

**MARTINEZ UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
OF THE SPECIAL DISCUSSION MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Martinez Unified School District – Board Room  
921 Susana Street  
Martinez, California 94553  
May 2, 2016

**Members Present:**

John L. Fuller  
Bobbi Horack  
Kathi McLaughlin  
Deidre Siguenza  
Jonathan T. Wright

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Rami Muth, Superintendent  
C.J. Cammack, Deputy Superintendent, Personnel  
Services  
Audrey Lee, Director of Curriculum &  
Educational Technology  
Helen Rossi, Director of Student Services and  
Secondary Support

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by President Siguenza.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Diane Deshler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION**

1. Discussion of Potential Bond

President Siguenza began by expressing her hope the Board will continue their good rapport and challenge their thinking. She added they didn't have to rush if more time was needed for any decisions.

Superintendent Muth reviewed the color-coded consensus cards with the Board and gave out color “dots” to rate the six priorities already agreed upon for future projects (page 3 of the Master Facilities Plan). She reminded the Board that being rated #6 does not mean it is not important; it may not be *as* important. The following reflects the Board members’ priorities:

- 1 Aging facilities
- 2 Educational program
- 3 Growth
- 4 Safety
- 5 Equity
- 6 Traffic

The following topics were reviewed to aid in the Board discussion:

**Technology** – (Audrey Lee)

District Technology – Annualized Expenses

Classroom Annualized Costs – Low and High (low being what the district is currently doing)

**Furniture Refresh:** (Diane Deshler)

Cost to refresh the entire district’s furniture - \$4,800,000 (information given at a previous meeting). Ms. Deshler added that furniture is already included in the budgets for the Building K (at AHS) and the new Vicente/Briones school.

**Modernization Guidelines** (Jorge Rico of RGM)

Summary of Modernization Guidelines

Examples of modernization levels at various schools in the District

**Bond Capacity** (Greg Isom of Isom Advisors)

District Bond & Assessed Value History

Tax Rates per \$100,000 and Total Bond Proceeds

Bond Proceeds Analysis Example

Short Life Bonds

Timeline

After board discussion, it was agreed the Board will be asked to provide direction to Bond Counsel to help craft the language for the ballot and resolution at the May 9 board meeting.

The Board reviewed the Master Facilities Plan by school site and offered their thoughts about the various options offered by HY Architects.

**COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, BOARD MEMBERS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Member McLaughlin gave an update about the Board of Supervisors meeting she spoke about at the April 25, 2016 meeting and shared that it was a positive outcome at this point; no decision was made regarding Unit 4D at the County Hospital.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held May 9, 2016.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Board of Education