INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF THE SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Minutes

1) Call to Order.

Chair Linda Vail called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2) Roll Call.

Members Present: Erin Garcia, Joseph Perricone, Beth Rackliffe (teleconference), and Linda Vail (Absent: Terri Knight, Kai Ramer)

Attendees Present: Evonn Avila, Karl Christensen, Dr. Marcia Hamilton, and Bryce Storm

3) Approval of Agenda.

Motioned by Joseph Perricone; Seconded by Erin Garcia; All in Favor (4-0).

4) Approval of Minutes: January 26, 2022.

Motioned by member Joseph Perricone; Seconded by Erin Garcia; All in Favor (4-0).

5) Public Comments.

None at this time. Mr. Karl Christensen introduced Dr. Marcia Hamilton; Mr. Christensen will be retiring from the Santee School District effective June 30, 2023. Dr. Hamilton is replacing Mr. Christensen as the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for Santee School District. Each committee member introduced themselves.

6) Review and Acceptance of Measure S Audit for Year Ending June 30, 2022.

Chair Linda Vail introduced the topic and asked Karl Christensen to present information about the audit document for the ICOC members. Eide Bailly is the independent auditor that does the audit for the Santee School District and the Eide Bailly firm also conducts the audit of Measure S. Mr. Christensen, discussed details of the financial and performance audits for Measure S for the year ending June 30, 2022. Page 4 of the document indicates that for year ending June 30, 2022, there are zero assets and zero liabilities remaining for Measure S funds. Member Joseph Perricone asked for clarification regarding if all Measure S funds were spent. Mr. Christensen explained that all funds associated with the Capital Improvement Program projects were spent. Mr. Christensen shared that \$15 million in Measure S bond funds were expended along with proceeds from land sales and developer fees to fund the Capital Improvement Program's projects. The Measure S fund balance is \$0 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and there were no financial or performance audit findings by the auditor. Mr. Christensen stated that this is the final audit for Measure S that will be presented to the ICOC for acceptance and further stated that the Santee School District Board of Education will consider acceptance of the audit in a separate action at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Christensen asked if any ICOC member had questions about the audit. Member Joseph Perricone asked for clarification about if the auditor is an independent auditor. Mr. Christensen confirmed that Eide Bailly is an independent auditor. There were no other questions asked. Chair Vail explained the process for acceptance of the audit report and asked for additional questions. Chair Vail asked if there was a motion to accept the audit. Motioned by Joseph Perricone; Seconded by Erin Garcia; All in Favor (4-0).

7) Review and Finalize Community Report for Measure S.

Chair Linda Vail provided the ICOC a recap about the previous community report that was included in the Santee Magazine. Chair Vail asked the ICOC members to review the draft of the final community report and to let her know of any changes. Chair Vail will attend the Board of Education meeting on February 21, 2023, to present the final ICOC community report to the Board.

Chair Vail invited all members of the ICOC to attend and speak if desired. Chair Vail commented that the completed project buildings are wonderful. It was stated that this is the second school year that buildings are being used. The ICOC reviewed the draft of the ICOC Community Report to finalize it. Chair Vail and Karl Christensen discussed options for presenting the community report and it is suggested that it be posted to the ICOC website. Additionally, it was suggested that a web link to the community report be included in the electronic parent and staff newsletters that are sent out twice per month along with mention of the community report on the District's Facebook page. Chair Vail explained that it will be a decision of the Board, however Chair Vail will recommend these methods of sharing the final community report with the public.

Member Joseph Perricone asked if there will future projects that may be the catalyst for another bond. Mr. Christensen explained that there is a list of projects, and also explained that the District is currently in a declining enrollment situation. Member Perricone asked if the District knows why there is declining enrollment in the District. Mr. Christensen explained what is known such as home schooling has increased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and families are leaving the state of California. Fanita Ranch is a big development that can result in about 3,000 homes with a piece of land within the development earmarked for a school site. The development of a Mello Roos Tax Community Development Bond (not a general obligation bond) could be a possibility regarding such a large development project. Mr. Christensen explained how Mello Roos taxes work. Chair Vail stated that the Weston development near West Hills High School has Mello Roos taxes.

8) Completion of Oversight Responsibilities and Dissolution of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee for Measure S.

Karl Christensen thanked the ICOC members and stated appreciation of its membership. Mr. Christensen thanked Chair Linda Vail and the ICOC for their dedication and commitment. Member Joseph Perricone thanked staff as well. Chair Linda Vail asked members for a motion. *Motioned by Erin Garcia; Seconded by Beth Rackliffe; All in Favor (4-0).*

9) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. and Karl Christensen invited ICOC members to stay after the meeting to enjoy refreshments.

Evonn Avila

Administrative Secretary, Business Services

February 15, 2023 Date