

PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
352 SOUTH HUDSON AVENUE, ROOM 229
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017
6:32 P.M.

REPORTED BY:

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1 MEMBERS PRESENT:

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3 CLIFTON CATES, III, CHAIR

4 QUINCY HOCUTT, VICE CHAIR

5 FRANCIS BOLAND, MEMBER

6 STEVEN COLE, MEMBER

7 LESLIE CROSS, MEMBER

8 GLENN DEVEER, MEMBER

9 CAMILLE DUDLEY, MEMBER

10 MIKE MOHIT, MEMBER

11 WILLIE ORDONEZ, MEMBER

12 JAMES VITALE, MEMBER

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14 MIGUEL PEREZ, FACILITIES

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16 MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

17 RUTHANN AWL

18 JUDY MCKINLEY

19 GEOFFREY COMMONS

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1 WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

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4 MR. CATES: I'M GOING TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AT
5 6:32. WE HAVE A QUORUM OF 9 OUT A TOTAL OF 15 MEMBERS OF
6 THE COMMITTEE THAT ARE OUR FULL COMPLEMENT.

7 PRIMARILY FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS, I WOULD LIKE YOU
8 TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE A REPORTER WHO IS TAKING DOWN
9 EVERYTHING WE SAY. AT THE END OF THE MEETING, SHE WILL
10 PREPARE A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT WHICH IS THE BASIS OF OUR
11 MINUTES, AND ALSO I THINK PROTECTION FOR ALL OF US. SO A
12 COUPLE OF REQUESTS. PLEASE DON'T TALK OVER EACH OTHER
13 BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY THE REPORTER CAN CAPTURE MULTIPLE,
14 SIMULTANEOUS CONVERSATIONS. SECOND, UNTIL SHE GETS TO KNOW
15 YOU OR RECOGNIZE YOUR VOICE, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME BEFORE
16 YOU SPEAK.

17 ALL RIGHT. THE FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS IS THE
18 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OUR MEETING JUNE 21.

19 DOES ANYONE HAVE A COMMENT, A MOTION, AN
20 OBJECTION?

21 QUINCY.

22 MR. HOCUTT: QUINCY. I HAVE A COMMENT AND MAYBE A
23 MOTION. I EMAILED JEN AND ASKED HER IF ANYONE HAD
24 RESPONDED. SHE SAID SHE DID HAVE SOME RESPONSES. SHE
25 INCORPORATED THEM AND SENT THEM TO YOU. SO UNLESS ANYONE

1 HAS AN OBJECTION, I WOULD MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THE MINUTES
2 AS WRITTEN.

3 MR. CATES: DO I HEAR A SECOND?

4 MR. VITALE: THIS IS JIM VITALE, AND I'LL SECOND THE
5 MINUTES.

6 MR. CATES: ANY DISCUSSION? ALL RIGHT.

7 ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF APPROVING OUR JUNE 21, 2017
8 MINUTES AS WRITTEN, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

9 OPPOSED? NONE. ABSTAINED? ONE. THE MINUTES
10 ARE APPROVED.

11 NEXT PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE MOVED THIS FROM THE
12 BOTTOM WHERE IT FREQUENTLY GOT OVERLOOKED TO THE TOP
13 BECAUSE PUBLIC INPUT, WE THINK, IS IMPORTANT. THERE'S BEEN
14 A LOT OF ACTION SINCE THE LAST MEETING. I HOPE YOU'VE HAD
15 AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO ONTO OUR WEBSITE WHICH HAS A NUMBER OF
16 POSTINGS.

17 IS THERE ANY COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC?

18 HEARING NONE, I MOVE ON TO BUSINESS, AND IT IS
19 WITH PLEASURE THAT I WELCOME FIVE NEW MEMBERS OF THE
20 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: JIM VITALE, LESLIE CROSS,
21 FRANCIS BOLAND, CAMILLE DUDLEY, AND MIKE MOHIT.

22 IS THAT CORRECT?

23 MR. MOHIT: THAT'S CORRECT, YES.

24 MR. CATES: I WOULD LIKE EACH OF THE NEW MEMBERS TO
25 INTRODUCE THEM SELF TO THE COMMITTEE, GIVE US ONE OR TWO

1 MINUTES OF YOUR BACKGROUND JUST SO WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA
2 WHO YOU ARE.

3 MR. BOLAND: MY NAME IS FRANCIS BOLAND. I WAS A
4 FINANCIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR 20 YEARS. I'M A RETIRED,
5 STAY-AT-HOME DAD NOW. RESIDENT OF PASADENA FOR 17 YEARS,
6 GOING ON 18 YEARS NOW. I JUST WANTED TO BE INVOLVED, AND I
7 WANTED TO HELP OUT. I HAD TIME AND I HAD A LITTLE BIT
8 OF -- I DIDN'T WANT TO WASTE MY ENTIRE COLLEGE EDUCATION.

9 MR. CATES: OKAY. MIKE.

10 MR. MOHIT: MY NAME IS MIKE MOHIT. I'M A RETIRED
11 ACCOUNTANT OF FINANCIAL ANNUITIES. I HAVE OVER 25 YEARS OF
12 EXPERIENCE IN FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING, AND I AM RETIRED SO I
13 THOUGHT I SHOULD TRY TO HELP MAYBE WITH MY EXPERIENCE IF IT
14 IS POSSIBLE.

15 MR. CATES: WELL, LESLIE, YOU'RE UP. THE NEW MEMBERS
16 ARE INTRODUCING THEMSELVES TO THE COMMITTEE AND GIVING A
17 VERY BRIEF AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

18 MS. CROSS: HI, I'M LESLIE CROSS. THANK YOU FOR
19 HAVING ME JOIN. AND I AM SORRY I'M LATE. MY REASON FOR
20 BEING HERE, IF THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, IS JUST TO
21 TRY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BETTERMENT OF OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM
22 AND OUR OVERALL CONDITION. MY SON IS AT BLAIR, AND SO I
23 HAVE A PERSONAL INTEREST, BUT OVERALL I'D JUST LIKE TO SEE
24 JUST MORE COLLABORATION, GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OVERALL. AND
25 I'VE TRIED TO BE VERY INVOLVED ON THE SCHOOL LEVEL EVERY

1 YEAR THAT MY SON HAS BEEN IN SCHOOL, SO I THINK I'VE BEEN
2 EFFECTIVE THAT WAY, BUT THIS SEEMS LIKE A LITTLE BIT OF A
3 BROADER VIEW OF HOW THINGS WORK, AND I CAN BRING SOME OF MY
4 ASSISTANCE TO THE TABLE. THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR.

5 MR. CATES: GREAT. WELCOME.

6 MS. CROSS: MY BACKGROUND IS IN CONSTRUCTION, AND I'M
7 A REAL ESTATE AGENT FULL TIME NOW. FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS
8 MY EXPERIENCE IS DESIGN BUILD AND JUST GENERAL
9 CONSTRUCTION.

10 MR. CATES: THANK YOU.

11 JIM.

12 MR. VITALE: MY NAME IS JAMES VITALE. I'M AN
13 ARCHITECT. I HAVE OVER HALF A CENTURY OF EXPERIENCE. I
14 WAS THE FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA
15 COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS. I AM WITH THE L.A. OFFICE
16 OF DSA. I WAS PREVIOUSLY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, AND DURING
17 THAT PERIOD ONE OF MY CLIENTS WAS PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL
18 DISTRICT. I WAS THE PROJECT ARCHITECT ON THE RENOVATION OF
19 SIERRA MADRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I ALSO DID WORK ON TWO OF
20 THE SCHOOLS OVER ON THE WEST SIDE OF PASADENA. I'M SORRY,
21 BUT THE NAME ESCAPES ME AT THE MOMENT.

22 I'VE COME TO THIS BECAUSE OF MY INVOLVEMENT WITH
23 THE PRIOR BOND. I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT I KNOW WHERE THE
24 BODIES ARE BURIED. I HAVE SOME CRITICAL CONCERNS ABOUT
25 WHERE WE ARE AT AT THIS POINT, AND THAT'S BEEN REFLECTED

1 JUST IN THE FIRST COUPLE WEEKS OF MEETINGS THAT WE HAVE HAD
2 FROM AN ORIENTATION STANDPOINT.

3 CLIFF AND I HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO EXCHANGE SOME
4 EMAILS WITH REGARDS TO OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS THAT I'VE
5 GOT ON THE AUDIT REPORTS THAT WE'VE HAD. AND, IF ANYTHING,
6 IT IS MY HOPE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD A BRIDGE BETWEEN
7 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DSA THAT FOR SOME REASON IS NOT
8 NECESSARILY THERE, AND I REGRET THE FACT THAT MY EMPLOYER
9 IS BEING BESMIRCHED BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
10 DON'T UNDERSTAND AND DON'T REALIZE THAT THERE'S
11 TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO ALL OF THE INFORMATION INVOLVED
12 WITH THESE PROJECTS. I AM ACTUALLY ASTOUNDED BY THE LACK
13 OF INFORMATION THAT IS UNKNOWN BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
14 AND YET THE INFORMATION IS OUT THERE. SO I AM HERE WITH MY
15 RING OF KEYS TO OPEN THE DOORS AND SAY HERE YOU GO. HAVE
16 FUN. AND WE'LL SEE WHERE WE GO FROM THERE.

17 MR. CATES: THANK YOU.

18 MS. DUDLEY: MY NAME IS CAMILLE DUDLEY, AND I'M AN
19 EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATIONAL
20 YOUTH ORGANIZATION THAT HAS OFFICES ON THE JOHN MUIR
21 CAMPUS. I'VE WORKED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. I
22 STARTED OUT AS AN APPRENTICE CARPENTER, FINISH CARPENTER.
23 I WORKED FOR THE CITY OF L.A. BUILDING AND SAFETY AS A
24 CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANT. I HAVE A CERTIFICATE FROM CAL POLY
25 POMONA IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT. WENT THROUGH USC IN

1 CONSTRUCTION, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, AND I'VE ALSO WORKED
2 AS A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER FOR A NON-PROFIT HOUSING
3 DEVELOPER HERE IN PASADENA.

4 I'M INVOLVED BECAUSE, NUMBER ONE, MY OFFICE IS ON
5 JOHN MUIR CAMPUS, AND I SEE THE DEPLORABLE CONDITION THAT
6 THE CAMPUS IS IN, AND I'M HOPING TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE
7 TO BETTER CONDITIONS AT THE SCHOOL.

8 MR. CATES: I'M SURE YOU WILL. THANK YOU FOR JOINING
9 THE COMMITTEE.

10 NOW I'M GOING TO ASK THE SAME THING OF THE
11 EXISTING MEMBERS SO THAT THE NEW MEMBERS WILL HAVE AT LEAST
12 SOME IDEA OF WHO WE ARE AND WHAT OUR BACKGROUNDS ARE.
13 LET'S START WITH QUINCY.

14 MR. HOCUTT: I WAS HOPING I WOULD GO LAST.

15 MY NAME IS QUINCY HOCUTT. I'VE BEEN ON THIS
16 COMMITTEE FOR TWO YEARS. I'VE LIVED IN PASADENA SINCE
17 1978. SO GOTCH YA. I'M A RETIRED AEROSPACE EXECUTIVE WITH
18 LOCKHEED MARTIN, AND I KNEW A LOT THERE ABOUT BUDGETING AND
19 STATUS OF PROJECTS, ET CETERA. SO THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.

20 MR. ORDONEZ: MY NAME IS WILLIE ORDONEZ. I HAVE A
21 BUSINESS DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE. I WAS A MACHINE
22 OFFICER WITH THE INFANTRY. BACK HOME IN THE PHILIPPINES I
23 WAS INVOLVED IN GENERAL CONTRACTING AND ENGINEERING MOSTLY
24 IN THE U.S. MILITARY BASE AND IN SUBIC BAY WHERE THE 7TH
25 FLEET IS STATIONED. I CAME HERE IN '79. I'VE BEEN LIVING

1 IN ALTADENA SINCE '95.

2 SO ALTHOUGH I'M NOT A RESIDENT OF PASADENA, WE'RE
3 UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE PUSD SO I'M REPRESENTING ALSO
4 SCHOOLS IN THAT AREA. SO I AM VERY THANKFUL THAT I'VE BEEN
5 LEARNING A LOT FROM THIS GROUP SO INVOLVED AND SO CONCERNED
6 NOT ONLY WITH EDUCATION OF OUR FUTURE BUT ALSO HOW WE
7 HANDLE OUR FINANCES. THANK YOU.

8 MR. COLE: I'M STEVE COLE. I'M ALSO A BLAIR PARENT.
9 I HAVE TWO CHILDREN THERE. I'M AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT
10 IN MY DAY TO DAY LIFE WITH AKON, INCORPORATED, AND I'M ALSO
11 THE PTA PRESIDENT AT BLAIR, AND I'M THE OUTGOING COUNCIL
12 TREASURER OF THE COUNCIL PTA AS WELL.

13 MR. CATES: AND VERY IMPORTANT, STEVE IS OUR LIAISON
14 TO THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND
15 WE'LL GET TO THAT SHORTLY.

16 MIGUEL, WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

17 MR. PEREZ: MIGUEL PEREZ. I'M A CIVIL ENGINEER. BEEN
18 WORKING CONSTRUCTION SINCE 1977. I WORK WITH THE SCHOOL
19 DISTRICT FACILITIES. I'M A CONSTRUCTION SPECIALIST, AND
20 I'VE BEEN DESIGNATED TO REPRESENT FACILITIES AT THESE
21 MEETINGS, AND FREQUENTLY I ATTEND ALL MEETINGS.

22 MR. CATES: AND WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU ATTEND. AS I'M
23 SURE MOST, IF NOT ALL OF YOU, KNOW THE DISTRICT IS REQUIRED
24 BY LAW TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO
25 THIS COMMITTEE, AND AMONG OTHER THINGS IT PUBLISHES AND

1 POSTS DOCUMENTS THAT WE GIVE IT.

2 I'M SORRY. GLENN.

3 MR. DEVEER: I DON'T MIND.

4 MR. CATES: LET ME FINISH --

5 MR. DEVEER: YOU'RE ON A ROLL.

6 MR. CATES: LET ME FINISH ABOUT THE DISTRICT.

7 IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIRING THE REPORTER AND
8 PRODUCING A TRANSCRIPT FROM WHICH WE THEN PRODUCE OUR OWN
9 MINUTES.

10 GLENN, YOUR TURN.

11 MS. VANCE: MY NAME IS GLENN DEVEER. I'M BEEN A
12 MEMBER OF THE COC FOR ABOUT 18 MONTHS. I HAVE BEEN A
13 RESIDENT IN PASADENA FOR ABOUT 37 YEARS. I HAVE BOY-GIRL
14 TWINS AT MARSHALL ENTERING THE NINTH GRADE. AND WHEN I'M
15 NOT CHASING THEM AROUND, I PRACTICE ARCHITECTURE. I'M A
16 DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURE FOR AMERICAN GENERAL DESIGN THAT'S
17 OVER HERE ON LOS ROBLES AND CORDOVA.

18 MR. CATES: I'M CLIFF CATES. I'M THE CHAIR OF THE
19 COMMITTEE. HAVE BEEN SINCE MARCH. I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF
20 THIS COMMITTEE SINCE 2014. I'VE LIVED IN PASADENA SINCE
21 1979. MY TWO SONS ARE MUCH TOO OLD TO ATTEND ANY OF THE
22 PASADENA SCHOOLS. AS YOU PROBABLY FIGURED OUT BY NOW, I AM
23 A LAWYER BY TRAINING. AND I THINK THAT WE NOW HAVE A
24 PRETTY GOOD MIX OF BACKGROUNDS -- ARCHITECT, PROGRAM
25 MANAGER, REALTOR, PARENTS, AND THAT'S EXACTLY HOW THE

1 CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IS SUPPOSED TO BE COMPOSED.
2 ALL OF YOUR DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES WILL MAKE OUR WORK
3 BETTER AND OUR LIVES MORE ENJOYABLE.

4 LET ME TAKE SOME TIME TO TALK ABOUT MEMBER
5 RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH IS ITEM IV A III ON THE AGENDA.
6 NOTE I DIDN'T SAY NEW MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES. THESE ARE
7 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES.

8 I HOPE YOU'VE ALL HAD A CHANCE TO VISIT OUR
9 WEBSITE AND READ SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS THERE.
10 THE MOST IMPORTANT IN MY OPINION ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES
11 OF THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. FIRST TO ENSURE THAT
12 PROPOSITION TT FUNDS ARE EXPENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
13 LAW. THE GOVERNING LAW IS THERE ON THE WEBSITE. IT
14 CONSISTS OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, THE EDUCATION
15 CODE, THE BYLAWS, AND THE TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE TT.

16 TO DO THIS WE REVIEW APPROPRIATION REQUESTS BY
17 THE DISTRICT THROUGH THE BOARD. THESE ARE KNOWN AS BOARD
18 REPORTS, AND WE MAKE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DISTRICT
19 AND THE BOARD. OUR SECOND RESPONSIBILITY IS TO ENSURE THAT
20 THERE IS A TIMELY AUDIT BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ONCE A
21 YEAR. THAT WE HAVE DONE REGULARLY. THE AUDIT FOR THE
22 FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE.

23 THE THIRD THING WE'RE REQUIRED TO DO BY LAW IS TO
24 SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT OF OUR ACTIVITIES AND OUR OVERSIGHT
25 FUNCTION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THIS REPORT IS USUALLY

1 COMPLETED SOMETIME IN OCTOBER, AND IN THE PAST THE CHAIR OF
2 THE COMMITTEE HAS MADE AN IN-PERSON PRESENTATION TO THE
3 BOARD IN DECEMBER.

