

**Ross Valley School District**

**2010 Measure "A" Bond**

**Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting – March 25, 2013**

**Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**5:10 p. m.**

Approval of Agenda: Stuart Moved; Trevor 2d 4:0

Move Stuart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor

Public Comment:

Joe MacKie

- How much total will be taking from the building to pay administrators?
- Prioritization of building, who was responsible for prioritizing what? A faux alluvial creek, a roof top garden, elevator – who signed and approved the purchase order to redesign this group learning center.
- We're running out of \$\$ - someone at the day needs to be accountable for the total \$\$ spent

Stuart – I'm not sure that the gentlemen in the room

Trevor – his concerns are serious

5:22 pm Bond Financial Report: Jim Cerreta and Bruce Kerns

- Assessed evaluation growth was not developing as anticipated. Given that we need to use different assumptions about growth in evaluation, per current trends. This information will influence when we can sell our bonds. This information was provided to the school board on March 19, 2013.
- Over the last 5 years the value of homes has declined and property owners were able to have their homes reassessed, to more fairly the current-day value of their homes..
- Jim presented the current assumptions, based on information provided by the County of Marin
- Legislation in Sacramento may limit the use of CABS because of the risk to districts. CABS allow districts receive the funds now to construct facilities and to defer repayment of CABS until a later date. The state wants to limit the use of CABS, not stop the use of CABS.
- Jim explained the four options recently developed to present to the RVSD Board of Trustees.
  - CH - Question: How much was planned for the total cost of construction all schools  
Ans: \$16.6M
  - BC – Question: So WH is completely funded? Yes
  - CH – What are the options?

- BC – Why did they (IJ) define it as controversial? Is it more risky? No. Districts need to show they are able to pay the debt. The issue is about the amount of interest charged.
- BC – the last bond sale interest was so good. Higher interest and delayed payments contributes to the greater cost of debt. The trade off is on the current cost of materials and labor for immediate construction and cost of inflation if we delay construction.
- The Board gave direction for staff to \_\_\_\_\_, based on an updated report from the July assessed value information.
- The issue that Mr. Mackie is not related to over budgeting but rather \_\_\_\_\_
- This is a revenue problem not an expenditure problem.

**Construction Update:**

Middle School: George Baranoff and Bret Joyner presented an overview of the White Hill Middle School update, replete with pictures.

Elementary Plans: Trustees are reviewing the financial implications on the Alternative plans – CH – What are the alternative plans?

- Brookside first priority and possibly delaying the building of the Multi Use room.'
- Use of modular buildings
- Will the elementary classrooms have the same flooring as what was used in the WH 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing? Yes
- HV – Will the portable classrooms, like the one used by Ms. Bishop, be maintained or replaced?
- CH – What is the risk of BAN – it's an issue of cash flow – the risk is a district has over assumed the ability to issue the bonds at that time, the assessed value might not be realized and implicate general fund money. The cost of the BAN and longer term issue in 5 years is high.
- TH – Has the modular option been decided by the Board? No.
- TH – Increase in the costs for compliance to DSA requirements, \$400,000 (structural components – rebar). Are we over budget at WH? No were are not.

**Annual Report** – Stuart Brunet and Mr. Cico will complete the draft, up to the end of the June 2012 school year.. This draft will be presented at the next COC meeting scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_. Needs to be presented to the Board by June 2013.

Next COC: April 23, 2013, 5:00p.m. to review the Report Draft