

**CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**
150 District Center Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92264

October 24, 2022 – 5:30 pm
PSUSD District Administration Center Board Room

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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)
 Justin Decker
 Helene Kalfuss (Co-Chair)
 Linda Scudder

Members absent: Richard Clapp

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 Scudder made a motion and member Decker second to approve the COC Regular Meeting Minutes from May 23, 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

School built in the 1980's. This project is in the first phase of modernization and is the next school to proceed.

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.)

- Member Kalfuss – wouldn't it be more cost effective to build a new school with \$80m?
- Julie – it would be more expensive; the school is 31 years old.

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). The remainder will be funded with developer fees, which will be awarded at the board meeting tomorrow night.

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 and is the first of the modernization projects to go out to bid. We will bring in portables for temporary housing as the phasing begins. This project will also include, updating the kitchen and dining facilities, adding office space, and updating the front lobby, expanding kinder classes, adding a restroom and TK classroom space.

Landau/Sunny Sands Elementary Modernization

Projects are currently in the design stage. Will consist of removal of the metal modulares and replace with permanent 1 & 2 story classroom buildings. Giving play space back to the schools that are currently inhabited by portables. Bidding will be going out on temporary housing. Construction to begin 2023/2024.

- Landau - Design is in progress. Students on campus. Temporary housing will be brought in. 2.5-year project.
- Sunny Sands - Same as Landau. The designs will mirror each other. Phasing in with students on campus. Adding TK and planning for additional traffic due to our hand-to-hand drop/pick up for TK/Kinder.

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. The district is currently in the process of doing an update to the master plan. School site walks are complete.

James Workman Middle Modernization

Built in 1996. The modernization will include the removal of all portable classrooms and replaced 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. Measure E & I funding will be used. We are looking for the budget to be approved at the BOE meeting tomorrow night.

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. The latest rainstorms did not have an impact on the school site.

Palm Springs High School Chiller Replacement

Project is complete. Working on commissioning in the Richards Center.

Shade Structure and Tree Planting Project at Elementary Sites

The shade structures have been installed and 9 shade trees have been planted at each. This project is complete. There is little money left to be moved to the general fund balance.

Nellie Coffman Middle School Locker Room Upgrade

The design was approved by the school. 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.

Palm Springs HS 900/901 Upgrade

The design has been approved by the school. The old JROTC rooms, built in the 1960's will be redone.

9. 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 also noted that at the conclusion of the next regular meeting, to be scheduled this afternoon for some time in February, the following members first term will end at the conclusion of the meeting:

Richard Clapp – At Large member
Helene Kalfuss – At Large member
Linda Scudder – Senior Citizens Organization Representative

Member Kalfuss and Member Scudder agreed to serve a second term. Member Clapp was not present and will be asked to serve a second term during the February meeting.

10. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COC MEETING DATE

The next COC Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023, at 5pm dinner and 5:30pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be approved during the next Regular Meeting on February 13, 2023.



Scott Fenton, Chair or
Helene Kalfuss, Co-Chair

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Date