4 THOSE ARE OUR THREE FUNCTIONS. WE HAVE
5 ABSOLUTELY NO ENFORCEMENT POWER. WE ARE AN OVERSIGHT
6 COMMITTEE ONLY. ALL WE HAVE IN OUR FAVOR IS COMMON SENSE
7 AND PUBLICITY, AND WE HOPE THAT COMMON SENSE WILL PREVAIL,
8 AND MAYBE IT TAKES SOME PUBLICITY TO GET IT TO DO SO.

9 ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO THE THEN AUDITORS JUST
10 COULDN'T FINISH AN AUDIT. WHEN IT FINALLY CAME OUT, AS WAS
11 TWO YEARS RUNNING, THE AUDIT WAS ISSUED 23 MONTHS AFTER THE
12 BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR TO WHICH IT PERTAINED.

13 GRETCHEN VANCE, THE FORMER CHAIR OF THE
14 COMMITTEE, AND I WERE NOT HAPPY ABOUT THAT. SO WE
15 PREVAILED UPON THE CHAIR TO CREATE AN AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE
16 WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT, AND WE REPLACED THE AUDITOR, AND
17 SINCE THEN THE AUDITS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED EITHER IN LATE
18 SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER WHICH ISN'T AS QUICKLY AS EXXON
19 MOBILE AND APPLE AND GOOGLE CAN DO IT, BUT IT'S A HELL OF A
20 LOT BETTER THAN WHAT MOST SCHOOL DISTRICTS DO.

21 GRETCHEN VANCE BECAME CHAIR A LITTLE OVER TWO
22 YEARS AGO AND THINGS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY. THIS GROUP WENT
23 FROM BEING A COFFEE CLASH THAT SAT AROUND AND LISTENED TO
24 PEOPLE TELL US ABOUT THE LATEST CONSTRUCTION PROJECT INTO A
25 REAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE I THINK. WE TOOK CONTROL OF OUR

1 AGENDA WHICH FORMERLY HAD SIMPLY BEEN LEFT TO THE DISTRICT.
2 WE TOOK CONTROL OF OUR MINUTES. AS YOU CAN SEE, WE NOW
3 HAVE A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT. WE HAVE EXPANDED THE WEBSITE
4 TO INCLUDE MANY OF THE ACTIONS WE'VE TAKEN, THE STATEMENT
5 OF OUR PURPOSE, THE GOVERNING LAW, ALL OF THAT. WE NOW TRY
6 TO POST ALL OF THE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS.

7 I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE HAS CHECKED OUR WEBSITE,
8 BUT IT WAS UPDATED ABOUT NOON TODAY WITH THE LATEST
9 POSTINGS. THE GOAL, AT LEAST IN MY OPINION, IS TO BETTER
10 INFORM THE PUBLIC OF WHAT WE'RE DOING AND THE DISTRICT AND
11 THE BOARD. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHECK THE WEBSITE REGULARLY.

12 PLEASE BE FAMILIAR WITH THE BOARD REPORTS WHICH,
13 AS I SAY, ARE REQUESTS FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE
14 EXPENDITURE OF PROPOSITION TT FUNDS. NOW, IT'S VERY
15 DIFFICULT TO DO THAT WHEN THEY'RE ISSUED SIX HOURS BEFORE
16 OUR MEETING, AND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO QUINCY FOR QUICKLY
17 DIVING IN, ANALYZING THEM, AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS.

18 MIGUEL, NO CRITICISM OF YOU INTENDED. WHY THE
19 UNTIMELY DELIVERY?

20 MR. PEREZ: I HAVE TO SAY AS SOON I RECEIVED THEM, I
21 FORWARDED THEM TO ALL THE MEMBERS. SO THERE WAS NO DELAY
22 ON MY PART.

23 MR. CATES: I UNDERSTAND. WHEN WERE THEY PREPARED?

24 MR. PEREZ: I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION.

25 MR. CATES: LET ME ASK YOU THIS, AND I'D LIKE YOU TO

1 TAKE THIS QUESTION BACK. THESE BOARD REPORTS ARE DATED
2 WITH A DATE OF THE BOARD MEETING AT WHICH THEY WILL BE
3 CONSIDERED. THEY ARE NOT DATED TO SHOW THE DATE OF
4 PREPARATION. WHY NOT?

5 MR. PEREZ: I CANNOT ANSWER THAT, BUT I WILL ASK YOU
6 TO KINDLY SUBMIT YOUR RECENT REQUEST SPECIFYING WHAT YOU
7 WANT SO WE CAN PROPERLY ADDRESS EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO BE
8 CLARIFIED OR INFORMED ABOUT.

9 MR. CATES: BY THE WAY, UNLESS ANYBODY ON THE
10 COMMITTEE OBJECTS, I INTEND TO WRITE TO THE SUPERINTENDENT
11 A NICE SHORT, POLITE, FIRM LETTER SAYING THAT IN ORDER TO
12 DO OUR JOB, WE NEED A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
13 THESE APPROPRIATION REQUESTS BEFORE THEY GO TO THE
14 FACILITIES COMMITTEE AND THEN THE BOARD, AND AS FAR AS I'M
15 CONCERNED, SIX HOURS ARE NOT ENOUGH.

16 PLEASE TELL NELSON.

17 ALL RIGHT. BOARD REPORTS.

18 ALL MEMBERS, PLEASE INTERACT WITH THE COMMUNITY.
19 YOU'RE ALL FROM THE COMMUNITY. LET THEM KNOW WHAT WE'RE
20 DOING, WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO FOR THEM WHICH IS BASICALLY
21 TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY GET WHAT THEY VOTED FOR. NOTHING
22 MORE, NOTHING LESS. SIMILARLY, LISTEN TO THEIR QUESTIONS
23 AND COMPLAINTS. FREQUENTLY YOU WILL HEAR, FOR EXAMPLE,
24 THAT THE SUPPLIES IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS ARE INADEQUATE. HERE
25 WE ARE STARTING WITH A POT OF MONEY THAT WAS 350 MILLION,

1 ABOUT 120 MILLION LEFT, AND THERE ARE NO WHITEBOARDS.
2 THERE ARE NO ERASERS. NO IPAD CHARGERS. AND THAT'S A
3 SHAME.

4 THE PROBLEM IS THIS IS SOMETHING ON WHICH TT
5 FUNDS CANNOT BE SPENT. IT'S AN ARTIFICIAL DISTINCTION. TT
6 FUNDS ARE BASICALLY LIMITED TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES,
7 CONSTRUCTION REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EQUIPMENT. A LOT
8 OF THE MEMBERS OF PUBLIC QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE DON'T
9 UNDERSTAND THE DISTINCTION. THAT IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF THE
10 SORT OF THING YOU HAVE TO DO.

11 ENCOURAGE THEM TO COME TO THIS MEETING SO THAT
12 THEY CAN SEE HOW GOOD OR BAD WE ARE. ENCOURAGE THEM TO GO
13 ONTO THE WEBSITE. IF ANY PARENT INTERESTED IN BLAIR HIGH
14 SCHOOL WERE TO GO ONTO OUR WEBSITE, HE OR SHE WOULD FIND A
15 DISCUSSION OF BLAIR. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS,
16 COMPLAINTS, PLEASE -- YES. EXCUSE ME.

17 MR. VITALE: SO WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE AS OUR
18 BULLY PULPIT. BECAUSE THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ARE STARVED ED
19 FOR NEWS, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE CREATE A COLUMN FOR
20 ACTIVITIES OF THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT BOARD, AND IT WOULD
21 ADDRESS ON A WEEKLY OR A MONTHLY BASIS WHEN THE MEETINGS
22 ARE GOING TO BE AND TOPICS OF CONVERSATION. NO CRITICISMS,
23 NO ANYTHING. JUST YOU NEED TO KNOW THERE'S GOING TO BE A
24 MEETING ON A SPECIFIC DATE, AND WE'RE GOING TO REVIEW THESE
25 ISSUES.

1 MR. CATES: I THINK THAT'S A GOOD SUGGESTION.

2 MR. VITALE: IT CAN GO INTO BOTH THE STAR NEWS AND THE
3 WEEKLY THROW AWAY WE HAVE AS WELL.

4 MR. CATES: DOES ANYONE --

5 MR. HOCUTT: I HAVE A COMMENT. I LIVE IN WEST
6 PASADENA, AND THERE'S A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CALLED THE
7 WEST PASADENA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, AND THEY PUT THIS
8 MEETING AND THIS AGENDA ON THEIR NEWSLETTER THAT COMES OUT,
9 NOT THAT ANYONE HAS EVER COME HERE BECAUSE OF THAT, BUT THE
10 NEWS PUBLICIZES THAT.

11 MR. CATES: I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. LET ME TELL
12 YOU ONE CONCERN, AND THAT IS ONCE WE INVOLVE THE PRESS,
13 WHICH SO FAR I DELIBERATELY HAVE NOT DONE, IT COULD MAKE
14 THE EXISTING SITUATION EVEN MORE CONTENTIOUS. BECAUSE I
15 DON'T THINK THE PRESS IS SIMPLY INTERESTED IN PUBLICIZING
16 THE TIME AND PLACE OF OUR MEETINGS.

17 ANYWAY, WHAT DOES EVERYONE THINK OF THIS?

18 MR. MOHIT: I AGREE.

19 MS. CROSS: WELL, MY OPINION WOULD BE THAT IF OUR AIM
20 IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC, THE FIRST PRIORITY IN MY MIND
21 WOULD BE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT WHAT TT REALLY CAN DO
22 FOR THE SCHOOLS AT THE FAMILY LEVEL, LIKE THE FAMILY, THE
23 GENERAL CONSTITUENTS WHO VOTE FOR TT. PEOPLE WHO EXPECT TO
24 SEE ALMOST AN INSTANT IMPROVEMENT, THE EDUCATION OF THAT
25 GROUP OF PEOPLE REALLY REQUIRES THEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT

1 THESE ARE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND NOT WHITEBOARDS AND
2 ERASERS WHICH OUR KIDS REALLY ARE LACKING. IF THERE WAS A
3 PRESS INVOLVEMENT, IT SEEMS LIKE IT SHOULD BE MORE
4 EDUCATIONAL AND NOT JUST STIR A POT OR NOT TO FLARE A FIRE.
5 YOU KNOW, JUST TO MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE COLLABORATIVE SO
6 THAT FAMILIES DO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A COMMITTEE HERE
7 THAT IS LOOKING OUT FOR THEIR BEST INTERESTS, BUT, HOWEVER,
8 IT'S A LONG-TERM PROSPECT. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT OUR
9 KIDS ARE GOING TO NOTICE OVERNIGHT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE
10 \$5,000 TO THROW AT A BUNCH OF WHITEBOARDS IN A CLASSROOM.
11 WE REALLY DO NEED TO THINK MORE ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE
12 MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, AND PLUMBING PARTS OF THE BUILDING,
13 AND THAT'S WHERE THIS MONEY GOES TO. SO, I MEAN, I DON'T
14 KNOW HOW YOU DO IT IN THE MOST DIPLOMATIC WAY, BUT I'M JUST
15 SAYING IF THE PRESS WAS INVOLVED, EDUCATION FOR THE
16 CONSTITUENTS HAS TO BE THE PRIMARY FOCUS. IT'S JUST MY
17 OPINION.

18 MR. CATES: POINT WELL TAKEN. I'M NOT SURE -- YES.

19 MS. MCKINLEY: THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO PUT
20 IN A PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING THE NEW MEMBERS BEING PUT ON
21 THE COMMITTEE AND JUST SAY A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT THE COC
22 AND WHAT IT DOES AND WHEN IT MEETS WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING
23 THAT'S GOING TO CAUSE ANY ISSUES.

24 MR. CATES: GOOD POINT. SO HOW DO WE DO IT?

25 MS. CROSS: ASSIGN SOMEONE TO MAKE A STATEMENT, YOU

1 KNOW, ABOUT NEW MEMBERS. YOU KNOW, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY
2 THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE TAKEN.

3 MR. VITALE: WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR, I
4 HAPPEN TO BE NEIGHBORS TO THE ASSISTANT EDITOR FOR THE
5 WEEKLY RAG THAT GOES OUT, AT THE SAME TIME WE'VE HAD
6 CONTACT IN THE PAST WITH THE STAR NEWS. I WOULD BE WILLING
7 TO MAKE AN INQUIRY TO SEE WHO THE CONTACT PERSON WOULD BE
8 AND THE RECEPTIVITY. AT THAT POINT, THOUGH, THE DRAFTING
9 OF ARTICLES WOULD NEED TO BE, I BELIEVE, RUN BY THE CHAIR
10 TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LANGUAGE IS SEEN AS BEING NON-OFFENSE
11 AND NON-THREATENING IN ANY WAY BEFORE WE SUBMIT IT TO THE
12 INDIVIDUAL PAPERS FOR, YOU KNOW, CONSIDERING PUBLISHING.

13 MR. CATES: YOU KNOW WHEN I WAS IN THE MILITARY,
14 SENIOR OFFICERS WOULD ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS, AND THOSE WITH
15 THE BEST SUGGESTIONS WERE VOLUNTEERED. SO, JAMES AND
16 LESLIE, HOW ABOUT THE TWO OF YOU GET TOGETHER AND MAKE THIS
17 HAPPEN.

18 MR. VITALE: LET ME ALSO QUALIFY THAT AS YOU AND I
19 DISCUSSED EARLIER TODAY, THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY OF MY
20 INCLUSION ON ANOTHER COMMITTEE WHICH IN TURN WOULD COMMAND
21 A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MY TIME. TO BE INVOLVED IN BOTH OF
22 THOSE THINGS I WOULD HAVE SOME CONCERN ABOUT TIME
23 COMMITMENT.

24 MR. CATES: I ASSURE YOU THAT WHAT I'M ASKING THE TWO
25 OF YOU TO DO WILL NOT, I THINK, TAKE A LOT OF TIME, AND THE

1 AUDIT, THE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WHICH YOU VOLUNTEERED,
2 TAKES A FAIR AMOUNT BUT ONLY IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.
3 I WILL LEAVE IT UP TO YOU. IF YOU THINK IT'S TOO MUCH,
4 WE'LL HAVE LESLIE DO IT.

5 MR. HOCUTT: WE HAVE A PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

6 MR. CATES: WE DO.

7 MR. HOCUTT: I'M NOT SURE --

8 MR. CATES: DIANA AND WILLIE.

9 MS. CROSS: CAMILLE SAID SHE WANTED TO DO OUTREACH.

10 MS. DUDLEY: YEAH. I WRITE.

11 MR. HOCUTT: WE COULD EXPAND THAT COMMITTEE.

12 MR. CATES: I DON'T KNOW IF THE NEW MEMBERS KNOW. WE
13 HAVE SEVERAL SUBCOMMITTEES. WE HAVE AUDIT. WE HAVE PUBLIC
14 OUTREACH. WE HAVE MINUTES. WE HAVE WEBSITE.

15 MR. HOCUTT: THERE'S A TON OF THEM. I DIDN'T BRING MY
16 LIST.

17 MR. CATES: YES. CAMILLE, YOU'RE APPOINTED. BY THE
18 WAY, THE CHAIR HAS THE ABILITY TO APPOINT AND REMOVE
19 MEMBERS OF SUBCOMMITTEES.

20 MS. CROSS: SO WAS I JUST REMOVED?

21 MR. CATES: NO, NO. YOU'RE STUCK.

22 MS. CROSS: I'LL DO WHATEVER CAMILLE TELLS ME TO DO.

23 MR. CATES: I'LL LET YOU ALL COORDINATE. TWO CAVEATS.
24 FIRST, ANYTHING THAT'S RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, I WOULD LIKE
25 TO REVIEW FIRST. SECOND, WE NEED TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT

1 DEALING DIRECTLY WITH DISTRICT EMPLOYEES. THE
2 SUPERINTENDENT HAS TOLD ME IN WRITING THAT ANY REQUESTS ARE
3 TO BE DIRECTED SOLELY AT HIM. NOW, THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE
4 MINISTERIAL MATTERS LIKE THE DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS, BUT
5 IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE FOR ANY OF YOU TO GO TO
6 DISTRICT EMPLOYEES, PARTICULARLY FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
7 EMPLOYEES, AND ASK THEM TO DO SOMETHING.

8 MR. BOLAND: IT'S A GOOD TIME FOR ME TO TELL YOU --
9 I'M SURE IT DOESN'T APPLY TO NELSON -- BUT I MET WITH
10 NELSON ON MONDAY WITH LESLIE, AND HE'S A VERY NICE GUY AS
11 FAR AS I'M CONCERNED. HE WAS VERY OPEN WITH US, AND HE
12 GAVE US PLENTY OF HIS TIME.

13 WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS A BETTER ATMOSPHERE,
14 A BETTER WORKING ENVIRONMENT IN THIS COMMITTEE. I SEEM TO
15 SEE A LOT OF FOCUS ON CONTENTIOUS ITEMS OR CONTENTIOUS
16 RELATIONSHIPS, AND I'M WILLING TO GRANT THE FACT THAT I
17 HAVEN'T BEEN HERE TO SEE HOW THAT DEVELOPED. SO I'M
18 WILLING TO PUT IN THE TIME AND FIND OUT HOW YOU DO
19 BUSINESS. I COULD NOT STEP INTO THIS COMMITTEE AND DO YOUR
20 JOB SO I WANT TO LEARN FROM YOU HOW TO DO IT. BUT I'VE GOT
21 TO TELL YOU THAT MY INITIAL IMPRESSION IS YOU NEED TO HAVE
22 A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GUYS YOU'RE WORKING WITH,
23 PARTICULARLY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE FACILITIES.

