

NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board of Education
 District Education Center
 Roderick MacMillian Boardroom
 2985-A Bear Street, Costa Mesa
 August 10, 2005

Call to Order The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District was called to order by President Serene Stokes, at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 in the District Education Center – Boardroom at 2985-A Bear Street, Costa Mesa, California.

Call to Order At 6:08 p.m., President Stokes called the Special Meeting to order with a silent invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Trustee Brooks.

Members in Attendance Members Present
 Serene Stokes, President
 Dave Brooks, Vice President
 Linda Sneen, Clerk
 Dana Black, Member
 Tom Egan, Member
 Martha Fluor, Member
 Judy Franco, Member

 Robert J. Barbot, Superintendent

Adoption of the Agenda Mrs. Franco moved adoption of the agenda as submitted. Mrs. Black seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously with a 7/0 vote.

Community Input No comments.

Adoption of Resolution No. 03-08-06 of the Board of Education of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Dr. Barbot provided a brief introduction of the evening’s action item. He noted that the Board’s potential action tonight of approving the Resolution would provide the mechanism for funding opportunities for district facilities. No programmatic or operations discussion is included at this time.

Ordering School Bond Election, and Authorizing Necessary Actions in Connection Therewith Mark Buchanan, Chairman of the Superintendent’s Advisory Committee provided a Power Point review of the process and timeline that has resulted in bringing forth the Resolution to the Board.

January - 2005

- The Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee reported to the Board and Superintendent:
- Measure A was “on time and on budget”
- BUT significant OTHER needs of the District had been identified.
- The Superintendent announced he would form a Citizens Advisory Committee to examine the issue.

February & March - 2005

- Superintendent invited interested Community and Staff to be part of an ad hoc Facility Advisory Committee to:
 - Review Measure A’s Progress
 - Discuss the future facility needs of the District
 - Look at financing options and opportunities
 - Make a Recommendation to the Superintendent.

April to June - 2005

- Committee met 5 times
- Presentations by District Executive Staff
- Review of New District Strategic Plan and its facility implications.
- Presentations by financing and bond consultants.
- Open and far-reaching discussion.

Key Conclusions

- Measure A addressed the most pressing needs to “catch up”
- Now time to address the Needs for the 21st Century.
- Look to a long term program
- Every School Must Benefit
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Continued Maintenance Pledge
- Continued Citizen Oversight

Final Report

- Five Major Points for Recommendation
- Implementation Structure
- Definitions of the Ten Categories
- The Bond Type
- The Bond Amount
- Timing for a bond election.

Implementation Structure

- Ten Categories in Bond Measure
- Equity Plan Adopted by the Board
 - Implementation by Zone of Ten Categories
- Equity Advisory Committee
 - assures congruence with the Plan
- Citizen Oversight Committee
 - assures District implements overall Program in accordance with the Plan

Ten Categories

- School Libraries and Technology
- Seismic Safety & Replacement – Fulfilling Measure A
- Facilities for K-12 Hands-On Science
- Redesign 7-12 Campuses for separate 7-8 and 9-12.
- Promoting a Safe and Secure School Environment
- Physical Education Facilities for fitness and wellness.
- Expand Facilities for Before and After School Programs; Preschool
- Teacher Training Center for 21st Century Demands of Instruction & Technology
- Visual and Performing Arts Facilities; Redesign Elementary Multipurpose Rooms for Technology
- Redesigning On-Site Traffic Patterns for Increased Safety

Bond Type

- General Obligation Bond
- Prop 39 Requirements; 55% Majority

Bond Amount

- \$282 Million
- Restriction to NOT increase 05-06 tax rate of approximately \$22/\$100,000 Assessed Valuation
- Bond sales spread over several years, constrained by restriction on the rate.
- Timing for Bond Election
- During 2005-06 School Year
- Must Coincide with Election called by County or State
- Special Election called by the Governor for November 8, 2005

Recommendation

That the Board of Education adopt the necessary Resolution to place a \$282 Million bond measure on the November ballot which will not increase the tax rate but which will provide the students of Newport-Mesa with educational facilities for the twenty-first century.

Mr. Buchanan, the Superintendent and the Board thanked the members for their participation on the Facilities Advisory Committee.

Following Mr. Buchanan's review, the Board entertained a lengthy discussion regarding the components of the Resolution. Mrs. Fluor requested wording changes to the project list.

Mrs. Black moved adoption of Resolution No. 03-08-06 of the Board of Education of the Newport-Mesa Unified School District Ordering School Bond Election, and Authorizing Necessary Actions in Connection Therewith as amended. Mrs. Fluor seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Brooks - yes

Mr. Egan - yes

Mrs. Franco - yes

Mrs. Sneen - yes

Mrs. Stokes - yes

Mrs. Black - yes

Mrs. Fluor - yes

Resolution No. 03-08-06 was adopted by a unanimous 7/0 roll call vote.

At the conclusion of the vote, committee member Hank Panian requested an opportunity to address the Board. He applauded the Board and the committee for its efforts and noted his desire to ensure that vocational educational opportunities are pursued for students of the District.

Audience member and parent Melissa Hicks also addressed the Board and inquired about the wording of the project list included in the resolution specific to Corona del Mar zone's flexibility in establish a K-8 site or separate 7-8 campus. Dr. Barbot responded that the projects, as written in the resolution, do provide the Board of Education with the flexibility to make decisions relative to specific program needs within each zone and make the necessary modifications at the time the projects are proposed.

Board member Egan questioned the Board's process of adopting the Resolution prior to hearing the community speakers input and questions. President Stokes responded that Mr. Panian had submitted a card and requested to speak at the conclusion of the agenda item and that Mrs. Hicks arrived late and had just submitted her card following the Board's action on the item.

Adjournment President Stokes adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Robert J. Barbot, Secretary