PRESENT:

Committee Members: Chair Egrane Brown, Nathan Crater, Parker McCarthy, Lori Lum, Mark Truax.

Administration: Superintendent Sheila Roley, Business Manager Justine Hill

Others: Jim Henry, Megan Pritchard, Brenna Visser

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Egrane Brown called the September 11, 2018 meeting of the School Construction Citizen Oversight Committee to order.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum of the Committee was present.

DELEGATIONS/GUESTS

None present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018, meeting of the School Construction Citizen Oversight Committee was made by Mark Truax and seconded by Nathan Crater. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Schedule Update
Jim Henry reported that the project is still identified in the caution area. The environmental mitigation permit is still awaiting approval from the Army Corps of Engineers, although things look like they are heading in the right direction. Jim believes that Congresswoman Bonamici may have made some phone calls on our behalf. Hoffman construction is working on the access road outside of the stream mitigation areas. From the main line down to the northern areas has been graveled

Monthly Project Report
Jim Henry reported that one of the contractors responsibilities is to check and maintain roads being used for construction traffic. Core samples have been taken along Spruce Drive to monitor conditions.

Bid packages have been going out, and as bids have been coming back, there are typically 2-3 bidders for each package. Bid package one is over the projected budget. Bid package two is
coming is as expected. Bid package three is coming in high, but is still being worked on. The foundation permit was approved and bid package four is being prepared for submittal. There have been many opportunities for local contractors.

Neawanna Creek, along the District’s property at the bus garage and north has been identified as the stream mitigation area for the environmental permit.

The City of Seaside is working on a water reservoir. They have been working with Hoffman and the District to potentially coordinate the reservoir project with the school construction contract to take advantage of the infrastructure for construction that is already in place. There may be some easement agreements necessary for placement of utilities.

Work is beginning on the groundwork for seismic upgrades at the Heights. There is a grant being applied for that could fund up to 2.5 million dollars of this work.

The City of Seaside has been great to work with. Their genuine interest and attention has made many of the necessary processes much easier – it is appreciated!

Spending has not kept up with the projected budget plan. Next month we should see a revision that reflects Hoffman’s “Plan B” which deferred road construction.

Financial Report
Justine Hill reported that by far, this has been our biggest spending month so far – about three million.

Morrissey Video Productions, a local vendor, will be working with Hoffman and the District on a drone video project.

One of the bonds has matured, and has been reinvested in the hopes of more earnings.

Discussions and Recommendations

Jim Henry made a brief announcement about the September 15 groundbreaking event, which will include a BBQ, speakers, groundbreaking, and opportunities for pictures with the large construction equipment. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sheila Roley addressed the group, and Brenna Visser, representative of the Daily Astorian, in particular. Sheila was confused and concerned by the recent article written by R.J. Marx in the Daily Astorian. The article disseminated information that was technically not incorrect, but that was missing important components and misrepresented the District. Sheila then reviewed the facts for the group, explaining the bond premiums, the original sale of bonds, the contingency build into the budget, etc. The committee was appreciative of the clarification. As they expressed, the article has been confusing and concerning for them too. Nathan Crater indicated that he had probably received about two dozen questions from community members because of the article. Brenna Visser expressed that she would share this information with R.J. Marx.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Leslie Garvin
Executive Assistant