24 IF YOU WANT EARLIER DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS, I'M
25 HAPPY TO GO TALK TO NELSON WITH YOU ABOUT IT. I BET YOU I

1 COULD WORK IT OUT WITH HIM.

2 MS. CROSS: I AGREE.

3 MR. CATES: THAT IS THE VERY THING I DO NOT WANT. I
4 DON'T WANT PEOPLE FLYING SOLO PARTICULARLY SINCE THE
5 SUPERINTENDENT HAS DIRECTED US IN WRITING.

6 MR. BOLAND: YOU KNOW WHAT? I CALLED NELSON'S OFFICE
7 AND ASKED IF HE HAD TIME TO MEET WITH ME AS A NEW MEMBER.
8 HE SAID HE DID. I THINK HE'S IN CHARGE OF HIS SCHEDULE.
9 I DON'T THINK THE SUPERINTENDENT HAS A PROBLEM WITH NELSON
10 RUNNING HIS OWN DAY. SO IF NELSON SAID HE HAD TIME TO MEET
11 WITH ME AND I WANT TO EDUCATE MYSELF AS TO WHAT I'M GETTING
12 INTO, AND I'M HAPPY TO SIT HERE AND HEAR YOUR SIDE OF
13 THINGS ALL DAY LONG, BUT I'M GOING TO HEAR HIS SIDE OF IT
14 TOO ALL DAY LONG. I'M NOT GOING TO SIGN UP FOR A COMMITTEE
15 AND BE TOLD HOW I'M GOING TO RELATE TO PEOPLE. I'M NOT
16 GOING TO DO THAT.

17 MR. CATES: NO, WE'RE NOT DOING THAT. YOU ARE FREE TO
18 MEET WITH NELSON, BUT NOT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF THE COMMITTEE.

19 MR. BOLAND: I DID NOT SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ANYBODY.

20 MR. CATES: OKAY. ALL RIGHT. PARTICULARLY SINCE THAT
21 DIRECTION CAME FROM NELSON'S BOSS.

22 MR. BOLAND: I READ THE LETTER THAT YOU GOT. IT SAYS
23 DON'T GO BEHIND NELSON'S BACK ASKING TO MEET WITH HIS
24 EMPLOYEES. SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT. SO THAT'S FINE. I
25 DIDN'T DO THAT. I WENT AND MET WITH NELSON, AND I ASKED

1 FIRST, AND ALSO I ASKED GRETCHEN FIRST IF THAT WOULD BE ALL
2 RIGHT, AND I ASKED HIM IN THE FIRST MEETING I WENT TO IF
3 THAT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT, AND I WAS TOLD THAT WOULD BE ALL
4 RIGHT. I ALSO DID NOT SPEAK OUT OF SCHOOL, AND I ONLY
5 SPEAK FOR MYSELF WHEN I SPEAK.

6 MR. CATES: OKAY. PLEASE MAKE THAT CLEAR BECAUSE IF
7 YOU DON'T, I WILL BE THE ONE WHO HEARS ABOUT IT.

8 MR. BOLAND: I'M SURE.

9 MR. CATES: AND I DON'T WANT TO.

10 MR. BOLAND: THIS WAS A PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE MEETING.
11 AND I THINK A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ONE TO BE HONEST. FROM
12 WHAT I'M HEARING FROM NELSON, IT'S THE SAME THING I HEARD
13 FROM GRETCHEN THE OTHER NIGHT. EVERYBODY WOULD LIKE A MORE
14 COLLABORATIVE ATMOSPHERE. YOU HAVE GOOD WORK TO DO IN THIS
15 COMMITTEE, AND WE ALL DO, AND I THINK WE SHOULD GET DOWN TO
16 DOING IT RATHER THAN TALKING ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET
17 AT SOMEBODY. THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING.

18 MR. CATES: EXCUSE ME. OUR PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY
19 BY LAW IS TO MAKE SURE THAT TT FUNDS ARE SPENT LEGALLY.
20 THEY AREN'T BEING.

21 MR. BOLAND: THAT I'M INTERESTED IN.

22 MR. CATES: HOW DO YOU HAVE A GOOD WORKING
23 RELATIONSHIP WHEN THE DISTRICT IS VIOLATING THE LAW DESPITE
24 REPEATED WARNINGS? AS I SAID IN ONE OF THE LETTERS, I'M
25 ALL IN FAVOR OF A GREAT WORKING RELATIONSHIP, BUT IT STARTS

1 WITH THE DISTRICT'S COMPLYING WITH THE LAW.

2 MR. BOLAND: NOW YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE LEGAL
3 EXPENSES?

4 MR. CATES: AMONG OTHERS, YES. DO YOU AGREE THAT THE
5 AUTHORIZATION PERMITS THE ILLEGAL EXPENDITURE OF TT FUNDS?

6 MR. BOLAND: I KIND OF AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT. I
7 THINK IT NEEDS TO BE CLEARED UP A LITTLE BIT. I LOOKED AT
8 THE CONTRACT. WE AGREED TO PAY ON AN HOURLY RATE TO THE
9 VARIOUS PRINCIPALS IN THE FIRM. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE
10 TOLD WHAT WE WERE BILLED FOR. THERE MIGHT BE A SITUATION
11 WHERE YOU HAVE TO PRO-RATE THAT BILL A LITTLE BIT. BUT
12 THAT'S THE KIND OF THING THAT'S WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE TWO
13 PARTIES THAT HAVE A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP, YOU KNOW,
14 AND NOT TWO PARTIES THAT ARE TRYING TO HIDE THINGS FROM
15 EACH OTHER. SO IF ONE FEELS IT'S BEING ATTACKED AND ONE
16 FEELS IT'S BEING TREATED LIKE A MUSHROOM, KEPT IN THE DARK
17 AND COVERED WITH DIRT, THEN THAT'S NOT A GOOD RELATIONSHIP.

18 MR. CATES: WELL, IT ISN'T. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

19 WE'LL MOVE ON TO BOARD REPORTS 114 AND 113 IN A
20 MOMENT. I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF A GOOD RELATIONSHIP, BUT I
21 WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO PREVENT A VIOLATION OF LAW.

22 MR. BOLAND: AS WILL I. I HAVE TWO KIDS IN THE
23 DISTRICT AS WELL, AND I THINK IT'S GOOD WORK LIKE YOU SAID,
24 BUT HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU CAUGHT THEM TRYING TO DO
25 SOMETHING ILLEGAL?

1 MR. CATES: MULTIPLE. MULTIPLE AND THERE HAVE BEEN
2 MULTIPLE WARNINGS.

3 MR. BOLAND: IS THAT TWO?

4 MR. CATES: NO. ON THE LEGAL FEES THERE ARE FIVE.

5 MR. BOLAND: OKAY.

6 MR. CATES: DO YOU THINK THAT'S ENOUGH?

7 MR. BOLAND: IT'S ALL THE SAME ISSUE?

8 MR. CATES: YES.

9 MR. BOLAND: IT'S AN EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING
10 CONTRACT. I READ IT. I'M FAMILIAR WITH IT.

11 MR. CATES: A COUPLE MORE COMMENTS, AND THEN WE'LL
12 MOVE ON.

13 MR. HOCUTT: I THINK BEFORE THAT I THINK LESLIE HAD A
14 COMMENT.

15 MR. CATES: I'M SORRY.

16 MS. CROSS: I WAS JUST GOING TO ADD TO WHAT FRANCIS
17 WAS SAYING BECAUSE WHEN HE AND I DECIDED TO MEET WITH
18 NELSON TOGETHER, IT WAS REALLY BECAUSE WHEN I CAME HERE
19 EARLIER TOGETHER TO KIND OF A PRE-EXPOSURE TO THIS MEETING,
20 THAT WE WERE GOING TO ASK IF THERE WOULD BE ROOM IN THIS
21 COMMITTEE FOR A COLLABORATION SUBCOMMITTEE. SOMETHING THAT
22 WAS MORE FOCUSED ON BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND GETTING
23 COLLABORATIVE REWARDS FROM THOSE RELATIONSHIPS. SO WE CAN
24 GET, YOU KNOW, POSSIBLY SOME INSIGHT TO WHAT DELAYS THESE
25 REPORTS HAVE COMING FROM FACILITIES. BUT IF THERE'S ROOM

1 FOR A COLLABORATION SUBCOMMITTEE OR SOME KIND OF
2 COLLABORATIVE EFFORT, THAT'S WHY WE JOINED EFFORT ON THIS
3 JUST TO EDUCATE OURSELVES ABOUT WHAT OF THE CHALLENGES
4 WOULD BE IF WE PURSUED THIS.

5 NELSON WAS VERY OPEN WITH US, AND WE DIDN'T SPEAK
6 ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE. WE JUST WENT TO KIND OF
7 EDUCATE OURSELVES ON HIS PERSPECTIVE, AND, YOU KNOW, HE
8 MADE IT CLEAR TO US THAT WHEN HE CAME INTO THIS ROLE THAT
9 HIS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AND HIS INTENTION WAS TO REALLY
10 DIG INTO WHAT WAS WRONG WITH WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND TRY TO
11 CORRECT THE PROBLEMS. SO IF WE COLLABORATE AND EVERYBODY'S
12 INTENT IS THE SAME, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE THE SITUATION
13 MUCH BETTER.

14 MR. CATES: WELL, I HOPE SO. LET ME TAKE THAT UNDER
15 SUBMISSION, BUT MAKE THIS REQUEST TO ALL THE NEW MEMBERS.
16 I WANT YOU TO READ ALL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE LAST YEAR.
17 THOSE LAY OUT IN EXCRUCIATING DETAIL WHAT WE'VE DONE, WHAT
18 WE'VE TRIED TO DO, AND WHAT HASN'T WORKED. SO THESE DON'T
19 REFLECT MY POINT OF VIEW OR NELSON'S, BUT I WANT YOU TO SEE
20 WHAT THE HISTORY HAS BEEN.

21 MR. BOLAND: I'VE BEEN READING THEM.

22 MR. CATES: FOR THE PAST YEAR?

23 MR. BOLAND: I HAVEN'T DONE THE WHOLE YEAR YET.

24 MR. VITALE: YOU HAVE TO GO BACK FARTHER THAN A YEAR.
25 YOU HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING. THERE'S A GAP THERE.

1 MR. CATES: A YEAR WOULD BE A GOOD START. IT'S NOT
2 THAT WE HAVEN'T TRIED.

3 MR. BOLAND: AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT, AND I'M NOT
4 TRYING TO OFFEND ANYBODY. I'M NOT TRYING TO COME IN HERE
5 AND BE OFFENSIVE TO YOU OR ANYBODY ELSE. I'M JUST SAYING
6 THAT MY INITIAL IMPRESSION, I LIKE TO GET ALONG WITH
7 PEOPLE, AND SO FAR NOBODY HAS DONE ANYTHING TO ME TO MAKE
8 ME NOT GET ALONG WITH THEM SO I WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT THAT
9 WAY.

10 MR. CATES: ME TOO. IT MAKES IT MORE PLEASANT FOR
11 EVERYONE. OUR MISSION IS NOT TO NOT GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE.
12 WE ARE AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. WE ARE AS POPULAR AS THE
13 PERMANENT GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS.
14 NOBODY LIKES OVERSIGHT. IT'S OUR JOB.

15 OKAY. PLEASE COME TO THE MEETINGS. I KNOW YOU
16 ALL HAVE. YOUR ATTENDANCE IS BETTER THAN THOSE OF EXISTING
17 MEMBERS. PLEASE REVIEW THE DOCUMENTS THAT ARE DISTRIBUTED
18 IN CONNECTION WITH EACH MEETING.

19 ONE FINAL WORD ABOUT THE BROWN ACT. I IMAGINE
20 MOST OF YOU KNOW ABOUT IT. IT'S BASICALLY THE CALIFORNIA
21 OPEN MEETINGS LAW, AND IT SAYS IN EFFECT THAT WE HAVE TO
22 CONDUCT OUR MEETINGS IN PUBLIC WHICH WE'RE DOING RIGHT NOW.
23 AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THAT MEANS THAT WE CAN'T MEET BY
24 EMAIL OR PHONE. NOW, I CAN EXCHANGE MESSAGES WITH ONE OR
25 TWO OR THREE OR FOUR OF YOU BUT NOT WITH A QUORUM. THAT'S

1 AGAINST THE LAW. IT'S DIFFERENT TO SAY HERE'S A DOCUMENT
2 THAT, YOU KNOW, WAS JUST MADE AVAILABLE TO US, BUT WE CAN'T
3 DO BUSINESS BY EMAIL OR PHONE. IT'S GOT TO BE IN PUBLIC,
4 AND SOMETIMES THAT'S HARD. THAT'S HARD TO DO.

5 ALL RIGHT. THAT'S MY OVERVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE.

6 NEXT UP REPORT BY CHIEF OF FACILITIES.

7 MR. PEREZ: FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
8 COMMENT, TWO COMMENTS IN REGARDS TO THINGS THAT WERE RAISED
9 AT THE LAST MEETING. THERE WERE DOUBTS BY SOME OF THE
10 MEMBERS ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA
11 ENERGY COMMISSION.

12 I SENT QUINCY AN EMAIL, BUT I HAVE TO STATE THAT
13 THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION APPROVED PUSD FOR
14 2016-2017 ENERGY EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR 2,970,437. SO THESE
15 FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. OUR PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED, SO WE
16 HAVE \$2,970,437.

17 MR. HOCUTT: QUESTION. WAS THAT EVERYTHING WE ASKED
18 FOR?

19 MR. PEREZ: I CANNOT TELL YOU MORE THAN WHAT I HAVE.

20 MR. HOCUTT: THE REASON I ASK IS THAT ONE OF THE BOARD
21 MEMBERS TOLD ME THAT NOT EVERYTHING WE HAD REQUESTED WAS
22 APPROVED, AND WE WERE GOING BACK FOR MORE FUNDS; IS THAT
23 TRUE?

24 MR. PEREZ: I DID NOT DIG INTO IT. I JUST WANTED TO
25 CLARIFY THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE. THE QUESTION AT THE

1 MEETING WAS ARE THESE FUNDS AVAILABLE, AND MY ANSWER IS
2 YES. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, PLEASE SEND IT THE REGULAR
3 WAY IN WRITING SO WE CAN RESPOND TO IT IN A CLEAR AND
4 CONCISE MANNER.

5 MR. VITALE: MIGUEL, IF I UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY, THESE
6 ARE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS TO OUR BOND FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FOR
7 ENERGY PROJECTS AS WE CHOOSE OR SELECT, OR DOES IT REQUIRE
8 THEIR APPROVAL OF THE PROJECTS PRIOR TO EXPENDITURE OF THE
9 FUNDS?

10 MR. PEREZ: WELL, I'M NOT VERY FAMILIAR WITH THIS, AND
11 I WILL REPEAT IT. THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION APPROVE
12 THOSE FUNDS. SO THAT'S THE MONEY WE HAVE, AND WE CAN USE
13 IN CONJUNCTION WITH WHATEVER OTHER FUNDS WE HAVE. SO I
14 UNDERSTAND FROM THIS THAT WE CAN USE PART OF THESE FUNDS
15 FOR BOILER REPLACEMENT AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND IN
16 SCHOOLS THAT OTHER PROJECTS ARE ONGOING. I'M NOT AN EXPERT
17 ON THE MATTER. I JUST WANTED TO BE SPECIFIC AND CLARIFY.
18 IF YOU MAKE A TEST OUT OF MY KNOWLEDGE OF THIS MATTER, I
19 WILL FLUNK IT. I HAVE NOT STUDIED THE MATTER. I JUST
20 WANTED TO MAKE THIS CLARIFICATION.

