

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

September 23, 2019 – 6:00 pm

Meeting Location  
Palm Springs Unified School District  
150 District Center Drive  
Palm Springs, CA 92264

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Asia Horton.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Horton led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Roll call was conducted at 6:04 pm and a quorum established by President Horton.

Members present:     Scott Fenton  
                              Asia Horton (President)  
                              Jessica Huerta  
                              Diane Ross (Vice President)

Members absent:     Mark Abercrombie

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

Public Present:        None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Ross made a motion and Member Fenton second the motion to approve the COC Special Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2019. The committee unanimously agreed.

6. **COC VACANCIES**

President Horton reminded the committee that there are currently 2 seats that are being recruited for:

*Parent/Guardian of a PSUSD Student and Active in PTO/PTA/PTG/ Site Council  
Taxpayer Organization Representative*

7. **BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS**

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

8. **UPDATE ON DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECTS**

Julie Arthur gave an update on the current projects:

**Agua Caliente Elementary School**

We occupied the buildings at the school in February 2019 and the site play field is also complete. Students have not been allowed to walk/play on part of the campus that Bermuda grass is filling in. We will be pulling the fence down once the fence the first week in October. All classrooms have interactive screens and meet ADA requirements. This school is currently slightly above attendance projection. Traffic is under control. We have received positive feedback from parents.

**DHSHS Locker Room HVAC**

The locker rooms at Desert Hot Springs HS currently only have swamp coolers. The (3) other High Schools in our district have a HVAC system in place. This is a big project that requires the Division of State Architect (DSA) approval and will have to go out to bid. High school gyms are used year round for athletic programs, so scheduling a project of this magnitude takes planning. Projected to begin next summer. Prop 39 funds will be used for this project.

**Cathedral City High Pool Solar and Roofing Project**

Project is complete and solar is running.

Member Ross asked about enrollment. Brian stated that district wide we are down about 200 students. This number is less than half of where we were last year. Some elementary sites are currently over enrolled and some are under enrolled. Discussion ensued regarding opportunities for students under current enrollment numbers.

Dr. Murray shared that Hemet USD, Beaumont USD and bordering San Diego district schools enrollment numbers are way up. While Desert Sands USD and Coachella Valley USD, Morongo USD and Redlands USE are down.

**District Wide Prop 39 HVAC and Lighting Projects**

The district qualified for 5.5 million in grant funds with 50/50 match funding. We had to submit a plan to meet a payback time and energy savings within 8 years. Projects include LED lighting, HVAC unit replacement.

**DLA 500 Building**

This project is on hold. This building will be used for *displacement* pertaining to the PSHS seismic project until completion.

[The DLA 500 building was reviewed structurally and it was determined the costs to mitigate the existing building may be better spent to replace with a smaller more classroom/media flexible space. Upon completion of the PSHS seismic project, this project will be next in line].

**Elementary Parking Lot Renovation projects**

- Cathedral City Elementary – project currently in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.
- Katherine Finchy Elementary – completed.

- Two Bunch Palms Elementary – completed. Minimal repairs needed due to the February 14 2019 rain storm.
- Rio Vista Elementary – plans are done. Will go out to bid for work to begin next summer.
- Della Lindley Elementary – future project, (currently in design with architect).

### **Elementary Shade Structures**

This project is 95 percent complete. Vendor will be coming back to install the canopy at Agua Caliente ES once the temporary fencing has been taken down on the playground. All school sites will also be getting 9 trees to provide additional shade for the students while out on the playground and will require a separate irrigation system. This will go out to bid later in the school year.

We have received positive feedback from all of the principals.

### **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. Final has been approved by the Board of Education. The state is making new requirements and needing additional information from the district to determine funding on new bill AB48. The bill will be on the Ballot of March 2020. Funding will be based on need and priority.

### **Fire/Alarm System Replacement Phase 2**

Complete system upgrades are needed to bring outdated fire/alarm systems up to code. The multi-site project completion projection is set for summer 2020. The engineer is working to make systems an open source so the district can maintain them once installed.

### **M&O Bond Projects**

Working resurfacing asphalt projects. New material, which has an infrared reflective coating that reduces surface temperature by 30 degrees, (tan coloring, no more black top). The coating was installed at James Workman MS over the summer. Students are able to sit on the surface while PE teachers take roll.

Roofing projects complete at: Replacements:

- James Workman Middle School
- Rancho Mirage Elementary School
- Raymond Cree Middle School

### **Nellie Coffman Chiller**

Project is complete. The fiberglass looks very sleek, like submarine tubes. We needed every minute of the 2 month break to complete the work. The entire school was back up and running on August 2, 2019.

**Palm Springs High School Restroom Building**

The new restroom building was installed on the blacktop near the baseball fields and tennis courts on the west end of campus. This project is complete.

**Palm Springs High School Seismic**

Palm Springs High School Seismic Building Renovations project includes 5 buildings that were built prior to 1980 that are on the AB 300 list and are in need of seismic upgrades:

- Library
- Cafeteria
- Gymnasium new ADA bleacher compliant bleachers.
- 500 Building
- Multi-purpose Room

This project is in the bidding process for a Lease Lease-back contract. Which means the general contractor will sub out all work. This will be a 27 month project, projected to begin in April 2020.

**9. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COC MEETING DATE**

The next COC Regular Board meeting will be held Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the District Administration Center.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Member Fenton made a motion to adjourn and Member Ross second. The committee unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 649 pm.

Minutes approved at January 27, 2020, Regular Meeting

  
President Asia Horton

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