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**MINUTES  
CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
SOCORRO ISD  
EDUCATION CENTER – BOARD ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2005 | 6:00 PM**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Herb De La Rosa, Co-Chairman; Linda East, Co-Chairman; Amelda Hermosillo, Member; Victor H. Valdivia, Member; Robert Valles, Member; Susan Hill, Member; Keenan Greseth, Member; Dr. Robert J. Duron, Superintendent; Thomas A. Eyeington, Assistant Superintendent of Operational Services; Mary Benham, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services; Vicki Icard, Director of Special Programs; Gracie Tovar, Administrative Specialist II.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dolores Acosta, Member; David Amaya, Member; Christy Guereque, Member; Ernest Ramirez, Member; Betty Vigil, Member; Hector Muñoz, Member, Enedina Serna, Member.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order 6:05 p.m. by Co-Chairman Herb De La Rosa.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the Citizen Oversight Committee Meeting held on March 12, 2005, were approved.

**PRESENTATION BY MR. THOMAS A. EYEINGTON**

Mr. Eyeington presented a PowerPoint presentation in which, he discussed the bond projects.

**2000 Bond Projects**

Hurshel Antwine was opened on July 25, 2005, for the first day of school.

John Drugan will be completed in December 2005. Project is about 54% complete. Pictures of John Drugan School progress were shown to the Committee. The District has been meeting on a weekly basis with PSB (Public Water Service Board) with issue on providing water to the site. PSB are in the process of designing a waterline, which the District will construct to feed John Drugan. The waterline will also extend to Pellicano Road to serve the Electric Company, who is building a sub-station about a half a mile from John Drugan School. John Drugan students are presently being housed at Sierra Vista/Clarke portables.

**2004 Bond Projects**

In October of last year, the District sold the first \$25 million dollars in the bond program. Initial the District kick off twelve projects of the bond program. In August 16, 2005, the Board of Trustees authorized \$90 million for the next phases of the bond construction.

Desert Wind Addition: Carson Franco Architects is the architect and Dantex is the construction company for the project. Project is approximately 63% complete. This addition will add the middle school to Desert Wind and will complete the school as a Pk-8 school. The project is ahead of schedule and will be completed by December 2005. Mr. Eyeington provided picture of the progress of the school. During the intercession work is being done to the library and fine arts areas. By October 10, 2005, the children would be able to use the new library and the contractor will be able to do the interior work on the existing library.

El Dorado High School Phase III: Will complete El Dorado High School. The classroom additions in their final stages and the District will take occupancy of the fifty-two classrooms and the Science Wing in the latter part of October. This will help El Dorado High School because they are floating about eighteen teachers. The District has already taken possession of the Career and Technology Facility. The auxiliary

gym is almost finished and the culinary arts facility. Mr. Eyeington recommended the Committee to stop by a see the culinary state of the arts facility. Project will be completed in December 2005.

Loma Verde Addition: Project was scheduled to be completed by December 2005, but was completed six month ahead of schedule and with in the budget. Loma Verde administration and staff are loving the thirteen classroom additions and the science lab that were added there. Arrow Building was the contractor on this project and they were fantastic to work with. Started project with no contingency funds and through the saving basically saved the District roughly \$50,000.00.

SAC Upgrade: Project was completed in March 2005. Football games have already been played in the new artificial turf. The Marchfest is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2005. The football teams and bands love it. The track was re-done. This project was one of the sites that were toured on March 12, 2005 by the Oversight Committee. Approximately thirteen hundred dollars were saved on this project.

Montwood H.S. Addition: This project will provide all the accommodations for Career and Technology, which the other high school already have, locker room, training room and weight room facilities in addition to ROTC and HVAC mechanical upgrades. The District anticipate going out for bids in the next couple of months and have the project completed in the summer of 2006.

Dr. Sue A. Shook: This project is a Pk-5 school and will be built in the Horizon area. The District is working with the developers of Paseo Del Este Development, which is Colony Development in hopes to find a site that is suitable for this project. The District is working on some conceptual drawings and plans, but the District does not have the site yet. A meeting has been scheduled for next week with the developers to review the master plan.

Ituarte/Hernando Combo School: A ground breaking ceremony was held on August 31, 2005. Mr. Eyeington showed the Committee a bird side view of the project. The schools share the kitchen, but different cafeterias. The schools also share the library or media center. This project is approximately 4% complete. The elementary portion will be completed by the summer for the start of the school year and the middle school will be finished in December 2006.

Socorro H.S. HVAC Upgrade: Upgrades to the mechanical system and in-door quality are being done. During intercession the crew will be working day shifts. As soon as the students come back from intercession the crew will be working night shifts. The administration has been great to work with as far as coordinating the work on the project. The project is approximately 13% complete. Project will be completed in June of 2006.

Additions & Renovations to Operational Services: Working on much needed life safety code compliance to the facility. There are about 250 employees working presently in the facility. The complex needs fire sprinklers systems and life safety code compliance. The District is also providing much needed space for the Information System Department.

Programming of New High School: Currently the District is out for solicitations. The high school will be located between Eastlake and Horizon. Currently the District is working with Stanley Architects, which is developing the program for the high school. The District would be able to utilize this program for our next high school, which is not to far away from the future.

Rojas & Hilley Abatement Projects: Asbestos abatement phase I has been done at Robert R. Rojas and H.D. Hilley Elementary Schools over the past summer intercession. The District calls it phase I because there is more asbestos that needs to be removed. It is not the asbestos we need to be concern about, but we need a bigger window of opportunity as far as the summer intercession to do the removal. Phase II of the asbestos will be done summer of 2006.

**Mrs. Mary Benham Financial Report**

Mrs. Benham provided a visual report to the Committee on the financial aspect of the 2000 and 2004 bond program.

**Other Business**

The Oversight Committee agreed on the following dates for the next three Oversight Committee Meetings. The dates are as follows:

Thursday, January 12, 2006

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Thursday, July 13, 2006

All meetings will be scheduled at 6:00 p.m. at the Education Center.

Ms. Icard will schedule a school tour with the Oversight Committee before the year is over.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.