21 MR. HOCUTT: I HAVE ONE COMMENT. WHAT I HAVE BEEN
22 TOLD BY A BOARD MEMBER IS THAT WE MAKE A REQUEST FOR FUNDS
23 FOR A SPECIFIC PROJECT, AND THOSE FUNDS ARE APPROVED, AND
24 THAT'S THE APPROVAL THAT HE'S GOTTEN. SO THE ANSWER TO
25 YOUR QUESTION, YES, WE ASK FOR IT TO DO SOMETHING. WE NEED

1 A NEW AIR CONDITIONER.

2 MR. VITALE: SO THEY ARE ATTACHED TO A PRECONCEIVED
3 LIST THAT WE HAVE GIVEN TO THEM?

4 MR. HOCUTT: THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

5 MR. PEREZ: MY UNDERSTANDING TOO.

6 MR. VITALE: WILL WE BE PRESENTED WITH A COPY OF THAT
7 LIST OF PROJECTS THEN?

8 MR. PEREZ: THIS IS A MEASURE TT, AND I DON'T KNOW IF
9 THAT'S WITHIN YOUR SCOPE OF WORK. BUT IT HAS BEEN SAID
10 HERE MANY TIMES THAT WE WANT TRANSPARENCY AND CLARITY, AND
11 AS I SAID, IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS OR REQUIRE INFORMATION,
12 SEND US A REQUEST WITH ALL YOU WANT, AND I'M SURE THE
13 DEPARTMENT WILL PROPERLY ANSWER YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

14 MR. CATES: HOW DOES THIS GRANT AFFECT THE EXPENDITURE
15 OF TT FUNDS?

16 MR. PEREZ: I CANNOT TELL YOU. IF YOU WANT TO DIG
17 MORE INTO THIS, WRITE EVERYTHING DOWN AND SEND IT TO US.
18 THE WAY I SEE IT -- I'M NOT AN EXPERT ON THE MATTER AS I
19 SAID BEFORE -- IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE BETTER ENERGY
20 MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE BETTER COOLING
21 SYSTEMS AND A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS. IN REGARDS TO YOUR
22 QUESTIONS, IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THIS, WHERE WOULD THIS
23 IMPROVEMENT COME? WELL, I IMAGINE ONE OF THE SOURCES WOULD
24 BE MEASURE TT. ALL OF THAT WOULD COME FROM MEASURE TT?
25 NOT NECESSARILY. WE HAVE OTHER FUNDS. BUT DON'T TRY TO

1 DIG INTO SOMETHING I CANNOT PROVIDE YOU A PROPER ANSWER.
2 JUST GIVE THE INFORMATION. WE HAVE 2.9 MILLION AVAILABLE
3 ON APPROVED PLANS. OKAY? IF YOU WANT SOME MORE, PLEASE
4 SEND ME A REQUEST. NOT ME, SEND IT THROUGH THE PROPER
5 CHANNELS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

6 MR. HOCUTT: LET ME ADD ONE THING FOR CLARITY FOR
7 EVERYONE IN HERE. IT IS TRUE THAT THERE ARE MANY SOURCES
8 OF FUNDS THAT THE DISTRICT HAS TO DO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.
9 THE MAIN ONE IS MEASURE TT. THERE ARE OTHERS. ONE OF THEM
10 IS, AS YOU JUST SAID, PROPOSITION 39 CLEAN ENERGY -- I
11 FORGET. AS AN EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE BOARD REPORTS WE WENT
12 THROUGH LAST MONTH WAS 1202 WHICH WAS TALKING ABOUT
13 SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC PERFORMING AN ENERGY SYSTEM UPGRADE AT
14 MARSHALL FUNDAMENTAL. THEY WERE GOING TO SPEND -- THE
15 TOTAL CONTRACT PROPOSAL WAS \$3.4 MILLION. 910,000 OF THAT
16 WOULD COME FROM MEASURE TT. THE REMAINDER OF 2.5 MILLION
17 WOULD COME FROM THIS PROPOSITION 39 CLEAN ENERGY.

18 THERE ARE ALSO OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS SUCH AS
19 PRIVATE DONATIONS. IF YOU WANT TO BUILD A GYM FOR ONE OF
20 THE SCHOOLS, FEEL FREE TO WRITE A CHECK, AND THE DISTRICT
21 WILL TAKE IT. THERE ARE CITY MATCHING FUNDS FOR FACILITIES
22 THAT HAVE JOINT USE FOR ONE OF THE GYMNASIUMS, AND I THINK
23 EVEN OVER AT MCKINLEY I THINK THE CITY HAS PUMPED IN SOME
24 MONEY SO THAT THE CITY CAN ALSO TAKE USE OF SOME OF THE
25 BASKETBALL COURTS FOR EXAMPLE. THERE ARE OTHER FUNDS.

1 MIGUEL IS QUITE CORRECT. ALL WE HAVE AUTHORITY TO LOOK AT
2 IS MEASURE TT, BUT WHEN THEY'RE MENTIONED IN THE BOARD
3 REPORTS, WE CAN TAKE NOTICE OF THAT AND ASK IS IT TRUE THAT
4 WE GOT THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM PROPOSITION 39, AND THAT'S
5 WHY MIGUEL IS RESPONDING TO US. BECAUSE LAST TIME WE ASKED
6 IS IT TRUE THAT WE HAVE THE MONEY, AND MIGUEL WAS SAYING
7 YES, IT IS.

8 MR. PEREZ: I SAY IT THEN, AND I REPEAT IT NOW.

9 ALSO GOING TO THE LAST MEETING, I WAS ASKED TO
10 PROVIDE THE COST OF THE STENOGRAPHER TO EXPEDITE. THERE
11 WERE SOME ISSUES IN REGARD TO THE TIME WE GET THE VERBATIM
12 AND THE MEETING MINUTES, AND THE INFORMATION IS THE
13 FOLLOWING. IF WE HAVE A 100 PAGE DOCUMENT, THE COST WILL
14 VARY FROM \$650 TO \$65 FOR ONE TO TEN DAYS. THIS MEANS THAT
15 IF WE WANT THE VERBATIM, ONE DAY IT WOULD COST \$650. IF WE
16 WAIT TEN DAYS, IT WILL COST 65. THESE ARE CALENDAR DAYS.
17 AND THE 11TH DAY THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE, ADDITIONAL CHARGE
18 FOR EXPEDITE. AND THIS IS FOR 100 PAGE DOCUMENT. AND I
19 DID THE MATHEMATICAL EXERCISE, AND WE TALK ABOUT 150 PAGE
20 DOCUMENT, THE RANGE VARIES FROM \$975 TO \$97.50 FROM ONE DAY
21 TO TEN DAYS.

22 MR. DEVEER: THAT'S THE TURN AROUND TIME?

23 MR. PEREZ: YES. OF THE VERBATIM. USUALLY I'VE BEEN
24 LUCKY TO COMPLETE THE MINUTES IN A COUPLE OF DAYS, AND
25 THESE DAYS I'M TALKING ABOUT ARE CALENDAR WORKING DAYS.

1 YOU KNOW, NOT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY DO NOT COUNT. WORKING
2 DAYS, NOT CALENDAR DAYS.

3 MR. DEVEER: QUESTION TO THE CHAIR. WHEN DOES JEN
4 USUALLY RECEIVE THE TRANSCRIBED MINUTES?

5 MR. HOCUTT: I THINK OUR AGREEMENT WAS LIKE TO GET IT
6 TURNED BACK TO US WITHIN TEN DAYS.

7 MR. DEVEER: IT SOUNDS TO ME IF WE WAIT 11, WE WOULD
8 ALMOST GET IT FOR FREE.

9 MR. CATES: YEAH. \$65 PER HUNDRED PAGES.

10 THE COURT REPORTER: I DON'T THINK THAT'S RIGHT.

11 MR. CATES: THE REPORTER'S COMMENT IS WELL TAKEN.
12 THOSE NUMBERS DON'T SOUND RIGHT TO THIS LAWYER, BUT I'LL
13 TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD. I HAVE NO DESIRE TO RUN UP THE TAB
14 ON THE DISTRICT. IF WE CAN GET THE TRANSCRIPT IN 11 DAYS,
15 THEN MIGUEL CAN PRODUCE A FIRST DRAFT OF THE MINUTES IN A
16 COUPLE, AND WE THEN HAVE TWO WEEKS TO WRITE THE MINUTES FOR
17 THE NEXT MEETING.

18 DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO EVERYONE?

19 MR. HOCUTT: IT DOES TO ME.

20 MR. DEVEER: IT DOES TO ME.

21 MR. CATES: WHY DON'T WE DO IT THAT WAY.

22 BUT WILL YOU PLEASE CHECK ON THE ACTUAL COST
23 BECAUSE NOBODY MAKES A LIVING AT \$65 FOR 100 PAGES.

24 MR. PEREZ: I HAVE A COMMUNICATION FROM APLUS
25 REPORTERS, AND I PREPARE A SPREADSHEET WITH EVERYTHING ON

1 IT.

2 MR. CATES: WELL, I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.

3 MR. PEREZ: I GUESS I WOULD GO INTO IN A IV B I,
4 CURRENT PROJECTS.

5 MR. HOCUTT: BEFORE YOU DO CAN I ADD ONE MORE COMMENT?

6 FOR THE NEW MEMBERS, INDEED WE DO GET A VERBATIM
7 TRANSCRIPT. WE USED TO GET A RECORDING WHICH IS ALMOST
8 USELESS. BUT SOMETHING, EITHER A RECORDING OR A TRANSCRIPT
9 IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO HAVE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC. SO
10 WE'VE GONE WITH THE WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT BECAUSE IT'S MUCH
11 EASIER TO DO. BASED UPON THAT, THE DISTRICT, I.E., MIGUEL,
12 DOES A VERY ROUGH QUICK DRAFT TO PUT TOGETHER THE MINUTES.
13 THAT'S THEN SUBMITTED TO US, AND WE HAVE THE MINUTES
14 SUBCOMMITTEE, OF WHICH I'M A MEMBER ALONG WITH JEN AND
15 MIKALA, AND THEN PREPARE THE MINUTES FOR THE GROUP. THOSE
16 MINUTES ARE THEN SUBMITTED TO EACH OF YOU VIA EMAIL, AND WE
17 ASK SINCERELY THAT WHEN YOU GET THEM WITH WHATEVER TIME
18 LEFT, TO ACTUALLY READ THEM, SEE IF INDEED YOU THINK
19 THEY'RE CORRECT AND THEY CAPTURE WHAT REALLY HAPPENED AND
20 MAKE A COMMENT BACK TO JEN. SHE'S NOT HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE
21 SHE HAD TO WORK. AND THEN SHE WILL TRY TO INCORPORATE THAT
22 AND GET THE REAL MINUTES PUT TOGETHER WHICH WE THEN VOTE ON
23 AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING.

24 FRANKLY, OUR HISTORY OF GETTING COMMENTS BACK
25 FROM ALL OF YOU FOLKS IS PRETTY POOR. BUT WE'RE

1 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MINUTES SO IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO
2 SAY, NOW IS THE TIME WHEN YOU GET IT FROM JEN, GET A
3 COMMENT BACK TO HER, AND WE'LL INCORPORATE IT AND WE VOTE
4 ON IT. THOSE MINUTES WE VOTE ON ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR
5 PACKAGE SO YOU CAN SEE THEM AS WE VOTE.

6 MR. VITALE: ON A PARALLEL TOPIC, WHEN WE ADVERTISE
7 WHEN THESE MEETINGS ARE COMING ABOUT, DO WE HAVE A
8 STATEMENT CONTAINED ON THE WEBSITE THAT INDICATES FOR THOSE
9 OF YOU WHO ARE GOING TO ATTEND THE MEETING THAT IF THEY
10 HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS OF ANY KIND TO MAKE A REQUEST SO THAT WE
11 KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE GOING TO BE NEEDING BRAILLE OR
12 A TRANSCRIBER OR A SIGNER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
13 MEETING?

14 MR. HOCUTT: I GUESS THAT COULD BE PART OF WHAT THE
15 PUBLIC OUTREACH PUTS TOGETHER. WE'VE ACTUALLY NOT RUN INTO
16 THAT PROBLEM.

17 MR. VITALE: YOU HAVEN'T, BUT IT IS A LEGAL
18 REQUIREMENT, AND YOU SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT AT LEAST
19 ADVERTISING THAT TO COVER YOUR BACK.

20 MR. CATES: GOOD POINT. WE'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF IT
21 BEFORE.

22 YES.

23 MS. MCKINLEY: I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THE ADA, AND THIS
24 BUILDING IS INACCESSIBLE TO ANYBODY WHO HAS ANY PHYSICAL
25 DISABILITY WHATSOEVER. THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT IN THE

1 COMMUNITY WHO COULD NOT ATTEND MEETINGS IN THIS BUILDING
2 BECAUSE IT IS INACCESSIBLE. JUST AS A POINT FOR YOU TO
3 KNOW.

4 MR. CATES: WELL, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT TO MY
5 ATTENTION. IT SHOULD HAVE OCCURRED TO ME AS A LAWYER.
6 QUITE FRANKLY, THE ISSUE HAS NOT COME UP BEFORE. I MEAN
7 WE'RE REQUIRED TO MEET HERE AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE
8 DISTRICT. IF WE WERE TO DO IT ON THE GROUND FLOOR, WOULD
9 THAT HELP?

10 MR. VITALE: THAT WOULD HELP TREMENDOUSLY.

11 MR. CATES: WOULD IT THEN BE ACCESSIBLE TO HANDICAP?

12 MR. VITALE: THERE'S PARKING AND THERE IS A RAMP THAT
13 COMES INTO THE FIRST FLOOR. THE RESTROOM IS LOCKED
14 DOWNSTAIRS SO IT WILL HAVE TO BE OPEN. WHEN WE WERE HERE
15 AT THE MEETING LAST WEEK, NOT ONLY DID WE COME UP TO THE
16 SECOND FLOOR, BUT AT THE END OF THE MEETING WE WERE IN
17 COMPLETE DARKNESS TRYING TO EXIT THE BUILDING DOWN THE
18 STAIRWELLS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO EMERGENCY LIGHTING OR
19 ANYTHING ON IT TO ILLUMINATE. I FOR ONE AM IN NEED OF THAT
20 ACCOMMODATION. GOING UP OR DOWN THOSE STAIRS FOR ME IS
21 NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE.

22 MS. MCKINLEY: AND A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE.

23 MS. AWW: THE OTHER THING, CLIFF, THAT I WANTED TO
24 BRING UP WAS IF THERE IS THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE WOULD NEED
25 OR YOU WOULD NEED TRANSLATORS, WE HAVE A TRANSLATION

1 DEPARTMENT SO THAT COULD BE ORGANIZED.

2 MR. CATES: THAT'S CORRECT.

3 MS. AWW: THAT COULD BE ORGANIZED PROBABLY THROUGH
4 CERTAINLY DIANE. I MEAN, MIGUEL, IF WE NEED TRANSLATORS,
5 WOULD THAT REQUEST GO THROUGH NADIA?

6 MR. PEREZ: NO. EVERYTHING FOR COC HAS TO GO THROUGH
7 THE SUPERINTENDENT AS YOU MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY.

8 MR. CATES: UNLESS ANYONE OBJECTS, I WILL -- GEOFFREY.
9 (GEOFFREY COMMONS ENTERED THE ROOM.)

10 MR. CATES: THIS IS GEOFFREY COMMONS, A FORMER MEMBER
11 OF THE COMMITTEE.

12 MR. COMMONS: I HAD PNEUMONIA FOR FOUR MONTHS.

13 MR. CATES: GEOFFREY, YOU'RE WELCOME TO JOIN US AS A
14 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

15 THANK YOU ALL FOR THAT. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
16 THAT WE COMPLY WITH ALL THE LAWS.

17 MR. VITALE: I THINK IT WILL IMPROVE ATTENDANCE TOO.

18 MR. CATES: YES.

19 NOW, MIGUEL, I WILL MAKE THIS REQUEST OF THE
20 SUPERINTENDENT. HOWEVER, WOULD YOU PASS ON THE IDEA PLEASE
21 TO NELSON AND TELL HIM THAT WE WOULD PREFER TO GET OUR ACT
22 IN ORDER WHEN IT COMES TO COMPLYING WITH THE ADA, AND OF
23 COURSE THE DISTRICT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT JUST AS IT'S
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING ALL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE
25 SUPPORT, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S DONE.

1 MR. PEREZ: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT. THE
2 MEETING MINUTES WHICH NORMALLY REFLECT WHAT WE DISCUSS,
3 NELSON IS COPIED ON THEM, AND I CANNOT BE SURE, BUT I
4 BELIEVE HE READS THEM. IF YOU DECIDE TO INCLUDE IT IN THE
5 MINUTES, I'M SURE HE WILL BE AWARE OF IT. ANYHOW, IN
6 RESPONSE TO YOUR SPECIFIC REQUEST, I WILL LET HIM KNOW.

7 MR. CATES: THANK YOU. YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

8 MR. PEREZ: CURRENT PROJECTS. STATUS REPORT, FIRST
9 DRAFT. IT IS INCLUDED IN THE MEMBERS' BINDERS FOR THEIR
10 REVIEW AND WRITTEN COMMENTS. ALL OF YOU HAVE THIS
11 SPREADSHEET. ALL OF YOU HAVE THEM? OVER THERE ARE SOME
12 MORE.

13 MR. CATES: JEFF, YOU'RE NO LONGER A MEMBER.

14 MR. COMMONS: WHEN YOU'RE SICK, IT DOES NOT COUNT FOR
15 THE THREE, AND WE'LL DISCUSS THAT AFTER THE MEETING, NOT
16 DURING THE MEETING.

17 MR. CATES: NO. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BREAK RIGHT
18 NOW.

19 GEOFFREY, FORMERLY A MEMBER HAVING MISSED THREE
20 CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS, ACTUALLY FOUR, WAS REMOVED BY THE
21 BOARD OF EDUCATION SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, SO YOU'RE WELCOME TO
22 JOIN US AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, BUT THE BOARD OF
23 EDUCATION HAS ACTED.

