

Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

6:00 p.m. HUSD – Board Room

621 E. Sixth Street, Holtville, Ca. 92250

1. PRELIMINARY

Call to Order: The HUSD Citizen's Oversight Committee meeting was called to order by John Paul Wells. He welcomes those members in attendance. The committee members in attendance were: Mary Bornt, David Bradshaw, Patricia Salcido, Mariana Garewal and Donna Brady.

The members of the Oversight Committee were appointed by the Trustees of the Holtville Unified School District. The members are to serve for a maximum of 2 years. The members appointed to the committee are: Betty Predmore, Mary Bornt, David Bradshaw, Patricia Salcido, Mariana Garewal, Racquel Alcaraz, Donna Brady, Jerry Brittsan, Terry Allegranza and Pete Mellinger

The flag salute was led by Mary Bornt.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mary Bornt and seconded by David Bradshaw.

3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Appointment of Committee Chair: Mary Bornt agreed to serve as Chair of the Oversight Committee. Minutes of the meetings will be submitted by Patricia Salcido.

John Paul Wells reviewed of the status of the Bond and Committee Purpose: According to Education Code 15278, the purpose of the Committee is to inform the public concerning the expenditure of the bond proceeds. The Committee shall engage in the following activities to carry out this purpose:

- Ensure that bond revenues are expended only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities.
- Ensure that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.

The status of the Proposition 39 Bond funds: Currently, Holtville Unified has only issued roughly \$7 million of the total \$8.0 million approved bond amount. This is due to the slow growth of Holtville's property values. Because Measure E is a Prop 39 bond, state law prohibits

the tax rate of outstanding bond debt to rise above \$60 per \$100,000 of the assessed valuation of all property within the district limits.”

Because of slow growth in Holtville’s property tax base, and the decline in the housing market in the past few years, current projections say that we will be unable to issue the final \$1.0 million for quite some time. Of course, this is a conservative projection, and would change should any large increases occur in the future. The current balance of bond funds in the District = \$45,888.

John Paul Well provided an update on construction and modernization projects. The committee will visit the construction and modernization sites at a date to be scheduled by John Paul Wells.

The Oversight Committee will review the expenditures. John Paul Wells is in the process of compiling the costs by project.

Committee feedback: The committee will be scheduled to meet on a quarterly basis.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p. m.