens Oversight Committee January 24, 2005

MINUTES

Michael Wesner, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present: Michael Wesner, Sandra Rosales, Connie Tushla, Don Facciano, Kay Wilson-Bolton

VCCCD Administration Present: Mary Anne McNeil

Others Present: Handel Evans, Les Dickey, Diane Stephens

II. Chairman's Comments

A. Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2004

The minutes of September 20, 2004, were approved as submitted.

B. Introduction of New Committee

There were no new committee members present to introduce.

III. Chancellor's Comments

None

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 sheet as of December 17, 2004, indicating funds spent or committed thus far. The format of this report has changed with each college's projects shown on a single page. Mr. Evans mentioned that a special Board meeting would be held on Thursday, February 3, at 7 p.m. at the County Superintendent of Schools Office to evaluate the project priorities presented by each campus. He encouraged committee members to attend this meeting.

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

Mr. Evans reported that the College District is still in line to receive the Limoneira property for the East Campus Center in Santa Paula, pending approval of all the necessary entities.
 - 2. Conejo Center**

The VCCCD and the Conejo Valley Unified School District have agreed that the CVUSD is supposed to complete all the necessary environmental work at the site before any discussions about funding take place. Discussions that may occur pertain more to the use of the building, rather than funding, and there is a possibility that this project may not happen.

- VI. New Business**
 - A. Discussion of North Orange County Community College District Performance Review**

Mr. Evans reported that there were significant problems with the bond program at Orange County Community College District, as reported in their annual performance review, including accusations of inappropriate hiring, planning and misuse of their bond funds. He also pointed out that there have been no such accusations within our District, as the Measure S Performance and Financial Audits clearly show.
 - B. Measure S Financial Audit and Performance Audit**

The Measure S Financial and Performance Audits were accepted by the Board of Trustees at their November 9, 2004, meeting. The conclusions indicate that the Ventura County Community College District has properly accounted for all bond expenditures.
 - C. Discussion of Effects of Increasing Construction Industry Costs on the Measure S Bond Program**

Mr. Dickey reported on the effects of rapidly increasing construction costs on the bond program. The costs of materials have shown a significant increase in the last year, along with escalation in labor costs. The demand for materials and skilled labor in the construction trades world-wide is causing serious escalation in prices.
 - D. Update on Bond Program**

Mr. Evans reported that the Board of Trustees is now approving the schematics for every building. The quick start projects have been completed; however, most of the other projects will take much longer.

Mr. Wesner asked for an update on pending litigation. Mr. Evans briefed the committee on the negotiations that are underway with FTR International regarding the Ventura College Learning Resource Center. He also reported on the County lawsuit, filed in response to the EIRs published for Ventura and Oxnard Colleges, and the approximately \$400,000 for associated traffic mitigation fees which the County claims the District owes. The deadline has been extended to April, per the County's request.

The Chancellor has asked that the Office of Capital Planning, Design and Construction take over the construction management of the Moorpark College Learning Resource/Telecommunications Center. Issues regarding the construction delays need to be resolved.

E. Actions Taken by the Board Involving Bond Funds (since last meeting)
(Report provided in Board Agenda packet)

F. Next Meeting Date

Monday, April 18, 2005, 3 p.m., District Service Center conference room.

(NOTE: Michael Wesner indicated that he is willing to serve as chair of this committee for another year, and the other committee members concurred.)

VII. Public Speakers

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.