24 MR. COMMONS: BUT THE RULES SAY YOU ARE ALLOWED TO
25 MISS IF YOU'RE SICK. I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH PNEUMONIA,

1 AND I WILL BRING PROOF. WHO DO I BRING THE PROOF TO? IS
2 THERE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE?

3 MR. CATES: TAKE IT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PLEASE.

4 MR. COMMONS: IS THERE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE
5 TONIGHT?

6 MR. CATES: NO, THERE IS NOT.

7 MR. COMMONS: WHO IS THE MEMBER OF THE BOARD?

8 MR. CATES: I'M NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH YOU.

9 MIGUEL, PLEASE CONTINUE.

10 TAKE A LOOK AT OUR BYLAWS.

11 MR. COMMONS: WHO IS -- I READ THE BYLAWS. WHO IS THE
12 MEMBER OF THE BOARD THAT REPRESENTS US?

13 MR. HOCUTT: KIM KENNE.

14 MR. COMMONS: SO IT'S CHANGED?

15 MR. COLE: YES.

16 MR. COMMONS: SO I SHOULD CONTACT HER IS WHAT YOU'RE
17 SAYING?

18 MR. CATES: YES.

19 MR. COMMONS: I HAVE NOT READ ANYTHING SO I WILL HAVE
20 NO COMMENTS IN THE MEETING ANYWAY.

21 MR. CATES: MIGUEL, PLEASE CONTINUE.

22 MR. PEREZ: ALL OF YOU HAVE THIS REPORT, AND THIS IS
23 THE FIRST DRAFT. THIS IS NOT A FINAL REPORT. AND THIS
24 REPORT WAS BASED ON A REQUEST MADE BY QUINCY, AND IF YOU
25 TAKE A LOOK IN THE FIRST ROW, THERE ARE SOME ITEMS IN LIGHT

1 BLUE. DO YOU SEE THEM? IDENTIFY THEM? THESE WERE
2 ADDITIONAL ITEMS THAT MS. KENNE ASKED FOR. SO THOSE
3 COLUMNS WERE ADDED.

4 THE OBJECT OF PRESENTING THIS EXTENSIVE REPORT IS
5 FOR YOU TO REVIEW, NOT RIGHT NOW, AND THEN SEND US YOUR
6 COMMENTS. I DON'T THINK AT THIS MEETING IT SHOULD BE
7 PROPER TO JUST SPEAK OUT AND GO THROUGH 33 DIFFERENT
8 PROJECTS WITH A BUNCH OF INFORMATION. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE
9 THINGS THE COC HAS BEEN REQUESTING FROM US, AND I WOULD
10 LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THAT THIS IS A STATUS REPORT. IT'S NOT
11 FINANCIAL. HERE YOU WON'T SEE THE DOLLAR SIGN AT ALL.
12 OKAY?

13 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS HIGHLY REQUESTED WAS
14 THE PERCENTAGE OF COMPLETION. IF YOU LOOK AT THE LAST BLUE
15 COLUMN, IT SAYS "PERCENTAGE OF COMPLETION," AND IN
16 PARENTHESES "CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ONLY." IT REFERS TO
17 JUST CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

18 IF YOU ALLOW ME --

19 MS. CROSS: EXCUSE ME. AS OPPOSED TO WHAT? IT'S
20 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AS OPPOSED TO WHAT?

21 MR. PEREZ: THEY ARE IN DESIGN AND PLANNING, AND IN
22 DESIGN WE HAVE -- I DID SOME RESEARCH ON SOME OF THE
23 PROJECTS, AND THEY HAVE BEEN IN DESIGN SINCE FOUR YEARS
24 AGO, AND THEY WERE ON HOLD.

25 MS. CROSS: THESE ARE THE ONES THAT ARE UNDERWAY?

1 MR. PEREZ: YES.

2 MR. CATES: QUINCY, WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE THE NEW
3 MEMBERS A SUMMARY OF THE TWO STATUS REPORTS THAT YOU'VE
4 BEEN TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS AND HOW
5 FAR THIS COMPLIES WITH WHAT WE HAVE REQUESTED ON MULTIPLE
6 OCCASIONS.

7 MR. PEREZ: IF I MAY, FURTHER DOWN I HAVE THE
8 FINANCIAL REPORT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS IT, AND THEN
9 I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU CAN TALK ABOUT BOTH OF
10 THEM, BUT IT'S YOUR DECISION. IT'S YOUR MEETING.

11 MR. HOCUTT: THAT'S GOOD. GO AHEAD.

12 MR. PEREZ: THE OTHER ISSUE WE HAVE IS THAT
13 SPECIFICALLY QUINCY --

14 MR. HOCUTT: LET ME JUST ADD. I WILL ADMIT I HAVE
15 BEEN A LITTLE SPARKLER ABOUT THESE TWO REPORTS, BUT THIS IS
16 A REQUEST OF THIS COMMITTEE.

17 MR. PEREZ: YES.

18 MR. HOCUTT: IF I HAD SUGGESTED SOMETHING AND THE
19 COMMITTEE HAD SAID THAT IS STUPID, THIS WOULD NOT HAVE
20 CONTINUED. IT'S NOT ME. IT'S THE COMMITTEE.

21 MR. PEREZ: YES. EXCUSE ME IF I NAME YOU.

22 MR. HOCUTT: I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR.

23 MR. PEREZ: IN ONE COMMUNICATION FROM ONE OF THE
24 COMMITTEE MEMBERS, IT WAS SHOWN INTEREST IN SEEING PICTURES
25 AND IMAGES OF OUR PROJECTS, AND IN RESPONSE TO THAT, FIRST

1 OF ALL, THE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT IS WILLING AND IS WORKING
2 TO PREPARE INFORMATION, VISUAL INFORMATION IN THE WEBSITE.
3 OKAY? AND THIS IS THE FIRST ATTEMPT. WE JUST WANTED TO
4 BRING YOU SOMETHING SO YOU CAN SEE THAT WE'RE MOVING
5 TOWARDS THAT DIRECTION. WE MIGHT NOT BE AS FAST AS YOU
6 WISH, BUT WE ALL HAVE TIME LIMITATIONS. AND I WOULD
7 TAKE -- I WILL TRY TO MAKE THIS AS FAST AS I CAN.

8 SO THE PREVIOUS IMAGE IT WAS HIGHLIGHTED THAT
9 THIS WAS A DRAFT. THIS IS NOT FINAL. AND WE WILL BE
10 MOVING THROUGH DIFFERENT SCHOOLS IF I GO TOO FAST. THIS IS
11 THE PRECONSTRUCTION STATUS OF BLAIR, APRIL 2017.

12 MR. CATES: EXCUSE ME, MIGUEL.

13 MR. PEREZ: YES.

14 MR. CATES: BEFORE YOU CONTINUE WITH YOUR SLIDE SHOW,
15 I WOULD LIKE QUINCY TO TELL THE NEW MEMBERS THE INFORMATION
16 WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO OBTAIN AND THE REASON FOR IT. TO
17 THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION, THAT INFORMATION DID NOT
18 INCLUDE A SLIDE SHOW.

19 MR. HOCUTT: WILL IT DIDN'T, BUT YOU'RE SAYING THIS
20 WOULD BE AN ADDITION TO THE WEBSITE. OKAY. ONE OF THE
21 THINGS THAT THIS COMMITTEE DOES IS IT OVERSEES
22 CONSTRUCTION, WHATEVER THAT MEANS. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS
23 THAT THE PUBLIC WE THOUGHT DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WAS
24 WHAT IS ACTUALLY GOING ON IN THE SCHOOLS. IN OTHER WORDS,
25 CERTAIN OF YOU HAD MENTIONED THAT YOU HAD CHILDREN AT

1 BLAIR, AND STEVE PROBABLY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON AT
2 BLAIR.

3 MR. COLE: SOMEWHAT.

4 MR. HOCUTT: MOST PEOPLE OF THE PUBLIC DON'T. MY
5 LITTLE PARTICULAR SCHOOL OF INTEREST IS SAN RAFAEL
6 ELEMENTARY OR MADISON BECAUSE I USED TO TUTOR AT THOSE
7 SCHOOLS. BUT THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS NO CLUE, I THINK, WHAT
8 GOES ON IN TERMS OF CONSTRUCTION STATUS, IN OTHER WORDS,
9 WHERE ARE WE. HAVE WE ACTUALLY MADE A DESIGN FOR A SCHOOL?
10 HAVE THOSE DESIGNS BEEN APPROVED? HAS A CONTRACTOR BEEN
11 SELECTED? IS THERE A PROJECT MANAGER? IF SO, WHO IS HE OR
12 SHE? WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE CONSTRUCTION THAT'S
13 UNDERWAY? I THINK THIS SHOWS PRETTY BAD CONDITIONS,
14 DOESN'T IT?

15 MR. PEREZ: THIS IS PRECONSTRUCTION.

16 MR. HOCUTT: SO WE TRIED TO COME UP WITH A REPORT THAT
17 WOULD BE VERY QUICK AND SOMETHING THAT COULD BE, FOR
18 EXAMPLE, SHOWN AT A SITE COUNCIL OR COULD BE ON OUR
19 WEBSITE, AND YOU IF HAD AN INTEREST IN ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY
20 AS TO WHAT WAS THE STATUS OF THAT PARTICULAR PROJECT, THAT
21 THERE WOULD BE JUST A LITTLE -- I CALL IT AN EXCEL
22 SPREADSHEET -- THAT WOULD SHARE WHAT IS THE PROJECT? WHO
23 IS THE ARCHITECT? WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE DESIGN? HAS
24 IT COME OUT OF DSA? IS IT UNDER CONSTRUCTION? AND, IF SO,
25 ABOUT WHAT PERCENT COMPLETE IS IT AT? SO IS IT JUST

1 STARTED? IS IT 2 PERCENT COMPLETE, OR IS IT 99 PERCENT
2 COMPLETE? WHERE ARE WE? AND I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE IN
3 THE PUBLIC WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THAT. SO WE TRIED TO PUT
4 TOGETHER -- WE THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTED SOME FORMATS FOR
5 JUST A SIMPLE ONE OR TWO PAGE REPORT THAT WOULD LIST IN
6 WORDS WHERE WE ARE, AND A LOT OF THAT INFORMATION IS ON
7 HERE. BUT IT HAS BEEN QUITE A WHILE --

8 MR. CATES: SINCE FEBRUARY.

9 MR. HOCUTT: -- TRYING TO GET THAT PUT TOGETHER, AND
10 FRANKLY I LIKE THIS. I'M A NUT FOR DETAIL, BUT I DON'T
11 THINK IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE PARTICULAR REPORT. I
12 WOULD VIEW THIS AS A SUPPLEMENT WHICH I THINK IS USEFUL.
13 IF YOU'VE GOT IT, PUT IT ON THE WEBSITE. STEVE WOULD LOVE
14 TO SEE PICTURES OF BLAIR AND WHERE WE ARE I PRESUME.

15 MR. COLE: SURE.

16 MS. CROSS: I AGREE, QUINCY. THIS MAY BE A LITTLE
17 REMEDIAL FOR THE DEPTH OF THINGS THAT ARE DISCUSSED IN THIS
18 MEETING OR IN THIS COMMITTEE, BUT FOR THE PUBLIC AND FOR
19 CAMILLE TO USE AS AN OUTREACH FOR PEOPLE IN GENERAL, THIS
20 IS EXACTLY WHAT PEOPLE WANT TO SEE. BECAUSE I REMEMBER
21 GOING TO SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS AT BLAIR A YEAR AND A HALF
22 AGO WHERE WE WERE SO FRUSTRATED THAT WE WERE NOT SURE WHAT
23 WAS HAPPENING, AND WE KEPT GETTING INFORMATION THAT WOULD
24 GO TWO STEPS FORWARD, THREE STEPS BACK. THIS IS THE KIND
25 OF THING THAT PEOPLE WANT TO SEE. THEY WANT TO SEE THAT

1 EVEN IF THIS IS THE RESULT, THEY KNOW PEOPLE BEHIND THE
2 SCENES ARE MEETING AND SOMETHING IS HAPPENING, AND THIS
3 SAYS PRECONSTRUCTION. THEN IN SIX MONTHS YOU WANT TO SEE
4 NOW WE HAVE LOCKERS INSTALLED. NOW WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, THE
5 BOILERS INSTALLED. SO THIS KIND OF THING MAY BE REMEDIAL
6 FOR US, BUT IT'S ABSOLUTELY KEY FOR THE PUBLIC.

7 MR. HOCUTT: I THINK IT'S A KEY PUBLIC INTEREST. NOW,
8 ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES THAT WE WANT IN OUR LITTLE WORDY
9 REPORT, IF YOU WILL, WAS BASICALLY TWO THINGS. ONE, WHAT
10 IS THE PROJECT? PUT A NEW ROOF ON LONGFELLOW, WHATEVER,
11 AND THEN EACH MONTH THERE WOULD BE A BLOCK WHERE THE
12 PROJECT MANAGER COULD SIMPLY SAY HERE'S WHERE WE ARE.
13 HERE'S WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED. HERE'S WHAT WE'VE GOT TO
14 GO DO. WHATEVER HE WANTS TO REPORT ON AS TO WHERE THAT
15 PROJECT IS. AND IT COULD BE A COUPLE SENTENCES BUT ALSO A
16 PERCENT COMPLETE.

17 MS. CROSS: I THINK BECAUSE THE MAIN TENET OF THIS
18 COMMITTEE IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC, WE'RE ALSO USED TO --
19 EVEN IF WE'RE NOT JUST PARENTS -- WE'RE USED TO SEEING
20 SOMETHING THAT REFLECTS THIS LAST COLUMN THAT YOU SAID,
21 MIGUEL, ADDS PERCENTAGE OF COMPLETION. WE'RE USED TO
22 SEEING THINGS LIKE A THERMOMETER WITH A PERCENTAGE COMPLETE
23 OR A TEMPERATURE. SO HERE YOU LOOK AT BLAIR, IT'S 5
24 PERCENT. THAT'S PRETTY ABYSMAL FOR US AS PARENTS, BUT IN
25 SIX MONTHS IF WE SEE THAT GO UP TO 20, WE'RE FEELING PRETTY

1 GOOD ABOUT IT, AND I THINK IN THE PUBLIC THAT IS OUR ROLE
2 HERE TO HELP FACILITATE UNDERSTANDING.

3 MR. HOCUTT: I THINK WE'RE SAYING THE SAME THING, AND
4 I THINK WE'RE BACK TO YOUR COLLABORATION THING. WE'RE
5 TRYING TO GET THE DISTRICT TO SPEAK TO THE PUBLIC AS TO
6 WHERE WE ARE AND WHAT WE'RE DOING. BECAUSE ONE OF THE
7 THINGS THAT NELSON, FOR EXAMPLE, SAID WHEN HE WAS
8 APPOINTED, AND THERE'S AN ARTICLE WITH HIS PICTURE, AND HE
9 SAYS, "I BELIEVE IN TRANSPARENCY, AND I WILL WORK WITH THE
10 COC TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN." SO WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET THIS
11 REPORT FOR A WHILE TO TRY TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

12 MS. CROSS: I THINK THAT IT CAN BE JUST MAYBE A
13 MISINTERPRETATION OF, YOU KNOW, OR JUST A MISUNDERSTANDING
14 FROM EACH SIDE OF THE DISCUSSION WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE. SO
15 IF WE CAN JUST CLARIFY --

16 MR. CATES: EXCUSE ME. WHY DO YOU ASSUME THAT?

17 MS. CROSS: BECAUSE QUINCY IS DESCRIBING A DIFFICULT
18 PATH IN GETTING THERE, AND I'M JUST SAYING IF YOU HAVE A
19 GOAL OF COMMUNICATING TO THE PUBLIC A PICTURE OF
20 COMPLETENESS, FOR SOME PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, THIS MIGHT BE
21 ENOUGH AND --

22 MR. CATES: WE DO. AND THIS FIRST CAME UP AT OUR
23 MEETING IN JANUARY. THE REQUEST FOR TEN SPECIFIC PIECES OF
24 INFORMATION INCLUDING PERCENTAGE OF COMPLETION WAS FIRST
25 MADE IN FEBRUARY. IF YOU WILL GO ONTO OUR WEBSITE, YOU

1 WILL SEE MY WRITTEN REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE TO
2 THE DISTRICT FOR THE INFORMATION, AND TELL ME, QUINCY, SIX
3 MONTHS LATER DO WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE HAVE ASKED FOR?

4 MR. HOCUTT: THIS IS A GOOD STEP FORWARD, BUT THE
5 SHORT ANSWER IS NO, NOT QUITE. NOT QUITE YET.

6 MR. CATES IN SIX MONTHS. WHAT CAN I SAY?

7 GO AHEAD.

8 MR. PEREZ: I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT THIS REPORT
9 WITH THE COLUMNS HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE WAS REQUESTED AT THE
10 LAST MEETING. OKAY? THE COLUMNS IN BLUE WERE ADDED AT THE
11 LAST MEETING, AND QUINCY --

12 MR. CATES: BY WHOM?

13 MR. PEREZ: BY MS. KIM KENNE.

14 MR. CATES: WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

15 MR. PEREZ: AND WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE, I
16 BELIEVE. ANYWAY, THE IDEA IS NOT TO DISCUSS. I WOULD LIKE
17 TO MOVE FORWARD.

18 MR. CATES: MIGUEL --

19 MR. PEREZ: LET ME FINISH. I'LL BE QUICK.

20 IF YOU DON'T WANT THOSE COLUMNS, TELL ME, AND
21 I'LL DELETE IT. GIVE ME YOUR SUGGESTIONS, AND THE IDEA, AS
22 I SAID BEFORE, IS NOT TO SPEND OUR TIME RIGHT NOW ON THIS.
23 MY IDEA, NOT YOURS, IS TO DECIDE IF YOU REVIEW THIS NOW OR
24 REVIEW IT WITH TIME AND SEND US YOUR COMMENTS, AND WE WILL
25 ADJUST TO YOUR LIKING, BUT THIS REPORT IS THE WAY IT WAS

1 REQUESTED AT THE LAST MEETING. IT WAS DECIDED TO PRODUCE
2 TWO REPORTS. ONE WAS A PROJECT STATUS WITH NO FINANCIALS,
3 AND THE OTHER IS THE FINANCIAL REPORT YOU WILL SEE. SO
4 THIS ONE SPECIFICALLY YOUR REQUEST IS A MONTH OLD AT THE
5 MOST.

