

**McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CITIZEN'S BOND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2008**

The Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Citizen's Bond Committee was held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008, at the McFarland Unified School District Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Candi Clark at 5:30 p.m.

Present	Candi Clark	Kim McManaman
	David Lopez	Jim Beltran
	Jose Hernandez	Olga Garza
	Lisa Marroquin	Ben Garza

Absent	Gary Farrell	Olga A. Garza
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Call to Order (Roll Call)

Welcome and Introductions

Candi Clark introduced herself as the Chief Business Official and introduced Kim McManaman as Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services and David Lopez as Director of Technology. She asked that everyone introduce themselves.

Jim Beltran, Jose Hernandez, Lisa Marroquin, Ben Garza, and Olga Garza introduced themselves.

She stated that the first order of business would be to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair and once that was done she would turn the meeting over to the Chair. She also stated that she had spoken to Gary Farrell and said he would be willing to serve in any capacity as Chair and Vice-Chair

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion made by Ben Garza, seconded by Lisa Marroquin to appoint Jose Hernandez as Committee Chair.
Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Motion made by Lisa Marroquin, seconded by Ben Garza to appoint Jim Beltran as Committee Vice-Chair.
Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Comments

None

Committee Updates

CBO Candi Clark wanted to update the committee members on the status of the General Obligation Bonds. She distributed some information on Prop. 39 regarding the legal prospective and the parameters for the committee Roles and Responsibilities. The board has established the Bond committee. It is the committee's responsibility to make sure that the community is informed of any expenditures related to the Bond. The committee will actively review and report on the expenditures of the taxpayer's money for school construction. The committee will also advise the public that the proceeds for the Bond are used only for the purpose of construction/re-construction, rehabilitation or replacement of school facilities, including

the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities. She also distributed a packet to each member and in the packet are several different items. One of them being Exhibit A-and everything they do with the Bond must follow the constraints of this Exhibit. The voters approved the General Obligation Bond to: construct a new K-6 school, modernize and upgrade classroom interiors and facilities, make health and safety improvements to meet current standards, construct new central kitchen to reduce district operating costs, improve access to student technology and modernize and provide student support facilities & furnish and equip schools to the extent permitted by law. She continued, " we have the seven committee members which are: one is a business community member, a senior citizen organization member, a bona fide taxpayer's organization member, a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the district and active in PTA or school site council member. In addition the Board has the discretion to add two additional people which they were added. This committee must follow the Brown Act. There are certain requirements of the Brown Act and those are in the packet and it goes over everything we must follow. All meetings are open to the public; each meeting will have to be posted at least three days prior for publication. The agenda must be posted and the Bond Oversight Committee cannot deviate from the agenda during the meeting, if a new item/issue arises it must be carried over to the next Bond Oversight Committee meeting agenda for discussion, minutes must be taken for each meeting which is open to the public. The Bond Oversight committee is prohibited from meeting outside of the official Bond Oversight Committee meetings since it is mandatory for us to take minutes. So, anytime four or more of the committee members get together to discuss an item that is related to the Bond that is considered a meeting. Those meetings can not take place outside of this room. Also, one other thing a series of communication of any kind, for example if two committee members talk on the telephone and then one of those committee members forwards an e-mail and then that person forwards the e-mail that is still considered a form of communication."

Identification of Terms of Office for Committee Members – Some will have a one year term and some a two year term. She stated that the parameters were set by the board and she will get that information to them at the next meeting.

She distributed the By-Laws to the members and they in turn read them. She asked if anyone had any questions on the By-Laws. The By-laws were established by the Board when the Bond measure was passed.

Approval of Time and Dates for Meetings – A unanimous vote was taken for the next meeting to be on Dec. 16, 2008 @ 5:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Candi Clark gave a brief overview of some of the projects currently underway. Discussion followed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jose Hernandez - Chair

Jim Beltran - Vice-Chair

Lisa Marroquin Member

Olga Garza Member

Ben Garza Member

ABSENT

Olga A. Garza Member

ABSENT

Gary Farrell Member