

**El Paso Independent School District  
Budget Review Committee (BRC)  
Minutes of January 17, 2008– Regular Meeting**

Co-chair for Dr. Rene Rosas was Dean Hester, called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. in the Board Room Conference Room.

**Committee members present**

Rick Chumsae, Pete Euzarraga, Ken Gezelius, Art Werge, and Frances Wever

**EPISD personnel present**

Edward Gabaldon, Walt Byers, Esther Jacobo, Kenneth D. Parker, Martha Piekarski, Teresa Thompson, Richard Romero, Luis Villalobos, Al Anderson, Nick Corona, and William Wachtel

**Board Member present**

David Dodge

**Special Guests present**

Craig Gibson and Marlene Strickler of Dunbar, Broaddus & Gibson, LLP

**Welcome**

Dean Hester welcomed BRC members.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to adopt BRC Minutes for November 15, 2007 was unanimous.

**Presentation of 2006-07 Audit to Include Management Letter**

Craig Gibson and Marlene Strickler distributed the EPISD Annual Financial and Compliance Report, Year Ended August 31, 2007. They reviewed this audit report in detail with Committee.

Dean Hester and Ken Parker thanked Craig Gibson and Marlene Strickler for their presentation.

**Update of 2003/2007 Bond Programs**

Al Anderson, Director for Planning, Engineering & Construction, provided a PowerPoint presentation. (Bond information is accessible on the EPISD website). The update was presented with a history of the 2003 Bond Fund. The 2007 Bond Program projects have been broken up into four bond years:

○ **Year 1**

- construction of five new schools (four elementary schools and one middle school) and one classroom addition
- E-12 Elementary School – located in northwest El Paso; 600 student capacity; @ 87,000 square feet; total bond budget of \$13,787,000 with \$10 million designated for construction
  - Status – schematic design phase is complete
- E-13 Elementary – located on Ft. Bliss property, west of Chapin HS; 600 student capacity; @ 77,000 square feet; construction budget of \$9 million
  - Status – schematic design phase is complete ; working with Ft. Bliss on the land lease; anticipate construction June 2008
- E-15 Elementary – located in the Franklin Hills sub-division in northwest El Paso; 800 student capacity; @ 102,000 square feet; almost \$13 million construction budget
  - Status – schematic design phase is complete
- MS-5 – located in the Franklin Hills sub-division in northwest El Paso; 1,200 student capacity; \$25.5 million construction budget
  - Status – schematic design phase is complete

- E-16 Elementary – located in far northeast El Paso in the Sandstone Ranch sub-division near Nixon Elementary and Richardson Middle School; 600 student capacity; \$8.5 million construction budget
  - Status – schematic design phase turned in this week
- Twenty classroom addition at Coronado HS – \$4.8 million construction budget. This addition will complete the facility for the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Initiative. Half of the new addition will be science rooms and half will be conventional classrooms. This building will have its own administrative area.
- Principal Priority Projects – involves legal/health/safety issues at campuses, primarily of 17 drop-off zones
  - Other campuses need necessary architectural modifications
- **Year 2**
  - A new elementary will be located either in far east El Paso or Sandstone Ranch area. Ft. Bliss is planning a major sub-division near Global Reach on the north side of Montana Blvd past Yarbrough Boulevard.
  - Twelve classroom additions will be built at Chapin and Burges HS (to accommodate 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Initiative), and Richardson MS (to accommodate student growth).
  - Construction of thirteen multipurpose classrooms
  - Miscellaneous roofing projects
- **Year 3**
  - Undertake critical ADA issues
  - Build 10 to 14 classroom additions at Charles and Canyon Hills MS and at Nixon, Polk, and Bond ES
  - Complete remainder of multipurpose classrooms and roofing
- **Year 4**
  - A new high school

**Distribution of December 2007 Financials**

Martha Piekarski presented the December 2007 Financials.

**Questions and Comments from Committee**

There were no questions and comments.

**Closing Comments**

Dean Hester thanked BRC members for attending the meeting today.

The next BRC meeting will resume on Thursday, February 21, 2008.

**Meeting adjourned 8:55 a. m.**