6 MR. CATES: LET ME ASK YOU THIS. REGARDING THE TEN
7 KEY ITEMS AND INFORMATION FOR WHICH WE ASKED IN WRITING IN
8 FEBRUARY, HAS THE DISTRICT SUPPLIED THEM ALL?

9 QUINCY, YOU CAN ANSWER THAT TOO.

10 MR. HOCUTT: NOT YET.

11 MR. CATES: IT'S ONLY SIX MONTHS. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

12 MR. PEREZ: I'M NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH QUINCY. I
13 WANT HIM TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL REPORT, AND THEN I THINK
14 WE COULD HAVE A CONVERSATION IN REGARDS TO WHAT IS MISSING.
15 THAT'S MY POSITION.

16 MR. HOCUTT: I THINK YOU DID ASK FOR US TO RESPOND TO
17 THIS AFTER THE MEETING -- RIGHT? -- AND IF EVERYONE DOESN'T
18 MIND, I'D BE HAPPY TO RESPOND TO THIS WHICH I THINK IT'S
19 PRETTY GOOD.

20 MR. DEVEER: I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND RIGHT NOW.

21 MR. HOCUTT: BUT JUST HOLD THAT THOUGHT, BUT I WOULD
22 LIKE TO, WHEN I RESPOND, COPY ALL OF YOU.

23 NOW, CLIFF HAS POINTED OUT THAT WE CAN'T HOLD A
24 PUBLIC MEETING BY EMAIL, BUT WOULD IT BE WRONG FOR THEM
25 JUST TO SEE THE COMMENTS?

1 MR. CATES: YES.

2 GLENN.

3 MR. DEVEER: WE'VE BEEN ASKING FACILITIES FOR THESE
4 TEN ITEMS FOR OVER SIX MONTHS. ONLY HALF OF THEM ARE HERE,
5 AND I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND. HELP US. THERE IS NO DOLLAR
6 AMOUNTS IN HERE. WE ASKED FOR CHANGE ORDERS. WE ASKED FOR
7 DOLLAR AMOUNTS. THERE'S NOTHING. PERCENTAGE OF
8 COMPLETION. GREAT. WE'RE 50 PERCENT. RELATIVE TO WHAT?
9 50 PERCENT BUT WE'VE GOT 200 PERCENT IN CHANGE ORDERS.
10 THOSE ARE THE TYPE OF THINGS WE NEED TO SEE.

11 MR. VITALE: GLENN, MAY BEFORE WE GET -- IT'S HERE.
12 HE HAS IT PRESENTED HERE.

13 MR. CATES: ONE AT A TIME, PLEASE.

14 MR. DEVEER: IT IS NOT HERE.

15 MR. VITALE: IT CAN'T BE IN BOTH --

16 MR. CATES: WAIT, WAIT, EVERYONE. PLEASE TALK ONE AT
17 A TIME. GLENN HAS THE FLOOR, THEN JAMES, THEN MIGUEL.

18 GLENN, CONTINUE PLEASE.

19 MR. DEVEER: IT'S NOT HERE. THERE'S NO CHANGE ORDERS.
20 THERE'S NO PERCENTAGE OF COMPLETION HERE. THERE'S NO
21 LISTING OF -- ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT I TRIED TO MAKE
22 A POINT OF IS -- I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO IT. YOU CAN
23 HAVE THE FLOOR.

24 MR. VITALE: HE HAS PROVIDED YOU WITH TWO THINGS.
25 YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT THEM TOGETHER. IF YOU PUT THEM

1 TOGETHER, THEY BECOME VERY HARD AND VERY DIFFICULT TO READ.
2 SO HE HAS GIVEN YOU A FINANCIAL SPREADSHEET WHICH BREAKS
3 DOWN THE ENTIRE BUDGETS ON ALL OF THESE PROJECTS. THIS IS
4 A GENERAL INFORMATION SPREADSHEET, AND THE THING THAT IT IS
5 CRITICALLY LACKING IS DSA INFORMATION. THERE'S NO A
6 NUMBERS ON HERE. THERE'S NO INDICATIONS THAT THE PROJECT
7 IS IN DSA WAITING TO GET PLAN REVIEW OR NOT OR IT'S COME
8 OUT OF DSA. THAT IS CRITICAL INFORMATION THAT SHOULD BE ON
9 HERE.

10 THIS RIGHT HERE IS BEAUTIFUL WHAT HE'S PROPOSING
11 TO DO IF IT CAN BE LINKED UP TO EACH OF THE SCHOOL'S
12 WEBSITES SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO OUR SITE. YOU CAN GO
13 DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE, WHICH THEY GO TO ON A
14 WEEKLY BASIS, AND YOU CAN HIT CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS OR
15 WHATEVER ON THE WEBSITE, AND A COUPLE OF PICTURES WILL COME
16 UP, AND THAT CAN BE DONE ON A MONTHLY BASIS BECAUSE I'M
17 ASSUMING THAT EACH OF THESE PROJECTS IS PAID OUT ON A
18 MONTHLY BASIS. AND AT THAT POINT YOU KNOW WHAT THE
19 PERCENTAGE OF COMPLETION IS AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

20 SO IN ADDITION TO THE ARCHITECT CERTIFYING
21 PAYMENT, FACILITIES IN TURN CAN BE COMPLETING THE UPGRADE
22 OF EACH ONE OF THE WEBSITES ON THE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE GOT
23 CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS GOING ON, AND WE HAVE A NICE LOGICAL
24 FORMAT WITH A MILESTONE OF 30 DAYS AT A TIME GOING ALONG,
25 AND IT CAN BE TRACKED WITH THE PERCENTAGE THERMOMETER,

1 WHATEVER YOU WANT, BUT YOU CAN SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH
2 EACH SCHOOL INDIVIDUALLY. WHEN THEY GO TO LOOK AT THEIR
3 CHILDREN'S CALENDARS OR WHATEVER ELSE IS GOING ON, IT'S
4 RIGHT THERE. THEY DON'T HAVE TO NECESSARILY JUMP OVER TO
5 OUR SITE TO LOOK AT IT.

6 MR. CATES: JAMES, EXCUSE ME. BACK IN FEBRUARY WE
7 REQUESTED --

8 MR. VITALE: I UNDERSTAND.

9 MR. CATES: -- TEN ITEMS WHICH WE CONSIDERED TO BE THE
10 MOST IMPORTANT. WE CANNOT AT THIS POINT GO BACK TO THE
11 DISTRICT AND SAY WE WANT TO CHANGE THIS AND THIS AND THIS.
12 WE CAN REFINE PERHAPS AS WE GO ALONG, BUT WE ALL DECIDED AS
13 A COMMITTEE THE BASIC INFORMATION THAT WE NEEDED. DOESN'T
14 INCLUDE DSA INFORMATION, WHETHER IT SHOULD OR NOT.

15 MR. VITALE: IT SHOULD HAVE.

16 MR. CATES: BUT IT DOESN'T. WE HAVE AN OUTSTANDING
17 REQUEST THAT'S BEEN OUTSTANDING FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, AND
18 IT HAS NOT BEEN FULFILLED. NOR HAS ANY EXPLANATION BEEN
19 GIVEN WHY IT HASN'T BEEN FULFILLED. AND TO THOSE NEW
20 COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO THINK ALL OF THIS IS JUST AN
21 UNFORTUNATE MISUNDERSTANDING, I URGE YOU TO GO BACK AND
22 READ THE CORRESPONDENCE THAT IS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.
23 NONE OF THIS IS NEW. WE HAVE BEEN BLOWN OFF FOR MONTHS.

24 MS. CROSS: IN THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION AND MAYBE
25 POTENTIALLY CREATING A SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THAT PURPOSE, I'D

1 BE HAPPY TO GET CLARITY, BECAUSE I'M NEW, ON WHAT THOSE TEN
2 ITEMS WERE OR STILL ARE AND TALK WITH THE APPROPRIATE
3 PEOPLE TO GATHER THAT INFORMATION AND MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S
4 REPORTED TO US IN A MOST TIMELY MANNER. I'D BE HAPPY TO
5 SAY WHAT ARE THE TEN ITEMS? IF I HAVE TO GO SIT WITH
6 MIGUEL OR TALK WITH MIGUEL OR ANYBODY ALONG WITH MY
7 CO-COLLABORATORS, I'D BE HAPPY TO.

8 MR. CATES: LESLIE, WE HAVE DONE THAT. WE HAVE MET
9 PERSONALLY ON -- MIGUEL, TELL ME HOW MANY OCCASIONS? AT
10 LEAST THREE. MAYBE MORE.

11 MS. CROSS: I DON'T KNOW. I'M JUST KIND OF SUGGESTING
12 MAYBE A NEW ATTEMPT, AND I'D BE HAPPY TO TRY IT.

13 MR. CATES: AGAIN, I DON'T THINK THAT WE WANT ANY ONE
14 OR FEW MEMBERS FREELANCING.

15 MS. CROSS: NO, NO. THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING.
16 COLLABORATING ON A SUBCOMMITTEE.

17 MR. CATES: IS IT NOT REASONABLE TO EXPECT AN ANSWER?
18 PLEASE, ALL YOU NEW MEMBERS FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE
19 HISTORY OF THIS COMMITTEE OVER THE PAST YEAR. YOU MAY
20 THINK THAT I'M BEING UNREASONABLE, BUT THIS HAS -- THIS AND
21 THINGS LIKE IT HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR A LONG TIME, AND IT'S
22 BECOME A WAITING GAME.

23 MS. CROSS: I THINK IT'S ABSOLUTELY REASONABLE FOR
24 YOUR EXPECTATION, AND I THINK THAT THE ONLY REASON I'M
25 VOLUNTEERING AS A POTENTIAL MEMBER OF A NEW COLLABORATION

1 SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD BE TO FACILITATE GETTING THOSE REMAINING
2 FIVE ITEMS ON THE LIST OF TEN TO YOU IN A VERY TIMELY
3 MANNER.

4 MR. BOLAND: I WOULD SAY THIS. I WANT TO STRESS
5 AGAIN, MY MIND IS COMPLETELY OPEN, YOUR SIDE AS WELL AS THE
6 OTHER SIDE. I'M NOT SAYING YOU'RE WRONG IN ANY WAY, AND
7 I'M WILLING TO SIT HERE AND DISCOVER HOW FRUSTRATED YOU ARE
8 AND WHY, AND IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'LL BE FRUSTRATED TOO,
9 AND SO I'M JUST NOT THERE YET IS ALL I'M SAYING.

10 MR. CATES: FAIR ENOUGH. TAKE THE TIME AND READ THE
11 CORRESPONDENCE THAT'S ON OUR WEBSITE, INCLUDING THIS
12 SPECIFIC REQUEST.

13 MR. BOLAND: LET US LEARN THE HARD WAY ABOUT HOW WE
14 CAN'T GET THIS INFORMATION.

15 MR. CATES: OKAY. BUT AT LEAST SEE WHAT WE'VE ASKED
16 FOR AND WHEN WE DID IT.

17 MS. CROSS: I'M HAPPY TO.

18 MR. BOLAND: I WILL DO THAT.

19 MR. CATES: I WILL TAKE YOUR GOOD SUGGESTION UNDER
20 SUBMISSION, BUT YOU HAVE TO KNOW THE FACTS FIRST.

21 MIGUEL.

22 MR. PEREZ: I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE
23 APPROVED MEETING MINUTES, PAGE 3, THE LAST PARAGRAPH.

24 MR. COMMONS: I'M SORRY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU
25 SAID.

1 MR. PEREZ: I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE
2 JUST APPROVED MEETING MINUTES OF LAST JUNE. PLEASE GO TO
3 PAGE 3 OF THE MEETING MINUTES AND THE LAST PARAGRAPH. IT
4 SAYS, "WHAT'S NEXT? PROPOSED FORMATS. MR. HOCUTT
5 PRESENTED A ROUGH DRAFT OF A PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION STATUS
6 REPORT."

7 OKAY? AND THIS IS THE ANSWER TO LAST MEETING
8 ROUGH DRAFT. SO I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT OUR RESPONSE ON
9 THIS MATTER HAS BEEN ACCEPTABLE.

10 MR. CATES: MIGUEL --

11 MR. PEREZ: LET ME FINISH, PLEASE. I'M SORRY IF I --

12 MR. CATES: GO AHEAD.

13 MR. PEREZ: I HAVE TO BREATHE MORE.

14 AND THEN THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE THAT I WOULD
15 LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT TO YOU GUYS AS A COMMITTEE. LATELY
16 I HAVE NOTICED THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED OR YOU HAVE DISCUSSED
17 A LOT OF THINGS, AND THERE HAS NOT BEEN A VOTE ON CERTAIN
18 MATTERS.

19 LET'S TURN TO THE FOLLOWING PAGE, PAGE 4 AT THE
20 TOP. "MS. VANCE NOTED THAT HAVING SEPARATE FINANCIAL AND
21 STATUS REPORTS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA AND ENCOURAGED
22 FACILITIES TO FOLLOW THROUGH."

23 OKAY? SO THERE WAS NOT A VOTE ON THIS, BUT WE
24 TOOK THE CHALLENGE OR THE REQUEST OR THE POSITION, BUT
25 THERE IS -- I CANNOT TELL THE COC VOTED ON THIS, BUT ANYHOW

1 WE MOVE FORWARD TRYING TO PLEASE BECAUSE THERE IS NO REPORT
2 OF ANYBODY OPPOSING THAT. SO WE THOUGHT IN A MAYBE NAIVE
3 MANNER THAT THAT'S WHAT WAS WANTED.

4 MR. HOCUTT: MIGUEL, I DON'T WANT TO INTERRUPT YOU,
5 BUT I WILL. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING WE HAVE ASKED FOR TWO
6 SEPARATE RECORDS, A FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT AND A
7 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT, AND THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE TRYING
8 TO DO. SO THAT WAS APPROVED A LONG TIME AGO BY THE
9 COMMITTEE.

10 MR. PEREZ: BUT WHAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS IN THE
11 LAST MEETING YOU PRESENTED A ROUGH DRAFT. OKAY? AND WE
12 RESPONDED WITHIN A MONTH. OKAY?

13 MR. CATES: YOUR POINT IS MADE. IT'S IN THE MINUTES.
14 I UNDERSTAND. LET ME REMIND YOU OF ONE THING. MS. KENNE
15 IS NOT A MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE. SHE'S THE LIAISON FROM
16 THE BOARD. SO IF SHE MAKES A REQUEST, THAT'S FINE, BUT
17 IT'S NOT A REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE. SECOND, WE HAVE STILL
18 OUTSTANDING OUR INITIAL REQUEST FROM FEBRUARY NOT
19 FULFILLED.

20 MR. PEREZ: OKAY. I HAVE NOT --

21 MR. CATES: TWO MORE MINUTES ON THIS SUBJECT, AND WE
22 HAVE TO MOVE ON.

23 MR. PEREZ: EXCUSE ME. LET ME FINISH. I HAVE NOT
24 CITED MS. KENNE. I CITED MR. HOCUTT WHO IS A MEMBER, VICE
25 CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE. AND THEN I READ MS. VANCE. OKAY?

1 WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. I HAVE NOT MENTIONED THE
2 NAME OF THE BOARD LIAISON.

3 MR. CATES: PAGE 3 YOU JUST CITED IT. "MS. KENNE
4 ASKED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION."

5 MR. PEREZ: NO. I JUST READ --

6 MR. CATES: MIGUEL, I'M GOING TO EXERCISE A
7 DISCRETION, AND WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON FROM THIS SUBJECT.
8 I HOPE THAT WE WILL GET THE BASIC INFORMATION WE NEED, AND
9 GOD BLESS ANY OF YOU WHO CAN GET IT FOR US.

10 MS. CROSS: I COULD GET IT.

11 MR. CATES: AFTER YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THE HISTORY.

12 MS. CROSS: OKAY.

13 MR. CATES: OKAY. ANYTHING ON THE COORDINATION OF
14 COLBI TECHNOLOGY?

15 EXCUSE ME. IT'S EIGHT O'CLOCK. I ALWAYS ASK IF
16 PEOPLE WANT TO TAKE A BREAK FOR FIVE OR TEN MINUTES.

17 YES? OKAY. WE'LL TAKE A TEN-MINUTE BREAK.

18 (A TEN MINUTE BREAK WAS TAKEN.)

19 MR. CATES: WE HAVE A LOT MORE TO COVER.

20 DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT COLBI
21 TECHNOLOGIES? IF NOT, THEN WE'LL MOVE ON, BUT IF YOU DO,
22 PLEASE GO AHEAD.

23 MR. PEREZ: MY COMMENT IS THAT WE EXPECT TO REACH AN
24 AGREEMENT WITH YOU GUYS ON THE CONTENT OF THE REPORTS, AND
25 ONCE WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT ON WHAT INFORMATION YOU WANT, IT

1 WILL BE WORTHWHILE MEETING WITH COLBI TECHNOLOGY.

2 OTHERWISE, WE DON'T THINK IT'S THE TIME FOR THAT MEETING.

3 MR. CATES: MIGUEL, AGAIN, YOU JUST SAID ONCE YOU HAVE
4 AN AGREEMENT. WE SPECIFIED IN WRITING WHAT WE NEEDED.

5 IT'S NOT A MATTER OF AGREEMENT. EITHER GIVE US THE
6 INFORMATION OR TELL US WHY YOU WON'T SUPPLY IT. I MEAN
7 IT'S A PRETENSE TO SAY WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WE WANT.
8 WE HAVE REQUESTED IT IN WRITING MULTIPLE TIMES. SO DON'T
9 GIVE US THAT CANARD.

