

Corning Union High School District Bond Citizen's Oversight Committee

DATE OF MEETING: April 27, 2017

TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: Corning Union High School Library

Superintendent John Burch shared the binders that each committee member were given.

- I. Introductions-
- Paul Sutfin
 - Loretta Price
 - Tony Cardenas
 - Crystal Weston
 - Sherri Davis
 - Lorenzo Casia
 - Molly Nye

II. Presentation from Bond Counsel-

Meredith Johnson introduced herself to the committee and audience and shared the role of committee.

General Obligation Bond- A constitutionally authorized debt or obligation.

- Vote approved bond.
- Secured by a pledge of property taxes
- Subject to constraints in Ed Code borrowing

The District does not have to repay the bonds.

Property taxes- no exemptions.

Assessed Value- Amount County says that the property is worth.

X1% = regular property taxes

Prop 39 Requirements

Establish a Citizens Oversight Committee (COC)

- Renew and report on uses of bonds proceeds
- Conduct open and public proceedings
- Issue reports on the results of the activities

Ed Code 15278 et seq

- 60 days certified
- Minimum of 7 members following the guidelines.

The Purpose of the COC is to:

Share with the community that the District is spending the money as promised.
Review and report on expenditures of taxpayer's money for school construction.
Issue regular reports as least once per year.

Board Approved Priorities

Receive information from the District. Review and make sure that all expenditures are there.

There is rarely any decision making in this committee as the Board will make all of those decisions.

Superintendent John Burch will give the COC information and the job of the committee is to make sure it is efficient. He will come up with helpful information but the COC has the right to ask lots of questions.

COC Scope of Authority

Capital Improvements- equipping, remodeling, building etc. The money is not to be used on textbooks, salaries or running the school. This money is for property improvements only.

2 Audits take place- Financial Audit and a Performance Audit. These are presented to the Board and also will be shared with the COC to review as well.

COC Activities

- Review annual, independent financial and performance audits.
- Review District efforts such as fees site preparation, join use and design efficiencies.

The District is responsible for holding meetings. This includes agendas and minutes. The District is required to support the committee. The agenda and information can be posted on the website.

Measure K Information

All projects must be within the scope of the project list adopted by the Board as part of the measure.

COC Legal

Brown Act- Govt. Code 54950

1. All meetings are public and this is a sub-committee of the Board.
2. There cannot be more than three people that are on the committee that meet without calling an official meeting.
3. Conflict of interest
4. 72 hour posting of meetings with a posted agenda
5. Public access to agenda
6. Citizens must have the option to speak at the meeting.
7. Most public agencies can have closed sessions if needed. Closed session is for a discussion of certain topics but this will probably will not apply to COC.
8. There is to be no action taken on any item that is not on the agenda.
9. Anyone can request copies of documents.
10. Public comment can be limited to 3-5 minutes if so desired.

If all of these items are not followed, this can lead to criminal charges.

Cannot have Conflict of Interest such as:

- Employees
- Vendors
- Family with the District

Molly Nye has a husband that coaches so she cannot be part of the committee- She left the meeting.

Paul Sutfin is considered a vendor as the District buys cars from him, so he cannot be part of the meeting and also left.

There were still 5 out of 7 people which is a quorum so the meeting continued.

Loretta asked if there was a scheduled timeline for all projects.

Superintendent John Burch shared that yes, there was and that would be shared.

III. Election of Officers and Terms

Ed Code states that the committee is to draw straws.

Long are 2 years and short are 1 year terms.

No more than 3 consecutive terms and each term is 2 years. The meetings will be held quarterly.

Terms

Loretta Price, Tony Cardenas and Crystal Weston are all 2 year terms

Sherri Davis and Lorenzo Casia are serving a 1 year term.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Lorenzo and seconded by Crystal to nominate Tony as the President. All members were in favor.

A motion was made by Tony and seconded by Crystal to nominate Lorenzo as Vice-President. All members were in favor.

IV. Superintendent John Burch shared that bonds closed on April 4th and we issued a series of them. 3 million that was paid by investors to the District.

The priorities are in three phase of construction.

#1 Stadium Renovation

- Replacing dirt tract with an all-weather track.
- Re sodding the football field
- Removing the visitor's side bleachers and replacing with new ones at a different location.

There has been a Project Manager hired which will oversee that project and also the District has contracted with an Architect to do the design. Trying to work through the design of the tract for all appropriate activates. The goal is to have the facility for many years to come. Do not want to take short cuts and want to finalize the project correctly.

Projected cost is 1.6 million for that project and the Project Manager is Zane Schreder of Schreder and Associates and the Architect is NMR which is out of Redding.

Samples of dirt have been taken as of right not and the first part of the phase is going well.

Phase #1 another part is to replace the North Gym Café roof. It leaks and has been leaking for 15 years when it was first replaced.

Also, the next items is to expand coverage with cameras for safety and also the exterior of the perimeter. In case of an outside intruder, this would be very helpful and important for the safety of the students. 200K for the North Gym roof and surveillance cameras is about 80K for the structure and upgrades.

Also, the District is working with a company who did a safety audit vulnerability to outside people coming in with threats and it will include advice on camera coverage.

Superintendent Burch also went to Corning City Council's recent meeting to look into leasing the property across the street from the school. We leased a portion for solar panels so now looking for parking area. Potentially would like to least to build a parking lot. This again will be for the safety of the students as well.

As the committee meets again, some projects will have already begun and may even be completed. Loretta Price asked if there would also be a sidewalk and Mr. Burch shared that yes along with fencing and only opening where the crosswalks are located.

270 parking spots will be available. This may be more than we need but in the next five years, we are projecting to have 1100 students. Would not want to have project complete only to find that this problem arises again 5-7 years from now.

All of those projects can be budgets within the 3 million.

Next Spring, the 2.5-3 million sold will then be Phase #1 of Classroom Construction.

The front of the campus looks nice but the backside has old portables that need to be replaced as they are 40+ years old.

Mr. Burch shared info on the overhead showing the track design/drawings. This included how the football field is not quite centered and how things will be changed. If there are any extra funds left, the District would like to have the restrooms relocated towards the front area by the football field rather than behind the field and bleachers as they are currently. This would be an extra 300K so this is definitely an extra wish list. There was some discussion on the size and possibility of this and all agreed that it would be good if the money is there.

The next mee4ting date will be held on August 10th at 6:00PM

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 PM