

Somis Union School District
Bond Oversight Committee

Minutes of Initial Meeting of March 27, 2013

Dr. Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Introductions were made.

Members Present: Robert Bean, Janelle Bauer, Ryan Thompson, Judy Fuentes, Sara Mendoza, Lana Lynch, Scott Mier (for Henry Avina), and Dr. Colleen Robertson.

Go Bond history reviewed. Sixty seven percent passage. Requirement for oversight committee as a mandated committee, with public openness and subject to the Brown Act. Responsibilities of the Committee to act as Liaison between the School Board and Community and with Oversight of expenditures of Bond Revenues within the mandated guidelines.

How to move forward. Repairing and refurbishing the existing structures, to bring up to standard, or examining potential new sites to build a new school were discussed. Existing gas pipelines and the current position of the Gas Co. were discussed as well. Dr Robertson informed the committee that the district has obtained the professional advice from Mechanical, Structural, and Electrical Engineers to help us access both options.

Current state of the School structures were addressed, both pros and cons. A good discussion ensued, which included, Modernization, Portable classrooms, Stern to Stern analysis, Concrete walls, etc.

Gas pipelines were again addressed and the discussion included Risk Assessment, Risk of "staying vs transporting," information from meetings with fire Dept. Gas Company, County, etc.

Having a "School for the 21st century" was next on the agenda. Technology was discussed as a definitive direction for our school. Technology is a part of the purview of the Oversight Committee.

Dr. Robertson explained her success in Sacramento with the "Facilities Hardship Application. Additional funding may be available to us from the State Allocation Board depending on how we decide to proceed.

All present engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the many options that had been previously discussed, and included Direction from the community thru the Oversight Committee, Somis Proper vs. Outlying options, Sentiment over existing property, Technical Upgrade, (Science, Math, Agriculture and Technology), more Gas Company concerns.

Safety first.

The "Oversight" booklets, provided by Dr. Robertson, were opened up and the By Laws were reviewed. Lana Lynch then read the "Duties" of the committee including Informing the Public, Review of Expenditures, Annual Reporting, Duties of the Board and Superintendent, Ethics, Term of members, Authority of members, etc.

Best form of communication included Email and Phone Numbers were gathered.

Next meeting will be May 1st, 2013 at 6:00 pm. At the school Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Scott Mier