10 ALL RIGHT. WE MOVE ON.

11 WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT BOARD REPORTS 114 AND
12 113 DEALING WITH THE PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES OUT OF TURN. I
13 PRESUME THAT YOU HAVE ALL SEEN THE CORRESPONDENCE AND THE
14 NOTICE ALONG THIS PARTICULAR SUBJECT. BASICALLY IT IS THE
15 POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE REPEATED AT LEAST TWICE THAT BOTH
16 OF THOSE BOARD REPORTS PERMIT, DON'T REQUIRE IT, BUT PERMIT
17 THE ILLEGAL EXPENDITURE OF TT FUNDS ON LEGAL FEES THAT
18 DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH CONSTRUCTION.

19 YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THE RESPONSES I GOT FROM THE
20 SUPERINTENDENT, FROM THREE BOARD MEMBERS AND FROM PAT
21 VERHALEN WHO IS ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER. THEY ALL MISSED THE
22 MARK QUITE FRANKLY. THIS ISN'T A DRAFTING ERROR. THIS IS
23 A GAP THAT YOU COULD DRIVE A BRADLEY FIGHTING VEHICLE
24 THROUGH. I'M HAPPY TO ENTERTAIN FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS
25 SUBJECT, BUT I THINK THAT ALL THE CORRESPONDENCE THAT YOU

1 GOT -- AND IT'S POSTED ONLINE -- SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

2 MR. BOLAND: I HAVE A QUESTION.

3 MR. CATES: GO AHEAD.

4 MR. BOLAND: WHEN YOU GET TO A POSITION LIKE THIS
5 WHERE YOU'VE DONE YOUR OVERSIGHT AND YOU'VE STATED YOUR
6 POSITION THAT THAT'S INAPPROPRIATE AND THE BOARD EITHER
7 THEY DISAGREE OR FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD THEY DON'T DO AN
8 APPROPRIATE JOB OF LOOKING AT IT HARD ENOUGH, IS THAT YOUR
9 POSITION ON THIS? THEY APPROVED IT OVER YOUR OBJECTIONS?

10 MR. CATES: YES.

11 MR. COMMONS: THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPROVE
12 SOMETHING.

13 MR. CATES: EXCUSE ME, GEOFFREY. YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER.

14 MR. BOLAND: BUT THAT'S HELPFUL IF THAT'S TRUE. BUT
15 THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO THAT, AND THEY'VE DONE THAT. WE
16 DON'T HAVE ENFORCEMENT ABILITIES HERE. YOU'RE AT A STAND
17 OFF NOW. BUT YOUR ABILITY -- YOUR JOB IS TO INFORM; RIGHT?
18 AND INFORM THE PUBLIC AS WELL. WHY IS IT THAT THIS IS AN
19 UNRESOLVED ISSUE THEN? THAT'S MY QUESTION. WHY IS IT
20 UNRESOLVED?

21 MR. CATES: BECAUSE THE BOARD HAS CHOSEN NOT TO
22 RESOLVE IT, AND IT IS MY HOPE, AND I THINK THE HOPE OF THIS
23 COMMITTEE, THAT THE CONTINUAL APPLICATION OF BOTH
24 PERSUASION AND PRESSURE WILL EVENTUALLY GET THEM TO DO THE
25 RIGHT THING.

1 MR. BOLAND: BUT THAT'S STILL MY QUESTION. IF THERE'S
2 GOING TO BE INSTANCES WHERE THIS COMMITTEE EXPRESSES AN
3 OPINION THAT THE BOARD DISAGREES WITH; IS THAT CORRECT?

4 MR. CATES: YES, I HAVE NO DOUBT.

5 MR. BOLAND: THAT HAPPENS. THERE SHOULD BE A
6 MECHANISM FOR A QUICK DISPOSAL OF THOSE ISSUES IS WHAT I'M
7 SAYING. THERE SHOULDN'T BE THIS ENDLESS CYCLE OF
8 NON-RESOLUTION.

9 MR. CATES: IT'S NOT AN ENDLESS CYCLE. THE FORMAL
10 NOTICE WAS SENT OUT ONLY LIKE THREE DAYS AGO AFTER THREE OR
11 FOUR WARNINGS, AND SO I WOULDN'T SAY IT'S AN ENDLESS CYCLE,
12 BUT I'LL -- I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR WHAT YOU SUGGEST WE DO
13 NEXT.

14 MR. BOLAND: I DON'T HAVE A SUGGESTION. THAT WAS -- I
15 HAVE A QUESTION. I'M TRYING TO BECOME INFORMED ENOUGH TO
16 DO THIS JOB APPROPRIATELY.

17 MR. CATES: QUITE FRANKLY, I DON'T KNOW OTHER THAN --

18 MR. BOLAND: I'M NOT BEING FLIPPANT.

19 MR. CATES: NO. I UNDERSTAND. I APPRECIATE IT. I'VE
20 THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT THIS. WHAT THE HELL DO WE DO NOW, AND
21 THEY'RE IGNORING US SO FAR.

22 MR. BOLAND: I THINK SOMETIMES YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
23 ACCEPT IT.

24 MR. HOCUTT: LET ME TRY AN ANALOGY WITH YOU AND SEE IF
25 THIS HELPS. LET'S SAY THAT THIS COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT ALL

1 THE ROOMS IN THIS BUILDING SHOULD BE PAINTED YELLOW AND THE
2 BOARD OF EDUCATION THINKS THEY SHOULD BE PAINTED GREEN. SO
3 WE VOTE YELLOW, AND THE BOARD OVERRIDES IT, AND PAINTS IT
4 GREEN. THAT'S THEIR RIGHT. THEY'RE ELECTED
5 REPRESENTATIVES. NOW, LET'S SAY THEY PAINTED THE WALLS
6 WITH ASBESTOS PAINT WHICH IS ILLEGAL, AND WE SAY YOU CAN'T
7 DO THAT. DO THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO OVERRIDE THAT
8 OBJECTION?

9 MR. BOLAND: NO. THE LAW IS CLEAR ON THAT MATTER.

10 MR. HOCUTT: THANK YOU.

11 MR. BOLAND: THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE COLORS, BUT
12 NOT VIOLATE THE LAW.

13 MR. HOCUTT: EXACTLY. SO IF THEY HAVE DONE SOMETHING
14 THAT IS ILLEGAL, DO THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO OVERRIDE US?

15 MR. BOLAND: SAY THEY DID PAINT IT WITH ASBESTOS
16 PAINT, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? THAT'S MY
17 QUESTION.

18 MR. VITALE: THEN YOU'RE GOING TO CALL DSA IN, AND DSA
19 IS GOING TO BRING THE SKY DOWN ON THEM AND STOP THE WORK.

20 MR. BOLAND: DO YOU FEEL THAT THAT'S THE SITUATION
21 WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW?

22 MR. VITALE: WE'RE IN THE SITUATION RIGHT NOW UNDER
23 ARTICLE II, CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE 15278 OF THE ED
24 CODE, WHICH SAYS THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM
25 THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS A

1 MISEXPENDITURE OF FUNDS THAT WE ARE TASKED TO SHEPHERD ON
2 BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC. SO IF IT MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO GO TO
3 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND BRING IT TO HIS ATTENTION OR TO
4 SOME OTHER APPROPRIATE PARTY THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE MONEY
5 IS NOT BEING --

6 MR. BOLAND: WOULD THAT APPROPRIATE PARTY BE THE
7 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR?

8 MR. VITALE: THANK YOU. NOW YOU BRING IN ANOTHER
9 INTERESTING QUESTION. IF YOU LOOK AT THE SCOPE OF WORK OF
10 THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR, HE WASSAILS AND SIDE STEPS THE
11 RESPONSIBILITY TO POINT OUT TO THE DISTRICT THAT THEY ARE
12 DOING THINGS IN AN IMPROPER AND INAPPROPRIATE MANNER
13 BECAUSE IT IS CONTENDED IN THEIR DISCLAIMER IN THE AUDITS
14 THAT IT'S NOT WITHIN THEIR SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO DO
15 SO. WHOEVER DRAFTED THE AGREEMENT FOR THE STANDARDS THAT
16 THEY WERE TO BE ADHERING TO FOR THE AUDIT REPORT,
17 SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED THEM NOT TO GIVE AN OPINION AS TO
18 WHAT THEIR FINDINGS WERE WITH REGARDS TO BOTH THE
19 OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND THE FINANCIAL
20 CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS PROGRAM.

21 I WAS STUNNED WHEN I READ THAT, AND THEN I WENT A
22 STEP FARTHER AND WENT INTO THE AUDITING REQUIREMENTS THAT
23 ARE BOTH BASED ON FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS CPA
24 REQUIREMENTS AND WHAT NOT, AND THEY HAVE PAGES AND PAGES OF
25 INFORMATION ON THAT.

1 MR. BOLAND: MY QUESTION IS HOW DO YOU RESOLVE THESE
2 THINGS? WE DON'T HAVE ENFORCMENT.

3 MR. CATES: YES, GEOFFREY, GO AHEAD.

4 MR. COMMONS: FIRST OF ALL, I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR
5 COMPLAINTS. I THINK THEY'RE EXCELLENT. WE PROBABLY SHOULD
6 GO TO KIMBERLY. I DON'T KNOW -- IS SHE ONE OF THE THREE
7 PERSONS ON THE LETTER OR NOT?

8 MR. CATES: WELL, THERE ARE HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE
9 LETTERS.

10 MR. COMMONS: THE ONE THAT HAD THREE SIGNATURES. YOU
11 SAID THREE SIGNED.

12 MR. CATES: ONE OF THE INITIAL LETTERS I DON'T BELIEVE
13 SO, BUT IT'S THERE ON THE WEBSITE.

14 MR. COMMONS: WHAT I WOULD PROBABLY DO IS I DON'T WANT
15 TO HAVE A FIGHT WITH THEM WITHOUT GIVING THEM MORE
16 OPPORTUNITY, AND I THINK THE PERSON WE SHOULD GO TO IS NOT
17 THE CHAIRMAN. IT'S KIMBERLY, AND SHE'S NOT HERE TONIGHT,
18 BUT WE SHOULD RAISE IT WITH HER, AND THEN THE CHAIR SHOULD
19 DO THAT, AND THEN AT THE NEXT MEETING I THINK WE SHOULD
20 AGENDIZE IT AND DISCUSS WHAT WE SHOULD DO BECAUSE WHEN
21 THEY'RE ILLEGAL, WE HAVE OBLIGATIONS, AND WE HAVE OPTIONS,
22 BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD DISCUSS IT TONIGHT. I THINK HE
23 SHOULD GO AND TALK WITH HER.

24 MR. VITALE: DOESN'T THE DISTRICT HAVE IN-HOUSE
25 COUNSEL?

1 MR. CATES: EXCUSE ME. THANK YOU, GEOFFREY, BUT AS A
2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND NOT A MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE,
3 AND YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE PUT IT ON THE AGENDA, WE CAN
4 ACCEPT OR NOT AS WE SEE FIT.

5 MR. COMMONS: I AGREE.

6 MR. CATES: BUT THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS THAT
7 SHIP HAS SAILED. TAKE A LOOK, PLEASE, AT OUR WEBSITE. ON
8 JULY 16 AFTER AT LEAST THREE WRITTEN WARNINGS BOTH TO THE
9 DISTRICT AND THE BOARD, I SENT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE,
10 WHICH APPROVED THIS, A NOTICE OF VIOLATION. IT'S A FORMAL
11 SHORT LETTER. IT'S NOT A MATTER ANYMORE OF JUST TALKING TO
12 OUR BOARD LIAISON. WE SENT A NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THESE
13 TWO BOARD REPORTS -- AND THERE ARE SOME MORE, BY THE WAY,
14 THAT KEEP POPPING OUT OF THE WOODWORK -- PERMIT A VIOLATION
15 OF LAW, AND I HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT GIVEN THE NEED FOR
16 FUNDS, THAT WE ARE GOING TO FIND SOME VIOLATIONS OF LAW.

17 IN RESPECT TO YOUR VERY GOOD POINT, THIS ISSUE
18 WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AUDITOR.

19 MR. BOLAND: THAT'S THE THING, I THINK. SINCE YOU
20 DON'T HAVE ENFORCEMENT, THAT YOU MAKE YOUR OPINION CLEAR,
21 YOU MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE PUBLIC WHAT YOU THINK, AND THEN
22 YOU REFER IT TO THE AUDITOR WHOSE JOB IT IS TO DETERMINE
23 WHETHER THAT IS AN ACTUAL VIOLATION OR NOT, AND THEN YOU
24 MOVE ON BECAUSE YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE.

25 MR. CATES: WITH RESPECT, I DISAGREE WITH YOUR

1 CONCLUSION THAT IT'S THE AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY. THE
2 AUDITOR PASSES ON THE ACCURACY OF THE FINANCIALS OF THE
3 DISTRICT.

4 MR. BOLAND: DO WE HAVE ACCESS THEN TO THEIR HOURLY
5 BILLING?

6 MR. CATES: I'VE NEVER ASKED FOR IT. WE CERTAINLY
7 HAVE ACCESS TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE AUDITOR. THAT'S WHAT
8 JAMES --

9 MR. BOLAND: I SAW THE CONTRACT, BUT WHAT YOU NEED IS
10 THEIR HOURLY BILLING IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO DO, BUT NOW
11 YOU'RE CONDUCTING YOUR OWN AUDIT ON TOP OF THE GUY WHO IS
12 ALREADY CHARGED WITH DOING THAT.

13 MR. CATES: WE HAVE SEPARATE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES.
14 WE'RE INDEPENDENT. WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE DO NO MATTER WHAT
15 THE AUDITOR DOES.

16 MR. BOLAND: THEN WE NEED THE HOURLY BILLING THEN TO
17 DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WERE WORKING ON TT RELATED STUFF OR
18 NOT.

19 MR. CATES: YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, AND IF YOU TAKE A
20 LOOK ON THE WEBSITE IN MY LETTER TO THE SUPERINTENDENT,
21 WHICH WAS ALSO DATED JULY 16, I REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION
22 SPECIFICALLY TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT THE LEGAL FEES WERE FOR.
23 IT'S DONE.

24 MR. BOLAND: OKAY. SO THEN WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO
25 DIVIDE IT UP, PRO-RATE THE BILL.

1 MR. CATES: NOT PRO-RATE IT. IF I SEE MONEY SPENT ON
2 NON-TT RELATED MATTERS AND IF YOU SEE IT --

3 MR. BOLAND: WHAT IF PART OF IT IS SPENT ON TT RELATED
4 MATTERS?

5 MR. CATES: THAT'S FINE. IF YOU GO ON OUR WEBSITE AND
6 LOOK AT THE STANDARDS FOR TT EXPENDITURES, YOU'LL SEE A
7 WHOLE SECTION THAT DEALIS WITH DUAL PURPOSE EXPENDITURES.
8 YES, ABSOLUTELY. YOU'RE RIGHT. LET'S SAY 80 PERCENT OF
9 THE \$200,000 IS PROPERLY RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION LITIGATION
10 AND THAT SORT OF THING. THAT'S FINE.

11 MR. BOLAND: IS THAT THE JOB OF THIS COMMITTEE TO
12 REQUEST THOSE HOURLY BILLINGS AND THEN WORK IT OUT?

13 MR. CATES: HOW DEEPLY DO YOU WANT TO DIG? I THINK IT
14 IS.

15 MR. BOLAND: AGAIN, IT'S A QUESTION.

16 MR. CATES: HOW ELSE DO WE FIND OUT WHETHER OR NOT
17 THERE ARE ANY ILLEGAL EXPENDITURES?

18 MR. VITALE: CLIFF, IF I MAY. GOING BACK TO THE FULL
19 TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE TT, IN ADDITION TO COMPLIANCE WITH
20 THE ED CODE, THERE ARE TWO SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS IN THERE
21 THAT THE DISTRICT PERFORM BOTH A PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND A
22 FINANCIAL AUDIT. YOU CANNOT DO THE FINANCIAL AUDIT WITHOUT
23 ACCURATE INFORMATION COMING FORTHWITH TO THEM FROM
24 FACILITIES IDENTIFYING THE MONEYS AND HOW THEY'RE BEING
25 SPENT. SO THAT IN TURN YOU CAN GO TO THAT AUDIT AND

1 DETERMINE WHAT WAS BEING SPENT FOR NON-TT RELATED ITEMS AS
2 OPPOSED TO WHAT WAS LITIGATION ORIENTED OR WHATEVER THE
3 CAUSATION WAS. THEY TALK ABOUT TRAININGS IN THERE. IN
4 WHAT WAY ARE THE ATTORNEYS TRAINING US OR ANYBODY ELSE?

5 MR. BOLAND: THAT'S THE PART THAT CONCERNED ME AS
6 WELL. TRAINING SAYS TO ME A TRIP TO THE BAHAMAS OR
7 SOMETHING.

8 MR. VITALE: ALL I KNOW IS THERE IS NO BREAKDOWN OR
9 CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT THOSE PARTICULAR TERMS MEAN, AND I
10 FIND IT HIGHLY UNUSUAL THAT THIS LAW FIRM SHOULD NOT, IN
11 FACT, BE MORE DEFINITIVE OR DESCRIPTIVE AS OPPOSED TO LIKE
12 THE AUDIT GUY IS SAYING WE ONLY DO AS WE'RE DIRECTED. WE
13 ONLY DO THE SCOPE OF WORK WE'RE GIVEN. THEY'RE
14 PROFESSIONALS.

