



**MINUTES  
CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
SOCORRO ISD  
HUECO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY 5, 2008| 6:00 PM**

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**MEMBER PRESENT**

Herb De La Rosa, Co-Chairperson; Victor Valdivia, Co-Chairperson; Susan Hill, Member; Paul Guerra, Member; Enedina Serna, Member; Rafael Hernando, III, Member; Troy Hicks, Member; Thomas A. Eyeington, Assistant Superintendent for District Operations; Pat O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Cynthia Lopez, Assistant Superintendent for Socorro H.S. Cluster; Claudia Maldonado, Executive Assistant; Gracie Tovar, Administrative Specialist II, Grace L. Rubio, District Operations Clerk

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ricardo Castellano, Member; Cathey Kaiser, Member; Heidi Martinez, Member; Robert Valles, Member; Betty Vigil, Member; Jacob Cintron, Member; Irene Chavez, Member

**RESIGNED**

Joe Sarabia - Written Resignation  
Pat Ramirez - Written Resignation

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mr. Herb De La Rosa, Co-Chairperson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee approved the minutes for the Citizen's Oversight Committee Meeting held on January 8, 2008.

**2004 BOND PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mr. Eyeington provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation on the 2004 Bond Program update.

Mr. De La Rosa asked what the District had learned from the 2004 Bond Program, so that the District would not repeat the same mistakes. Mr. Eyeington mentioned adding escalation costs. The District can not build the same school for \$12 million dollars, three years apart. There was no escalation cost built in the original numbers.

Mr. De La Rosa asked if between 2004-2007 school years were any adjustments made on the bond. He added would the adjustments help to off set those costs. Mr. Eyeington mentioned that the District has two construction projects that have not been started, which total about \$38 million dollars. Mr. De La Rosa asked if the Committee and the District can still make adjustments to the two projects. Mr. Eyeington mentioned that it can be an option.

Mr. Eyeington explained that a big part of the 2004 Bond Project overages will be covered by the interest earned off the 2000 Bond Program. 2004 Bond Projects that were completed in the earlier part of the bond program show savings.

**REVIEW COMMITTEE BY-LAWS/COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Mr. De La Rosa asked for three committee members to volunteer to meet at a later date to fine tune the Citizen's Oversight Committee By-Laws. Ms. Hill, Mr. Hernando III and Mr. De La Rosa volunteered to meet with Mr. Eyeington to review the by-laws. Committee agreed to send out a letter to the Citizen's Oversight Committee members asking them to recommit or resign. A deadline of February 29, 2008, will be noted for the members.

**BRAC REPORT**

Mr. O'Neill provided the committee with a BRAC Report showing them the growth at Fort Bliss starting 2006 through 2012. He also provided the committee District enrollment numbers by campus military families.

**DISCUSS UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

Date of the next Citizen's Oversight Committee will be discussed in Cabinet. District Operations Department will contact members on the date and location.

**Reports for next meeting**

- BRAC Report on growth and breakdown by campus.

ADJOURN: 7:39 P.M.