

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

May 14, 2018 – 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 6:02 pm by Member Hampton.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Hampton led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Roll call was conducted and a quorum established by Member Hampton.

Members present:    Henry Hampton  
                              Zindi Aguirre  
                              Benjamin Anglin  
                              Deborah Lucas  
                              Diane Ross

Members absent:    Dee Dee Wilson Barton  
                              Asia Horton

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 Anglin made a motion and Member Ross second to approve the COC Regular Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2018. The committee unanimously agreed.

6. **COC VACANCIES**

Member Hampton stated that all seats on the committee are currently filled. However, members with terms ending in May 2018, are:

- Diane Ross – Senior Citizen Organization Representative
- Zindi Aguirre – At Large Member
- Asia Horton – At Large Member

- Deborah Lucas – Parent/Guardian of a Student in PSUSD
- Benjamin Anglin – Taxpayer Organization Representative

Member Anglin made a motion to re-elect all above members and Member Ross second the motion. All members unanimously agreed, *(subsequent to the meeting, member Horton was contacted regarding re-election for a second term and she accepted)*.

Member Hampton announced his resignation. His last meeting will be May 14, 2018. He and his family are moving out of state for work.

- Brian Murray asked for a nomination to replace Member Hampton as committee chair. Member Ross motioned to nominate Zindi Aguirre to chair the committee and Member Lucas second. Member Aguirre accepted. Member Ross also motioned to nominate Member Lucas to co-chair the committee and Member Anglin second. Member Lucas accepted. Both motions unanimously passed.
- With the new appointments and resignation of Member Hampton, the District will be accepting applications for a Parent/Guardian of a PSUSD Student and Active in PTO/PTA/PTG Site Council 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 bond fund projects:

**Agua Caliente ES** – the project is moving along on schedule. Most of the walls are up and roofing has begun on some of the buildings. We plan to move students in over winter break of the 2018/2019 school year, after the completion of the first phase. Second phase will be tearing down the vacated classrooms and building the playground area.

- The furniture company will be meeting with teachers to collaborate ideas for furniture for different styles of teaching.
- Currently there is a not enough room on site to house construction materials. There will be 8 storage containers coming to DAC parking lot to store materials.

The principal at Agua Caliente ES accepted a position at Redlands USD. There is an interim principal currently assigned and interviews are commencing to hire a permanent replacement.

- Member Hampton asked where the district is with Enrollment. We are currently at approximately 600. The new campus can house 800, so there is room for growth. There will be 2 additional ECE classrooms, there is currently 1.
- Member Aguirre inquired if ECE will be part time or full time. The district is uncertain at this time if the program will be a state pre-school or Headstart program, which will determine part time or full time status.

**District Wide Prop 39** - projects are ongoing.

#### **Elementary Parking Lots Design:**

- **Cathedral City ES** – project is scheduled to begin next year. There are issues with only having one access road.
- **Katherine Finchy ES** – project out to bid.

- **Two Bunch Palms ES** – project out to bid.
- **Rio Vista ES** – project is scheduled to begin next year, to include moving the location of the bus drop off and removing tree planters.

Member Aguirre asked why these school sites were selected. Julie Arthur stated that these sites were identified as highest need after the traffic study concluded last year.

**Facilities Master Plan** - finalizing. Identifying priorities.

**James Workman MS Roofing** – project is complete.

**Landau ES Staff Parking Lot** - project is complete.

**Maintenance & Operations Bond Projects** – roofing projects are underway. District staff is running projects at Nellie Coffman MS and Mt. San Jacinto HS.

**Nellie Coffman MS Chiller** - waiting to get out of DSA any day. Bid this summer for start date, (end of July). SCE has to do their work first.

Member Ross asked if the school site is closed during summer. Julie Arthur stated that there will be summer school classes until the end of June.

**Palm Springs HS Auditorium** – project is complete.  
Finishing up warranty issues with sound/audio. Measure J funds.

**Palm Springs HS Restroom Building** - project went out to bid, was approved and awarded. Work will start in 2 weeks. The new container building will become a restroom and will be placed on the black top area between the baseball fields and tennis courts.

**Palm Springs HS Seismic** – project includes remodeling 5 buildings that were built between 1930 and 1970. These buildings do not currently meet seismic codes:

- Cafeteria
- Gymnasium
- ASB building
- 500 building
- Choir/band building

The cafeteria will be the biggest challenge because of the historic status of the building, which will need to be preserved. The district will also need a place to house students to feed them while the building is under construction. We will bring in temporary modular buildings. Projected to start next summer and will be a multiyear project.

There is also a flooding issue at this site, when it rains, which will be addressed during the remodel. A storm drain catch is slated to be installed, (flood retrofit included in restoration).

**Cathedral City HS Pool** - project is complete. Draining pool this summer, there is a wrinkle in the lining, which is an installation issue, (under warranty).

**Solar – Cathedral City HS Roofing** - contractor trying to get out of Department of State Architecture. Hoping for project to begin in June.

**Rancho Mirage ES Re-roofing** – project is complete. Contractor damaged HVAC coils. Desert air will come out and fix.

**Raymond Cree MS Classroom Building** – project is complete.

**Raymond Cree MS Roofing** – project is complete.

**Elementary Shade Structures** - met with principals. Most of the shade structures will be built on play fields. Project is going to bid. All structures will be 30 x 60 metal.

Julie noted that the facilities study session is coming up in June. Any available funds will be allocated to new projects. Facilities department will take a list to the board. They prioritize projects based on need. Board expressed interest in more solar.

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

The next COC Regular Board meeting will be held Monday, October 22, 2018, 6:00 pm at the Palm Springs Unified School District, District Administration Center.

Member Anglin reminded members that a photograph of the new committee will need to be taken at this meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Anglin made a motion to adjourn and Member Aguirre second the motion. The committee unanimously agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

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Minutes approved at October 22, 2018, Regular Meeting

Resigned - no meeting in October 2018  
Zindi Aguirre, Chair

  
President Elect

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Date