

**CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

150 District Center Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92264

February 13, 2023 – 5:30 pm
PSUSD District Administration Center

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Member Fenton.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Fenton led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL (Establishment of a Quorum)**

Roll call was conducted at 5:32 pm and a quorum established by Member Fenton.

Members present: Scott Fenton (Chair)
Richard Clapp
Justin Decker
Helene Kalfuss (Co-Chair)

Members absent: Linda Scudder

District staff present: Brian J. Murray, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Julie Arthur, Executive Director, Facilities Planning Development
Kristina Murphy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Business Services

Public present: None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (solicited online and in writing 72 hours prior to the meeting)**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Clapp made a motion and member Decker second to approve the COC Regular Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2022. The committee unanimously agreed.

6. **BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS**

The committee reviewed the quarterly expenditure reports provided by the district.

7. **UPDATE ON DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECTS**

Julie gave an update on the current bond projects:

Agua Caliente Elementary Modernization

Project is complete. The school has been occupied since 2019. Funds remaining will be swept and funds put back into the general fund at the closing of this fiscal year.

Bubbling Wells Elementary Modernization

The school was built in the 1980's. The assessment is complete, but the project is currently on hold and is next in line to go for approval by the Board of Education regarding design.

Cathedral City High Modernization

The school was built in 1991. The Modernization Project will include renovation of all existing classrooms, lighting, carpet, fire alarms, the PA intercom system and the central plant. The plans also include expanding the kitchen and cafeteria and bringing the entire campus up to ADA compliance. We are waiting for the Board to approve the budget, (\$80 million is the middle number.)

DLA 500 Building Replacement

Built in 1968. Seismic assessment found it not structurally compliant. The bond portion of this project is almost complete, (demo/concrete). This project was originally part of the PSHS seismic project. It was determined that the building was metal modular. The cost complies and would have been more if not replaced. The new design will include professional development offices. Teachers can record classes for distance learning ability. Teaching remotely is an option.

DHSHS Locker Room HVAC

Project is complete. Still working on commissioning to get the temperature where we want it to be.

Della S. Lindley Elementary Modernization and Design

Project is moving along. Plans are in DSA, and we are in the process of hiring contractors. Board approval soon. Working on temp housing.

- Member Clapp – what does modernization mean?
- Julie – the school was built in 1986. There is a lot of wasted space. We are making more office space for counselors and psychologists by updating the front lobby area. Also adding TK and restrooms near kinder area, fire alarms, PA system and access control.

Landau/Sunny Sands Elementary Modernization

Projects are currently in DSA. Will consist of removal of the metal modulars and replace with permanent 1 & 2 story classroom buildings. Giving play space back to the schools that are currently inhabited by portables. Working on temporary housing should begin August/September 2023.

Prop 39

Projects underway districtwide.

Facilities Master Plan

The California Department of Education requires California school districts to prepare and/or update their Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for their district every five years. Projects are prioritized with high priority going to safety and security of campuses and buildings with aging infrastructure. School site walks are complete. Updates are ongoing.

James Workman Middle Modernization

Built in 1996. The modernization will include the removal of all portable classrooms and replacing them with permanent 1 story buildings. Will also be modernizing offices. There will be upgrades made to the existing locker rooms and the kitchen and eating areas will be expanded. Existing portables moved to grass area during phasing. Parking lot renovations needed for student drop off/pick up and traffic issues. This project is slated to be in DSA next month.

Palm Springs High School Seismic

Palm Springs High School Seismic Building Renovations project included upgrades to 5 buildings that were built prior to 1980. The project also included campus wide reconstruction of the drainage system to mitigate millions of dollars in flood damage.

Library
Cafeteria
Gymnasium new ADA bleacher compliant bleachers.

500 Building
Multi-purpose Room

This project is complete. Working on minor punch list and replacement of the HVAC unit in the dining area, (this Friday, 2/17). The 500 building was moved to its own project.

Nellie Coffman Middle School Locker Room Upgrade

The design was approved by the school and is in the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for approval. Project to include removal of the showers, leaving additional space for privacy dressing rooms. We will also construct an indoor classroom space for inclement weather or for classes to watch film and revamping the teacher/coach's offices. New LED lighting, plumbing and leveling of the floors will also be part of this renovation. The project is slated to begin this summer.

Palm Springs HS 900/901 Upgrade

This project is moving along. Bringing up to modern day code. Removing asbestos tiles, covered by carpet, also updating fire alarms and lighting.

8. COC VACANCIES

Member Fenton noted that we are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- Business Community Representative
- Taxpayer Organization Representative

Members are asked to have interested candidates to forward names to the Business Services office or direct them to the website to complete an application for consideration.

Member Fenton - at our last meeting 3 of our members would have termed out of 2-two-year cycles. Helene Kalfuss – At Large member and Linda Scudder – Senior Citizens Organization Representative agreed to continue and serve a second term. Brian would like to have the floor to ask Member Clapp if he is willing to do the same.

Brian: As Scott mentioned, at our last meeting the first of 2 allowable terms were up for 3 of our committee members. Helene and Linda have agreed to serve a second term. Richard, we are asking if you would agree to do the same and serve a second term as an At Large member.

Member Clapp: agreed.

10. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COC MEETING DATE

The next COC Regular Board meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2023, at 5:30pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Member Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Clapp made a motion to adjourn and Member Kalfuss second. The committee unanimously agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be approved during the next Regular Meeting on June 26, 2023.



Scott Fenton, Chair or
Helene Kalfuss, Co-Chair



Date

