

**Santa Barbara School Districts**  
**Measure V Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)**  
**February 18, 2009 Minutes**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-chair Larry Vranish

**Members present:**

Larry Vranish	Vice-chair
Michael Zoradi	Member at large
Dan Garske	San Marcos High School assistant principal
David Meister	Santa Barbara High School assistant principal
Eliesa Bollinger	Dos Pueblos High School parent representative
Julie Bolton	Santa Barbara Junior High School assistant principal
Layne Wheeler	San Marcos High School parent representative
Lito Garcia	La Colina Junior High School assistant principal
Marsha Barr	Santa Barbara High School staff
Rachel Harris	Goleta Valley Junior High School assistant principal

**Non Voting Members Present:**

Ed Heron	SBSD board member
David Hetyonk	SBSD director
Meg Jetté	SBSD director
Barbara Keyani	SBSD coordinator
Carl Mayrose	SBSD project manager
Joe Wilcox	KBZ Architects

**Flag Salute**

The flag salute was led by Lito Garcia.

**Public comments**

None.

**2. Review/Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2008**

Motion made by Michael Zoradi to approve the October 21, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Julie Bolton.

Minutes approved unanimously.

**3. Membership Review**

David Hetyonk stated Nancy Harter had been replaced by Ed Heron, as the board representative. He indicated there was a vacancy in the members at large committee membership that needed to be filled.

**4. Public Relations Update**

Ms. Keyani reported she was working on updating the *Road to Renovation*, a publication that provides an overview of how the bond monies have been spent.

**5. Financial Update**

Julie Avnit, Spectrum Management Solutions, was not present and therefore no financial report was available. Vice-chair Vranish inquired the status of the balance of funds not used for a Dos Pueblos High School theater site requested/site funded electrical change order. Mr. Hetyonk indicated the funds had been returned to the PTA/PTO at the site.

Vice-chair Vranish inquired of the attorney general's (AG) opinion in regard to the bond refinancing proceeds. Mr. Hetyonk indicated the districts had received a response from the AG; but that it was necessary to add the topic to a future BOC agenda for discussion. He briefly explained the AG's opinion was that the districts should not refinance the bonds without the voter's approval. Mr. Hetyonk indicated the AG's opinion had not yet been presented to the board for their consideration. Mr. Hetyonk replied it was HIS, not the SBSD's perspective, that the board had three choices: 1) go back to the voters for bond refinancing approval, 2) spend the money from the proceeds, and 3) return the money from the proceeds.

Vice-chair Vranish requested Mr. Hetyonk add bond refinancing proceeds to a BOC agenda, immediately after the board makes a recommendation.

**Public Comment:**

- Nancy Harter stated spending the bond refinancing money could create bad will amongst the public. Perception and perspectives could create a variety of responses to this effort.

**6. Site Reports –Architects, Principals, Project Manager**

Mr. Mayrose indicated there were no remaining construction projects at any of the junior high schools. He updated the committee on remaining ADA projects and the percentage of completion.

Vice-chair Vranish inquired if there was a dollar amount figure for the portion of Measure V funds expended on ADA projects in relation to total construction costs. Mr. Hetyonk stated it was difficult to say for certain because the design plans and bids included ADA construction. Barbara Keyani read an excerpt from the *Road to Renovation* publication that indicated the total construction expenditures, for both elementary and high school districts had gone from \$3M to \$8M due to ADA projects.

**7. Report and Discussion on Remaining Measure V Priority Projects and other Measure V Projects**

Item seven was discussed under item eight.

**8. Discussion for Future Capital Campaign**

Vice-chair Vranish stated that without knowing what the outcome of the bond refinancing proceeds would be, items seven and eight could not be discussed. Mr. Hetyonk indicated it was his personal belief that the district would not spend the money without the community's approval; however, obtaining the community's approval could be costly because it would need to be added to a ballot. Vice-chair Vranish inquired if there were a cost to return the proceeds to the community. Mr. Hetyonk thought there was, but the cost would be less than obtaining the community's approval.

Vice-chair Vranish requested Mr. Hetyonk provide copies of the Measure V priority list construction projects at the next BOC meeting and to provide a verbal report from the Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH) conference.

**Public Comment:**

- Nancy Harter inquired if the district knew what the cost, per tax payer, would be to return the proceeds to the community.

Meg Jette, director of fiscal services, stated it would be roughly, \$40 per assessed value, NOT per tax payer.

**Public Comment:**

- Anne Diamond stated she has heard community members asking why the district is spending money on capital improvements when so many programs are being cut.

Committee members requested Ms. Keyani put something together informing the community that bond monies can ONLY be spent on capital improvements.

### **9. Discussion for Report to the Board of Education**

Michael Zoradi, member at large, stated full transparency was necessary for all future bond committees. He added that all new bond committees would need to follow a number of state requirements that the current BOC does not follow. Vice-chair Vranish replied that when the current BOC was formed the state did not have any such requirements, and the validity of the committee functioned at best.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Nancy Harter stated she felt the community was not clear about the difference between bonds and parcel taxes and clarification would be necessary before running a capital campaign. Ms. Harter indicated she did not feel it was a good time to run a capital campaign, unless they were certain that state matching funds would be available.

### **10. Discussion for Future Meeting Dates**

The next BOC meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2009.

Items to be covered include:

- Verbal report on CASH conference.
- Officer elections
- AG opinion (if board has made a recommendation)
- Measure V priority list

Motion was made by Mr. Garcia to request the board fill the current member at large vacant position. Seconded by Mr. Meister.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Zoradi requested Mr. John Nelson be contacted and inquire if he plans to continue attending BOC meetings.

### **11. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.