BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of a Special Meeting - Study Session - Facilities Master Plan Prioritization
November 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE
Board of Education President Linda Menges called the Special Board meeting to order at 3:36 PM at the Las Virgenes Unified School District, 4111 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Angela Cutbill
Dallas Lawrence
Linda Menges
Lesli Stein
Mathy Wasserman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
None

STAFF PRESENT
Dr. Daniel Stepenosky, Superintendent
Dr. Rose Dunn, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel
Karen Kimmel, Assistant Superintendent of Business
Dr. Clara Finneran, Assistant Superintendent of Education
Robbie Amodio, Director of Classified Personnel
Ryan Gleason, Director of Education and Leadership
Steve Scifres, Director of Curriculum and Athletics
Jim Klein, Chief Technology Officer
Angie Falk, Director of Pupil Services

STAFF ABSENT
None

AGENDA
Ms. Kimmel provided an update for the potential bond of $198 million dollars to benefit LVUSD over the next 15 years. She said over time these funds will be degraded to a present value of approximately $158 million. She said as a result of passing a new bond, $5 million of Measure G funds could possibly carry over to the general fund as well as approximately $8 million in developer fee funds, and $15 million in state matching funds totaling approximately $186 million in potential funding for the District.
She listed the recommended investments as follows: $156 million for site specific projects, $10 million for technology infrastructure, $9 million for smaller repair projects (previously known as deferred maintenance projects), $10 million to retire the Certificate of Participation (COP) debt which is approximately $700,000 a year, and $1 million for facilities staff oversight/documentation. Within site specific projects, suggested categories include: $18 million for health, safety, and accessibility, $48 million to protect assets and building systems, $9 million for educational environments, $15 million for solar installations at 13 sites, and $66 million for special projects. She said the general fund will benefit from the new funding by allowing $2.2 million earmarked for overlapping projects and repairs to be released. Finally, Ms. Kimmel said additional state matching funds can allow for additional projects to be addressed from the master list.
Dr. Stepenosky asked the Board for their consensus on the amount of the bond and said in order for the bond measure to be placed on the March 3, 2020 ballot a resolution will need to be presented at the December 3 Board meeting and documentation will need to be filed with the LA County and Ventura County Recorder Offices by December 6.

He said the District’s consulting firm Clifford Moss has polled the community for three different tax levels and recognizes that certain projects such as roofing, air conditioning and security have a more immediate need.

Ms. Cutbill said Board members have met with community leaders, PFA/PFCs, city council members, and parents and are very aware of the community’s sensitivity to the amount of the tax.

Ms. Stein said that she and Ms. Cutbill have attended most PFA/PFC meetings and have had great input from parents. She said community leaders understand the District’s need for funding, given most of our schools are nearing 50-60 years old, and appreciate the fact that the Board and District are discussing a lower bond amount.

Ms. Menges said the state has required the District to identify budget efficiencies. She said the District could be faced with possibly falling below the required 3% reserve which would put a burden on the Board and staff to find ways to increase income and/or determine budget efficiencies. She said a new bond measure can help with both.

Ms. Stein said a $600 million dollar facilities need is being prioritized and community polling is indicating $200 million of updates is doable if a bond is passed. She said the community appreciates that the work is being prioritized and the District is being conservative with the tax amount.

Mr. Lawrence expressed his desire for a more refined polling analysis.

Ms. Cutbill stated that 20% of the community is comprised of parents, however we need to also consider the 80% who do not have children in our district and have a different appetite for a higher tax.

Dr. Stepenosky stated that even though we have had Facilities Needs Assessments in the past this is the first Facilities Master Plan in the history of LVUSD. He said he continues to manage expectations within the community of the work that can be completed from the list given the projected funding levels.

Ms. Wasserman said District staff has done a phenomenal job in determining facilities needs and analyzing related costs.

Tom Clifford, Craig Hochhaus, Penny Silvestre, Jill Gaines, Megan Glenn, Brian Edelman, CJ Foss, Dr. Stephanie McClay, and Calabasas High School and Agoura High School students addressed the Board regarding facilities needs and the proposed general obligation bond.

Ms. Kimmel said the project list is all encompassing in the ballot language and the Board will always have the authority to select any item on the master plan should priorities change.

The Board discussed in depth how polling was conducted, the possibility of another round of polling, the language of the ballot measure, the tax sensitivity, the amount of the bond request that would be acceptable for our diverse community, equity among the schools, and the culture and values on each individualized campus.

The Special Meeting was suspended at 5:00 PM in order to conduct the Extraordinary Service Awards and the Regular Board Meeting.

The Special Meeting resumed at 8:28 PM and the Board and staff continued their review of the potential projects list.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING**

The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

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Date Approved

Clerk, Board of Education