

Redlands Unified School District  
Measure R  
Citizens' Oversight Committee

**Minutes**

District Office Conference Room  
20 West Lugonia, Redlands, CA 92374  
April 9, 2015

I. Opening – Chairperson Kolpien called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Eason, Beth Kolpien, Jeff Martinez, Michele Rendler, Betsy Starbuck, Ronald Stutt

Staff Present: Brad Mason, Brian Guggisberg, James Fotia, Michelle Cole

C. Approval of Minutes – On motion of Dave Eason, second by Betsy Starbuck, the minutes of February 11, 2015 were approved as submitted.

II. Organization of the Committee

A. Election of Officers

1. On motion of Michele Rendler, second by Dave Eason and unanimously carried, Beth Kolpien was elected to serve as Chairperson for the next one-year term.
2. On Motion of Michele Rendler, second by Dave Eason and unanimously carried, Betsy Starbuck was elected to serve as Vice-Chairperson for the next one-year term.

B. Meeting Schedule

The following meeting schedule was adopted for the 2015-2016 school year:

October 15, 2015  
February 11, 2016  
April 7, 2016

III. Public Participation

A. Community Input – none

IV. Presentations and Reports

A. Annual Report Review – James Fotia

Mr. Fotia shared what he and the Annual Writing Committee reviewed at their meeting. This year's report looks a lot like last years with \$2.7 million remaining in Measure R. Worksheets in the report were updated and the concluding statement notes \$2.7 million remaining and a clean audit.

Jeff Martinez asked for clarity on what happens to the remaining funds. Brad Mason stated the funds are not intended to just sit there. Measure R funds for the high school were not sufficient so Measure J came about to finish the high school. Measure R funds are closed out with the State for Citrus Valley High School and modernizations are done. We thank the public for bringing this asset to our communities, now we are now looking at options to pay off bonds. Dave Eason asked if we could just pay down the bonds. Mr. Mason stated that the bonds could be paid down; Betsy Starbuck added that this would need to be done carefully however. Mr. Mason informed the Committee that the District would be looking at what to do with the remaining bond funds next fiscal year. Mr. Mason stated that we can't keep the funds forever and we can't just move it, as it has to be used for certain purposes. Mr. Martinez asked at what point and time is the Committee gone. Mr. Mason clarified that Committee remains until funds are gone. Betsy Starbuck stated that Measure R funds can be used for modernizations and the District could spend much more than \$2.7 million on modernizing. Mr. Mason said that Measure R is the leftover tail of a plan and we need to figure out how to dissolve. We have other funds that may be appropriate for these uses like deferred maintenance. Ronald Stutt said we need to look at the list in more detail on how we can spend. Mr. Mason said we would look at that and we will explore giving money back.

The Annual Report Addendum was approved as submitted by consensus.

B. Project Update - James Fotia and Brad Mason

Mr. Fotia reviewed the handout noting that \$2.735 million is available. Member Dave Eason said that the annual audit helps make sure funds are spent correctly. Mr. Mason said we are tasked to live by the letter of the law and you are all here to be our watchdog. Member Ronald Stutt stated he wants to make sure funds are spent appropriately.

Mr. Mason quickly reviewed non-Measure R projects, noting that the Lock Project is nearly complete with just a few key cores needing to be swapped out.


V. For the Good of the Order/Member Comments

Chairperson Kolpien asked Michele Rendler and Betsy Starbuck if they would be presenting the Annual Report to the Board of Education. Mr. Fotia informed the Committee that the ladies would be presenting at the Board Meeting on April 28th.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Attest:

  
Betsy Starbuck  
Vice Chair

Adopted:

October 15, 2015