The meeting of the Sonoma County Junior College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was held on February 19, 2014 in B. Robert Burdo Culinary Arts Center, on the Santa Rosa Campus. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon.

Committee Members Present:
Frank Briceno
Pam Chanter
Michael Coutré
Kerry Mahoney Davison
Charles Judson
Paul Kelley
Brett Martinez
Nelson Weller
Joshua Pinaula

Others Present:
Bob Burdo
Rick Call
Donna Beeles
John Pearson
Frank Chong
Tony Ichsan
Doug Roberts
Maria Gaitan
D'Ann Moore
Laura Rivera
Susan St. Clair

1. INTRODUCTIONS
The meeting participants introduced themselves.

Frank Chong gave the group a brief background regarding the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee, stating that when Measure A passed in 2002, an oversight committee of interested citizens was formed. These citizens represent various regional and constituent groups in the area.

Frank Chong continued with a review of the buildings that were built, or upgraded, with the bond funds. He said that those projects were of great benefit to the District. Going forward, there is a need to update facilities to coincide with shifting needs and advances in technology. As one example of many, he said technology in the health care sector is changing rapidly and
SRJC needs to keep its students up-to-date so their skills are current as they enter the workforce.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES, OCTOBER 1, 2013**
The minutes from the committee’s October 1, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
There were no public comments.

4. **BOND PROGRAM EXPENDITURES TO-DATE**
Doug Roberts, Vice President of Business Services, gave an overview of the unaudited schedule of total bond expenditures from inception through February 6, 2014, listing all of the bond projects and expenditures broken out by series, and fiscal year.

Doug Roberts said the total spent, so far, is approximately $267 million. That is more than the original bond because of interest earned and the refinancing of the first issuance of bonds which resulted in a larger premium. Doug continued by saying that last Spring, the District refinanced to reduce the burden to taxpayers. This refinancing resulted in $18 million in savings to local taxpayers.

About $14 million remains in the bond fund to be used for on-going projects.

During a discussion about costs of projects to be completed, Doug Roberts said there is about $1.5 to $2 million in deferred maintenance costs, and $12 million remains after deducting $2 million. Doug said the timeline is to spend about $1 million per year on upgrading tech equipment. There are upgrade requests for “smart classrooms” as well as needs to upgrade instructional equipment to digital so that our students enter the workforce with experience and skills in the latest technology. This is the case in several areas such as health care, automotive, emergency response, and tech careers. He also said there will be a remainder for unexpected repairs/projects.

5. **PROGRESS REPORT ON VARIOUS MEASURE A PROJECTS**
Tony Ichsan, Dean of Facilities Planning and Operations, gave the committee a PowerPoint presentation showing the buildings that were built and the District’s architectural aesthetic.

When Brett Martinez commented that it seems like most of the oversight has already occurred, Frank Chong replied that there is still oversight for the remainder of the bond funds. He also
said that SRJC is exploring going out for another bond which would require an oversight committee.

During a brief discussion the potential bond, Frank Chong said that there will be a survey to poll the public’s opinion, identify the capital needs, and determine what amount would be agreeable to the Board of Trustees.

There was a dialog about upgrading labs. For instance, Bech Hall, the chemistry building, was built in 1967. There is a need for larger lab space, the chemical storage needs to be upgraded for safety, the equipment is outdated, and the ventilation needs to be improved. There has been donated equipment, but not enough for a significant upgrade.

While discussing the need to update older buildings, it was commented that there should be versatility in the buildings to accommodate classroom needs. Pedagogy has changed over the years with online hybrid classes, electronic media, break-out groups, etc., and there is a need for versatile seating for various teaching styles.

When it was suggested that the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee provide a report to the Board of Trustees, Dr. Chong replied that this has been done at other districts and he would talk to Tony Ichsan about that.

The committee adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Date to be announced.