

# **Minutes for the Bond Oversight Committee Meeting North**

April 20, 2004

Aptos High School Career Center  
100 Mariner Way  
Aptos, CA 95004

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## **Attending Members:**

Michael Barsi/Nancy Bensen/Tere Carrubba/Fred Fischer/Marc Kirby  
Vic Marani/Jim Miller/Barbara Palmer/Mary Reed/Michael Theriot

## **Absentee Members:**

Bruce Mathias

## **South/Central Bond Committee Liaison:**

## **Non-committee members attending:**

Terry McHenry/Christine Quinn/Diane Burbank/Brian Rasmussen/Dave Brooks  
Kathy Fuentes

**Barbara Palmer** introduced everyone, then asked that the minutes from January 27, 2004 meeting be approved. They were moved, seconded and approved with amendments.

Terry began with a brief update on the Aptos High Bond Project and the CEQA document for the project that is being prepared. Part of the CEQA includes a traffic study which exams the Freedom and Mariner intersection, as well as the traffic flow through the site. A Storm Water Assessment study is being conducted. While all of these studies were being conducted, the Santa Cruz Long Toed Salamander was discovered on an adjoining property. The impact is the inability to disturb the habitat which includes the area around the trees near Shadowmere. This means we have to re-design this area and we need to accomplish this revision within the next 10 days. Time is a critical issue as we are trying to get the plan revisions completed and the project out to bid to make the summer construction window.

Suggestions were made by committee members to shorten Christmas vacation in

order to allow students to start school later in the year when more of the project will be completed. However, it was decided that this would be too difficult because of staffing issues that would arise.

There were several questions asked of Brian Rasmussen, BMR/Construction Manager. Some discussion was regarding how the work will be completed in phases. Brian explained how the construction documents have been developed with specific dates for phases of construction that will allow the site to keep functioning.

Increment I consists of getting all the grading, and utilities completed so children can start school. Brian added, the County will be paying for re-stripping and is also planning improvements on Freedom Boulevard.

The current schedule is to bid Increment II in the fall and start after the first in 2005. There should be about sixteen months of construction. The project should be completed by April or May of 2006.

The Committee briefly went through the expenditures on the projects for Aptos High School to get an idea on what the money has been spent on so far and why.

The Pajaro Valley High moisture problem cannot impact bond expenditures.

The start of construction on Watsonville High is moved to June 2005 instead of January 2005 to allow for a second grade level to move to Pajaro Valley High School.

On the June 16, Board Tickler we should list that the Oversight Committee will provide a report to the board on that date. There will be a draft of the report sent out and the committee will approve it before presentation to the Board by Barbara Palmer.

There will be a Performance Audit to concur with what was spent on Bond Projects. The firm we hired was an independent auditor contracted by the district. We got 2 bids for auditors. We have one more year on our present auditor which we received a bid for plus one other auditor's bid. We decided to stay with the present auditor until the contract is completed.

Jim Miller suggested for next year that we look for an outside auditor other than the one that audits for the district. We should also check to see if the auditors are in good standing. We should not use the same auditor that does the district books.

Mike Barsi and Mike Theriot agree with Jim Miller. Nancy Bensen also wants a separate auditor. Marc Kirby wants separate auditors for financial and performance.

Most committee members agreed that a separate auditor would be best and more objective as far as perception of outsiders.

There was a discussion regarding posting information about committee members on the web. Committee members expressed their desire to have only their names published on our website. The information is linked off the PVUSD page on the website. We need to verify with Robin the information about committee members to be posted on the website.

Barbara asked for a motion of approval on the Plans, Concept and Budget by the Bond Oversight Committee. It was moved by Vic Marani and seconded by Michael Theriot and passed unanimously.

Our next meeting will be October 19, 2004. The time will remain 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will attempt to obtain the Career Center as the place of meeting.

Barbara thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.