

**CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**
150 District Center Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92264

June 26, 2023 – 5:30 pm
PSUSD District Administration Center

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Member Fenton.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Fenton led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL (Establishment of a Quorum)

Roll call was conducted at 5:32 pm and a quorum established by Member Fenton.

Members present: Scott Fenton (Chair)
 Richard Clapp
 Justin Decker
 Helene Kalfuss (Co-Chair)

Absent: Linda Scudder

District staff present: Brian J. Murray, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Jeff Simmons, New Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Julie Arthur, Executive Director, Facilities Planning Development
 Kristina Murphy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Business Services

Public present: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (solicited online and in writing 72 hours prior to the meeting)
None

5. New Administrator Introduction

Brian introduced Jeff Simmons, the new assistant superintendent of Business Services and had him talk about himself, his career and how he got to PSUSD.

Brian noted that at the end of our last meeting in February, Scott completed his second of 2 terms as Parent of a Student in PSUSD. Scott noted that he was becoming a member of a Taxpayer Organization and accepted the appointment to the seat. He was nominated by Richard to continue as chair. Scott accepted.

6. COC Vacancies

Member Fenton noted that we are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- Business Community Representative
- Parent of a Student in PSUSD

Members are asked to have interested candidates to forward names to the Business Services office or direct them to the website to complete an application for consideration.

7. **BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS**

The committee reviewed the quarterly expenditure reports provided by the district.

8. **UPDATE ON DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECTS**

Julie gave an update on the current bond projects:

Bubbling Wells Elementary Modernization

The school was built in the early 1990's. The assessment is complete, but the project is currently on hold and is next in line to go for approval by the Board of Education for design.

Cathedral City High Modernization

The school was built in 1991. The modernization project will include renovation of all existing classrooms, lighting, carpet, fire alarms, the PA intercom system and the central plant. The plans also include expanding the kitchen and cafeteria and bringing the entire campus up to ADA compliance. The project has a budget of \$92 million but will not all be coming from bond funds. New washing machines and dryers are planned for student use as an extension of the site wellness centers.

Della S. Lindley Elementary Modernization and Design

Project is moving along. Plans are out of design, and the job walk has been scheduled. Our goal is to attract several contractors to bid to keep the scope of work costs down.

District Wide Prop 39

Projects ongoing.

DLA 500 Building Replacement

Built in 1968. Seismic assessment found it not structurally compliant. The bond portion of this project is almost complete, (demo/concrete). This project was originally part of the PSHS seismic project. It was determined that the building was metal modular. The new design will include professional development offices. Only the new design will be paid for by bond funding. The committee will not see a lot of the activity.

Facilities Master Plan

The California Department of Education requires California school districts to prepare and/or update their Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for their district every five years. Projects are prioritized with high priority going to safety and security of campuses and buildings with aging infrastructure.

James Workman Middle Modernization

Built in 1996. The modernization will include the removal of all portable classrooms and replacing them with permanent 1 story buildings. Will also be modernizing offices. There will be upgrades made to the existing locker rooms and the kitchen and eating areas will be expanded. Existing portables will be moved to grass area during phasing. Parking lot renovations are needed for student drop off/pick up and traffic issues. The project will be split funded, portables will be funded by developer fees. OPSC funding is being used for other aspects of the project, (\$9 million estimated).

Landau/Sunny Sands Elementary Modernization

Projects are currently in DSA. Will consist of removal of the metal modulars and replace with permanent 1 & 2 story classroom buildings. Giving play space back to the schools that are currently inhabited by portables. Working on temporary housing should begin August/September 2023.
Update - still working on plans.

Nellie Coffman Middle School Locker Room Upgrade

The design was approved by the school and is in the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for approval. Project to include removal of the showers, leaving additional space for privacy dressing rooms. We will also construct an indoor classroom space for inclement weather or for classes to watch film and revamping the teacher/coach's offices. New LED lighting, plumbing, and leveling of the floors will also be

part of this renovation. The job walk is scheduled for tomorrow, 6/27/23. Project should go out to bid at the end of July.

Palm Springs HS 900/901 Upgrade

This project is complete, and the buildings have been brought up to code.

Palm Springs High School Seismic

This project is complete. The 500 building was moved to its own project.

Palm Spring HS Chiller

This project is complete. We are watching for issues as summer approaches.

The Facilities Study Session presentation will be presented tomorrow night at the Board of Education meeting. We will be reporting the status of all projects to board members.

9. Approval of Minutes

Member Fenton asked for a motion to approve the COC Regular Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2023. Member Kalfuss made a motion and Member Clapp second. The committee unanimously agreed.

10. Setting of the Next Meeting/Location

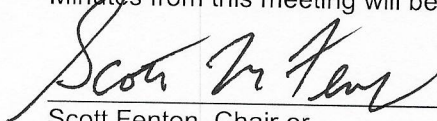
The next COC Regular Board meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2023, at 5:30pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Member Fenton asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Clapp made a motion to adjourn and Member Decker second. The committee unanimously agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Minutes from this meeting will be approved during the next Regular Meeting on October 16, 2023.



Scott Fenton, Chair or
Helene Kalfuss, Co-Chair

10-30-23
Date