

**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION • SPECIAL MEETING**

**District Education Center
1401 North Handy Street • Orange, California
Special Meeting**

**Thursday, October 2, 2014
6:00 p.m. – Open Session**

MINUTES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Board of Education met for a special meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2014, at the Education Center, 1401 North Handy Street.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Board members present: Deligianni, Ledesma,, Ortega, Surridge
Board members absent: Moffat, Singer, Wayland

3. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR SESSION

Board President John Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ortega invited the audience to join together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion No. 1

It was moved by Deligianni, seconded by Mr. Surridge, and carried by a vote of 4-0-3 (absent: Moffat, Singer, Wayland) to adopt the October 2, 2014 agenda.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON OPEN SESSION ITEM

Speakers

Speakers will speak following each presentation for each high school.

7. AGENDA ITEM

Item 7.A. Measure K – High School Facilities Bond Program Implementation Planning

At the June 6, 2013 Board meeting, four architectural firms were hired to work with the individual comprehensive high school communities to identify the facilities master plans envisioned by those respective communities. The outcome of the process resulted in comprehensive master plans for each school with costs of about \$200 million per school for a total of approximately \$800 million for all four schools.

Subsequent to the development of the facility master plans, scientific community polling and community input, the Board took action at the June 30th meeting to place a bond measure (Measure K) on the November ballot. The Board-adopted resolution established a maximum bonding authority of \$296 million and directed that the funds must be divided equally between the schools at \$74 million each.

On August 14, 2014, the Board authorized staff to have the high school facility master plan architects develop drawings of what will be constructed at each school if Measure K is approved by the voters. The Board and community received presentations from each of the firms on those plans in the following order:

- El Modena High School - Harley Ellis Devereaux
- Villa Park High School - LPA, Inc.
- Orange High School - Lionakis
- Canyon High School - GKK Corporation

Mrs. Moffat arrived at 6:09 p.m.

El Modena High School

John Dale, Principal, Studio Leader, Pre K-12 Schools Design Studio for Harley Ellis Devereaux (HED) presented El Modena High School's facilities master plan projects for the Measure K Bond Program. Tania Van Herle, Managing Principal for HED, also participated in the presentation. See attached presentation.

Speakers

Dustin Saxton, Principal, El Modena High School, commented that students and staff are excited for the proposed plans. In referencing Foothill High School, where modernization plans were recently completed and OUSD students choose to attend, Dr. Saxton stated that "our students should attend our schools." He thanked the Board of Education, staff and parents for the hours of volunteer labor that has gone into this project. He commended everyone for their commitment to the students and staff.

Kristin Erickson, OUSD parent and CARE Chair, thanked the Board for believing in the democratic process in voting to put Measure K on the ballot. She stated that in her opinion Measure K is the most important issue facing the community and the passage will positively affect the safety and well-being of our students for decades. She thanked Mr. Ledesma and Mr. Surridge for "standing their ground" and sticking up for something that is necessary; for putting people before politics. She expressed appreciation to those Board members who have volunteered to help with Measure K and those in the community who have endorsed the Measure.

Larry Cohn, community member and former OUSD parent, spoke in support of the bond. He noted that he has been on the school campuses for many years and has watched the buildings decay year after year. He commended the Board and the community for stepping up, putting aside the politics, and getting it done.

Vicki Mull, OUSD parent and El Modena teacher, spoke as an advocate for OUSD students, whom she believes deserve a collective voice in this process. She remarked on her sample modernized classroom and the positive feedback she received from students. She stated that the students are every reason to vote yes on Measure K.

Board Discussion

Board members commented on the proposed plans and asked questions of the architects.

Villa Park High School

LPA Design Principal Wendy Rogers presented Villa Park High School's facilities master plan projects for the Measure K Bond Program. Don Pender, Design Principal at LPA, also participated. See attached presentation.

Speakers

Ed Howard, Principal, Villa Park High School, remarked on negative comments Villa Park High School students receive regarding the condition of their high school's facilities. Mr. Howard thanked the Board for the opportunity to improve the school. He takes great pride in Villa Park High School and he thanked LPA Architects for listening to the community.

Jim Dinwiddie, community member, had questions regarding the bond and expressed his disagreement with some of the comments that have been said. He said he would like to vote with confidence when he votes for \$74 million (per high school) that he will get what is proposed.

Board Discussion

Board members commented on the proposed plans and asked questions of the architects.

Mrs. Moffat left the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Orange High School

Laura Knaus, Principal, K-12 Education Market Lead with Lionakis Architects, presented Orange High School's facilities master plan projects for the Measure K Bond Program. See attached presentation.

Speakers

Ernie Gonzalez, Principal, Orange High School, thanked Laura Knaus and the people at Lionakis for the quality of the work they've done at Orange High. He also thanked those who participated in the facilities master planning process – students, staff, families, community members and alumni. Orange High is excited about having facilities to match the quality of instruction and the quality of the school's programs. Mr. Gonzalez added that this has been a great process and he appreciates everyone's efforts.

Michael Short, OHS teacher, former OUSD parent, and OHS alum, stated that he is incredibly pleased with the facilities master plans. He wanted to inform the Board that Measure K has sparked the community and alumni to offer their help. Mr. Short noted that currently there is no performing arts venues in the Orange area. In light of this, a committee has been formed to explore the school and community needs to create such a venue at OHS. He added that through a private and public program partnership a performing arts venue can be created for Orange Unified and for Orange High School. Mr. Short stated that this was presented as a point of information and the process has only just begun.

Board Discussion

Board members commented on the proposed plans and asked questions of the architects.

Canyon High School

David Hunt, Senior Vice President with gkkworks, presented Canyon High School's facilities master plan projects for the Measure K Bond Program. See attached presentation.

Speakers

Kim Fricker, Principal, Canyon High School, stated that it is an honor and privilege to represent Canyon High School and the master plan that was presented. She acknowledged gkkworks for their fine work and the CARE representatives who have taken Measure K beyond expectations. She noted that portables on Canyon's campus were built on dirt, not asphalt, which means the moisture from the dirt goes into those buildings. The air quality and lighting in those buildings needs to be improved. She further commented on the poor facilities currently at CHS. Dr. Fricker commented that it is a pleasure to see all that can happen with the passage of Measure K.

Kerry Drake, OUSD parent, stated she is in support of Measure K. She noted that an "argument is only made stronger by acknowledging its opposition" by referencing the execution of supporting of the measure, the CARE group and how questions get answered. Are we prepared for the hard questions? The simplicity of communication and the more transparent the process can be, the better this will go forward. Mrs. Drake thanked everyone for their hard work and diligent efforts.

Board Discussion

Board members commented on the proposed plans and asked questions of the architects.

Board President Ortega thanked the architects for their great presentation. He noted there were great comments as well. He remarked that the whole process has been very transparent and will continue as such for many years. He once again thanked everyone involved with the process and urged everyone to reach to the CARE group.

11. ADJOURNMENT

By call of the Chair, the special meeting of October 2, 2014, adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Mark Wayland
Clerk of the Board