

MINUTES
SPECIAL STUDY SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, April 4, 2016 (4:00 p.m.)

Board Members present: President Cheryl Hansen, Vice President Debra Mason, Linda Mayo, and Barbara Oaks

Administrative Staff: Superintendent Dr. Nellie Meyer, Tim Cody, and Wayne Oetken

CALL TO ORDER

President Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.* and conducted Roll Call with all Board members present except Mr. Lawrence. Ms. Mason participated via teleconference from Ko Alina Beach Club, Penthouse, 300 Rodgers Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

STUDY SESSION

3.1 Study Session to Discuss Measure C Projects and Future Bond Sales

The Board of Education and staff will conduct a Study Session to identify and prioritize/reprioritize projects, and consider a potential future resolution authorizing issuance and sale of the remaining General Obligation Bonds, 2010 Election, 2010 Series G, of thirty-eight million, five-hundred thousand dollars. The proceeds of the bonds would be used to fund capital improvements/modernization work as previously deemed by the Board of Education to be essential to the maintenance and improvement of educational programming. Also, next steps to meet ongoing needs of the District through a Bond Program will be discussed.

President Hansen explained that this meeting was for information only.

Dr. Meyer introduced the discussion.

Tim Cody gave a program update on the accomplishments made to date in the categories of solar; mechanical; accelerated modernization; high school upgrades, renovations, and modernization; and technology infrastructure and modernization.

Mr. Cody read the Prioritization Criteria from the original ballot language and pointed out how District needs have changed since 2010, including: Transitional Kindergarten, California's K-3 Class Size Reduction program, a high school population shift, effects of the drought on school sports fields, and changing technology.

There was a discussion about the longevity of the debt and the cost saving impact of the decision to use current interest bonds rather than Capital Appreciation Bonds.

The Board members discussed using creativity in utilizing different funds for various projects.

The Board members and Mr. Cody discussed the status of current and pending projects funded by Measure C. The Board discussed the cost of maintaining facilities once improvements have been made.

Dr. Meyer and Mr. Cody shared their experiences visiting school sites and discussing facilities wish lists with school administrators as well as parents and community members. Items mentioned included: restroom improvements, pod building renovations, new classrooms, and interior painting.

There was a discussion about health and safety issues, including whether the school kitchens are in compliance with the county health code. The Board members inquired whether or not there are any current or pending health and safety projects whose costs will encroach on the \$38.5 million for potential sale. Mr. Cody shared his concerns about rising costs in the market. President Hansen expressed her belief that bond funds should be used for large-scale projects.

Dr. Meyer presented three questions for discussion:

1. What projects directly impact students?
2. What is our promise to voters?
3. What projects impact our District's future?

There was a discussion about future projects, including: the potential reopening of Holbrook Elementary School and Glenbrook Middle School, the impact of California's K-3 Class Size Reduction program, attendance boundary changes, Northgate High School facilities, and the field conditions at Concord High School.

Mr. Cody presented information about the 2016 State Construction Bond.

The Board members had a discussion about when to bring the future bond sale for action. Mr. Oetken stated that it should not be considered until after June 30, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.*

*Times indicated are approximate.

Respectfully submitted,

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Superintendent