

Minutes for the Bond Oversight Committee Meeting North

March 15, 2010

Aptos High School Career Center
100 Mariner Street
Aptos, CA 95003

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Attending Members:

Nancy Bensen, Tere Carrubba, Fred Fischer, Doug Maher, Vic Marani, Bruce Mathias, Jim Miller, Barbara Palmer, Mary Reed.

Absentee Members:

Mike Barsi, Marc Kirby

Non-committee members attending:

Helen Bellonzi, Kathy Fuentes, Ahmad Gharaibeh, Dale Knight, Sandra Lepley, Sylvia Prevatali, Brian Rasmussen, Cathy Stefanki

OVERVIEW OF MEETING

Chair Barbara Palmer began the meeting with introductions from the attendees. A question was asked about term lengths for the current members which were believed to be expired after having been extended an additional term. Brian Rasmussen explained that the North Bond Committee is actually a sub-committee of the Bond which also includes the South/central sub-committee. The last of the Measure J South/central bond projects, the E.A. Hall Gymnasium, has just begun. Vic Marani announced that he had been elected to the County School Board and can no longer be associated with the Bond Committee and would therefore be resigning.

Ahmad Gharaibeh from Vavrinek, Trine, and Day introduced himself and explained that as Bond Auditor he gives an opinion regarding performance and financial compliance. The Financial Report showed there was 4.7 million remaining in Measure J as of the end of the year. The only income coming in is interest income and financially we are in compliance.

Ahmad explained that the Performance Report is an agreed on procedural report which insures that the expenses have been properly approved and that all the money was spent and deposited according to the bond language. Ahmad said he tested 81% of all expenses that were charged to the fund and everything was in order.

Jim Miller mentioned that a payment to Soltek was not noted in the audit. Ahmad replied that money charged to the bond was a concurrence between the board and the district and that the expense was allowable and deemed overhead. Brian added that the contractors are paid according to a percentage of completion including overhead which was a line item in the original bid. The \$220,000 was not included in the report as one lump sum because as overhead, it is paid over time.

Brian discussed the PAC orchestra pit platform saying the platform in Solteck's contract didn't pass DSA because there were seismic issues. DSA wanted it physically attached to the pit. The District has recontracted with a sub-contractor that was working with Soltek to complete the platform. DSA has added additional requirements. There was to be a final payment to Soltek in November for approved change orders. The payment to Soltek was delayed because they agreed to work with us to try and get the platform done. It was sent back to DSA with new engineering.

Stageright is the manufacturer of the platform. A Scotts Valley company will do the training and installation. The platform meets all the current codes and requirements do not indicate that a railing is needed. The stage is not meant to be a public space it is meant for trained performers. The platform has different panels and takes a couple people to move it to the down position with braces. It can be used whenever we want an expanded stage. Barbara mentioned that in years past there was a Theater Arts Committee that determined what the theater should look like. The platform was a component the committee wanted.

Sylvia asked if we had gone out to bid. Brian said it went out to bid under the original contract and Soltek was the low bidder. He said they already had the engineering done which would lower costs. DSA is now focused on attaching the platform to the building.

Nancy Benson asked when we would be finished with the platform issue. Brian responded that after DSA approval, there is an 8-12 week fabrication time. Barbara said because we are in tough economic times people are getting paid less, and the cost has gone down. We may see a drop in labor costs. Brian mentioned there are extra components to the platform at this point so the cost has probably not gone down. Barbara suggested that there be some discussion with the contractor about cost. Sandra said there is flexibility in the private world that we don't have with public projects. We already have a relationship with the contractor so there is not much room for negotiation. The important thing is to get as close to budget as possible and keep within the requirements of DSA. If we switched manufacturers, we would have to start all over again with DSA.

Vic asked if there have been any issues with platforms and students and Dale said there haven't been any. He added that students have been trained on how to use the theater. There is a wall between the pit and front row of seats. Sandra further explained that we are posting ushers, making announcements, and putting some stanchions there. Barbara asked where the platform was left when not in use. Sylvia says you take it up. When the platform is down it is only 18 inches from floor. When up it is an extension of the stage. Sylvia feels a pad or something should be installed so people don't fall on the concrete.

Barbara Palmer thinks we should have committee positions ratified by the Board rather than take a meaningless vote. She wants to know that if we are finished with Aptos High, the committee members are also finished. Barbara said she will do a report before our last meeting. She will send it to committee members to ratify and make comments. A communication with the group will take place before the next meeting. If deemed valid, they could vote on the agenda by email.

Barbara Palmer adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.