15 MR. CATES: ONE AT A TIME. EVERYONE WILL GET HIS
16 OPPORTUNITY.

17 MR. BOLAND: YEAH, THAT'S RIDICULOUS. THEY GIVE HIM
18 SOME PARAMETERS THAT FIT WHAT THEY WANT. I THOUGHT AN
19 AUDIT WAS SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE LIKE A BACKGROUND --

20 MR. VITALE: SO DID I. BUT WHEN I READ THE STANDARDS
21 WHICH ALLOW THE AUDITORS TO SELECTIVELY DETERMINE THAT THEY
22 ARE NOT GOING TO RENDER COMMENTARY BASED ON WHATEVER THEIR
23 CONTRACT SAYS.

24 MR. BOLAND: I'M JUST TRYING TO GET A FEEL OF WHAT OUR
25 SCOPE IS. IF OUR SCOPE IS TO GO GET THE HOURLY BILLING AND

1 DETERMINE, THAT'S WHAT YOU DO.

2 MR. CATES: WELL, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE, I'VE
3 ASKED FOR IT. WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS AT THE NEXT MEETING
4 WHETHER WE GET IT.

5 ONE MORE THING ABOUT THE FOURTH COMING AUDIT.
6 THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD KNOW, AND JAMES JUST FOUND OUT
7 BECAUSE HE SCRUTINIZED THE CONTRACT, THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
8 NIGRO & NIGRO, THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR, AND THE DISTRICT
9 PERMITS THE AUDITOR EFFECTIVELY TO DISCLAIM ANY OBLIGATION
10 TO RENDER AN OPINION ON THE DISTRICT'S INTERNAL CONTROLS.
11 THAT'S TECHNICAL ACCOUNTING STUFF, BUT WE HAVE ACCOUNTANTS
12 HERE. SO THAT'S A MAJOR PROBLEM. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO
13 AN AUDIT UNLESS YOU CAN RELY ON AN ENTERPRISE'S INTERNAL
14 CONTROLS, BUT YOU KNOW SOMETHING? WE CAN'T SOLVE EVERY
15 PROBLEM THAT IS OUT THERE. WE JUST HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT,
16 AND I HOPE TO PERSUADE NIGRO & NIGRO THAT THEY REALLY NEED
17 TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE ADEQUACY OF INTERNAL CONTROLS.

18 SO OUR FORTHCOMING AUDIT THIS YEAR SHOULD BE MORE
19 INTERESTING THAN IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST.

20 MR. MOHIT: I BELIEVE THE INTERNAL CONTROL SHOULD COME
21 THROUGH THE INTERNAL AUDITORS. I JUST FIND OUT IN THE LAST
22 MEETING THERE IS NO INTERNAL AUDITOR WHO SHOULD TAKE CARE
23 OF THE AUDITING PROBLEM. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN
24 FIND THE PROBLEMS AND SOLVE BEFORE IT GETS OUT OF HAND. BY
25 THE END OF THE YEAR WHEN THE AUDITORS COME, IT'S TOO LATE.

1 THE DAMAGE IS DONE, AND THE ONLY WAY TO FIX IT IS HAVING AN
2 AUDITOR TAKE CARE OF IT.

3 MR. CATES: YOU HAVE MORE EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA THAN
4 I DO, AND I AGREE WITH YOU ENTIRELY.

5 MR. MOHIT: ANY MAJOR CORPORATION HAS AN AUDITOR
6 DEPARTMENT.

7 MR. CATES: I AM SORRY TO SAY THIS, BUT I THINK THE
8 NEW MEMBERS ARE GOING TO DISCOVER THAT THERE IS A
9 WIDESPREAD LACK OF CONTROL ACROSS THE BOARD. IT'S NOT JUST
10 IN AUDITING. IT'S IN BUDGETING. IT'S IN APPROPRIATION
11 REQUESTS. IT'S IN REPORTING. THIS ENTERPRISE WOULD NOT
12 MAKE IT AS A PUBLIC COMPANY.

13 MR. HOCUTT: SPEAKING OF THAT, COULD I ASK ONE
14 QUESTION ABOUT 114-B? TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY,
15 THIS WHOLE THING ABOUT THE LEGAL FEES STARTED WITH THE
16 BOARD REPORT 1210-F. F REFERS TO A FACILITIES REQUEST.
17 THE B REFERS TO -- WHAT DOES THE B REFER TO, MIGUEL?

18 MR. PEREZ: I CANNOT TELL YOU.

19 MR. HOCUTT: THE B REPORTS DO NOT COME THROUGH THIS
20 COMMITTEE, JUST THE FS BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES THAT SHOULD
21 EFFECT TT. SO 1210-F WAS WRITTEN TO PAY THE LAWYERS
22 \$200,000. THIS COMMITTEE REJECTED IT. I BELIEVE IT WAS
23 PULLED AND NOT SUBMITTED TO A VOTE BY THE BOARD. I'M NOT
24 SURE. BUT AT ANY RATE, THAT TRANSCRIBED INTO A REPORT
25 114-B.

1 NOW, 114 WAS BASICALLY THE SAME THING AS 1210,
2 \$200,000 FOR THE LAWYERS. WE OBJECTED TO THAT. SO THIS
3 COMMITTEE DISAPPROVED, IF YOU WILL, 114-B. THE BOARD HEARD
4 THAT. THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE WHICH IS THREE MEMBERS OF
5 THE BOARD, THEY HEARD THAT, AND THEY PULLED 114-B. THAT
6 WORD BY THE WAY, MIGUEL, IS VERY IMPORTANT. 114-B WAS
7 PULLED AND WAS REWRITTEN AS 113-B WHICH IN ESSENCE SAID THE
8 SAME THING AS THE PREVIOUS ONE, AND THAT WAS PASSED BY THE
9 BOARD.

10 SO NOW I GET TO MY QUESTION. IF 114-B WAS PULLED
11 BY THE BOARD, MIGUEL, HOW DO WE HAVE A COPY OF IT THAT IS
12 STAMPED AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION?

13 MR. PEREZ: I CANNOT TELL YOU, BUT I ALREADY HAVE THE
14 SAME THING.

15 MR. HOCUTT: THIS WAS NEW. THIS JUST POPPED UP. WHEN
16 I PULLED THE LAST VERSION OF IT, IT IS STAMPED APPROVED.
17 IT'S NOT APPROVED. IT WAS PULLED.

18 MR. CATES: WHO OWNS THAT STAMP?

19 MR. HOCUTT: WHO OWNS THE RED INK STAMP THAT SAYS
20 "APPROVED"?

21 MR. PEREZ: WE DON'T IN FACILITIES. THERE IS SOMEBODY
22 HERE AT THE ED CENTER THAT HAS THAT. WE CERTAINLY DO NOT.

23 MR. COMMONS: CAN YOU FIND OUT, PLEASE.

24 MR. PEREZ: YES. AND PLEASE REFER TO WHAT I SAID
25 BEFORE. SEND IT IN WRITING SO WE CAN PROPERLY AND

1 ACCURATELY ANSWER YOUR COMMENTS.

2 MR. HOCUTT: YOU DID SAY IF THE MINUTES HAD THAT IN
3 THEIR AS A FORMAL REQUEST, THAT THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTED AS
4 BEING IN WRITING. DID I UNDERSTAND THAT CORRECTLY?

5 MR. COLE: I THINK YOU SHOULD WRITE IT ANYWAY.

6 MR. PEREZ: LET'S TRY TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE. YOU
7 KNOW, IF I UNDERSTAND SOMETHING WRONG OR YOU DID NOT
8 SPECIFY WHAT I UNDERSTOOD, LET'S DO IT IN WRITING SO WE
9 BOTH AGREE WHAT YOU WANT.

10 MR. COMMONS: HAVE WE VOTED ON 113?

11 MR. CATES: A LONG TIME AGO, AND WE DISAPPROVED 114-B
12 TWICE.

13 ONE COMMENT ON THAT. YES, QUESTIONS LIKE THAT
14 SHOULD BE IN WRITING, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BEAT A DEAD
15 HORSE. ALL THIS STAMP SHOWS IS THAT EITHER SOMEONE HAS
16 USURPED THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OR MORE LIKELY
17 INCOMPETENCE REIGNS. THE POINT, THE CRITICAL POINT IS THAT
18 114 AND 113 AND THEIR PREDECESSOR PERMIT THE ILLEGAL
19 EXPENDITURE. I CAN DO IT AND GO BACK AND SAY, BY THE WAY,
20 BOARD, DON'T YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU APPROVED? OR HAVE YOU
21 DELEGATED THIS TO THE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT? WHAT'S THE
22 POINT? I MEAN THIS IS JUST ONE MORE INSTANCE.

23 MR. BOLAND: WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?

24 MR. HOCUTT: IT WAS GIVEN TO US.

25 MR. CATES: IT WAS IN THE MEETING MATERIALS.

1 MR. VITALE: HERE IT IS.

2 MR. CATES: MY VERSION OF 114-B UNTIL TODAY DIDN'T
3 HAVE THIS STAMP ON IT.

4 MR. VITALE: ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DATE.

5 MR. CATES: WELCOME TO THE COMMITTEE, EVERYONE.

6 MR. DEVEER: IT'S LIKE GETTING 50 PAGES SIX HOURS
7 BEFORE THE MEETING.

8 MR. CATES: ALL RIGHT. QUINCY, DO WE NEED TO DO IV C
9 II, THE PRIOR BOARD REPORTS?

10 MR. HOCUTT: WELL, YES, JUST TO GET THE NEW MEMBERS
11 AND OLD MEMBERS UP TO SPEED.

12 BEFORE OUR COC COMMITTEE MEETS, FACILITIES DOES
13 PUT TOGETHER THE BOARD REPORTS, AND THEY SEND THEM OUT TO
14 US, AND WHAT WE DO, JUST AS A COURTESY FOR THE COMMITTEE
15 HERE, IS WE DO A LITTLE ONE-PAGE SUMMARY, IF YOU WILL, JUST
16 TO TRY TO GET THE GIST OF THESE THINGS. SO SOMEBODY SITS
17 DOWN -- OKAY, ME -- MAKES A RECOMMENDATION THAT WE SHOULD
18 APPROVE IT OR DISAPPROVE IT, AND THE COMMITTEE CAN DECIDE
19 WHETHER THEY AGREE WITH THAT OR NOT. I SENT THIS THING OUT
20 THIS AFTERNOON TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. HOW MANY
21 OF YOU ACTUALLY GOT IT?

22 ALL RIGHT. THAT'S NOT TOO BAD.

23 THE IDEA IS THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO JUST READ
24 THESE BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS WITHOUT HAVING TO READ ALL THE
25 OTHER STUFF THAT GOES WITH IT, HOPEFULLY RELYING ON

1 SOMEBODY LIKE ME WHO ACTUALLY PLOWS THROUGH ALL OF THAT
2 STUFF, BUT THERE WERE JUST -- I MARKED ALL OF THESE AS
3 FINE. THEY'RE APPROVED. WE CAN'T ARGUE WITH EVERYTHING.
4 BUT I DO WANT TO BRING UP TWO NOTES IF YOU WILL.

5 ONE WAS ON 1221, AND I TRIED TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF
6 THE THINGS, AND I MADE THIS COMMENT. BASICALLY THIS BR IS
7 JUST ASKING THE BOARD FOR FORMAL ACCEPTANCE TO GO AHEAD AND
8 SAY THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETE AND GO TO DSA AND CLOSE IT
9 OUT. THE BOARD SAYS THEY'RE GOING TO DO THAT. BUT I NOTED
10 THAT THE LAST FORMAL BUDGET PUBLISHED BY PUSD, WHICH IS ON
11 OUR WEBSITE, STATED THAT THE BUDGET FOR THE MARSHALL SCHOOL
12 SPORTS COMPLEX, THE BUDGET WAS 12.6 MILLION, EXPENSES AND
13 COMMITMENTS TO DATE WERE 13.9 MILLION. THAT'S ON THE
14 BUDGET REPORT. THIS BR SAY IT'S COMPLETED FOR 9.4 MILLION.

15 DID WE USE OTHER FUNDS TO PAY FOR PART OF THIS
16 BRINGING THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE DOWN TO 9.4 MILLION, OR DID
17 WE EVAPORATE 3 OR \$4 MILLION WORTH OF EXPENDITURES?

18 MR. PEREZ: PLEASE FOLLOW WHAT I JUST SAID.

19 MR. HOCUTT: YOU GUYS WRITE THESE THINGS.

20 MR. CATES: MIGUEL, REALLY, IT'S INCUMBENT ON THE
21 FACILITIES DEPARTMENT TO SEND SOMEONE WITH SOME BASIC
22 KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS GOING ON. I REALIZE YOU DON'T HAVE
23 IT. IT'S NOT FAIR TO YOU. NELSON NEEDS TO ATTEND THESE
24 MEETINGS. I DON'T THINK IT'S ADEQUATE TO SAY, "I'M SORRY.
25 I DON'T KNOW. MAKE A WRITTEN REQUEST." HERE WE'VE GOT A

1 BUDGET DISCREPANCY OF \$3 MILLION. DID THE MONEY EVAPORATE?

2 MR. HOCUTT: THIS IS GOING TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.
3 WE DON'T GET A CHANCE TO SAY ANYTHING AGAIN UNTIL THIS
4 THING GOES TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL, AND I'M FAIRLY
5 CONFIDENT THAT THEY MAY NOT LOOK AT IT, BUT DON'T YOU THINK
6 THEY SHOULD? WE DIDN'T GET TO IT TONIGHT, BUT YOU PUT IN
7 OUR PACKAGE THE CONSOLIDATED BUDGET REPORT WHICH IS UPDATED
8 THROUGH JULY 18TH WHICH STILL HAS THE SAME NUMBERS IN IT.

9 MR. PEREZ: I HAD SOME COMMENTS ABOUT IT, BUT I WASN'T
10 ALLOWED TO READ THEM. WOULD YOU ALLOW ME TO READ THE
11 COMMENTS IN REGARD TO THAT?

12 MR. HOCUTT: I THINK AT THIS POINT, YES.

13 MR. PEREZ: WE ARE IN OUR YEAR-END RECONCILIATION
14 PROCESS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BUDGET AND THE BUDGET
15 REMAINING COLUMNS IN THIS REPORT HAVE NOT YET BEEN UPDATED
16 WITH THE BUDGET INFO WE PRESENTED TOWARD THE DISTRICT
17 ACCOUNTING TEAM FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR '17, '18.

18 OUR YEAR-END RECONCILIATION PROCESS INVOLVES
19 RECONCILING ANNUAL EXPENDITURES TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND
20 THEN BRINGING OVER BUDGET BALANCES TO THE NEXT YEAR. WE
21 WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE THE REMAINING BUDGET IRONED OUT AFTER
22 OUR INVOICE ACCRUAL, PO, PURCHASE ORDER ROLLOVER, AND
23 EXPENDITURE RECONCILIATION PROCESS ARE COMPLETE.

24 I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THE TEAM, STAFF THAT IS
25 TAKING CARE OF THE ACCOUNTING TOOK OVER IN DECEMBER 2015,

1 AND THE STATUS OF THE NUMBERS WAS NOT QUITE CLEAR AT THAT
2 TIME, AND THEY HAVE BEEN QUITE BUSY TRYING TO ACCOMMODATE
3 OR ADJUST OR UNDERSTAND OR RECONCILE THE NUMBERS FROM
4 BEFORE. SO ANY DISCREPANCIES, WE HAVE NOT RECONCILED THE
5 NUMBERS. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXPENDITURES WE HAVE
6 MADE. WE CAN'T BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY DIME THAT WE HAVE
7 SPENT.

8 THE BUDGET, WHICH IS ASSOCIATED WITH PRIOR YEARS,
9 OUR ACCOUNTING TEAM HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET.
10 THEY'RE WORKING ON IT, BUT THEY ARE OVERWORKED, AND I
11 CANNOT TELL YOU THE PRECISE DATE WHEN THAT WILL BE
12 ACCOMPLISHED.

13 MR. VITALE: SO A YEAR AND A HALF THEY'VE BEEN LOOKING
14 AT THIS BUDGET OR ALL THE MONEYS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPENDED,
15 AND AS OF YET HAVE STILL NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE HEADS NOR
16 TAILS OF WHAT WENT ON BEFORE THEY TOOK OVER THE ACCOUNTING
17 FUNCTIONS?

18 MR. PEREZ: I WOULD SAY YES. THEY HAVE BEEN MOSTLY
19 INVOLVED WITH KEEPING UP WITH WHAT'S GOING, AND WHEN THEY
20 HAVE TIME, THEY LOOK BACK.

21 MR. VITALE: HOW MANY PERSON STAFF DOES HE HAVE DOING
22 IT?

23 MR. PEREZ: TWO PEOPLE.

24 MR. COMMONS: THAT'S THE PROBLEM.

25 MR. MOHIT: THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT CONSISTS OF TWO

1 PERSON?

2 MR. PEREZ: I COULDN'T SAY THE DEPARTMENT. BUT THERE
3 IS ONE LADY THAT TAKES CARE OF THE PURCHASE ORDERS. I
4 DON'T KNOW WHAT EXACTLY IS HER TITLE. AND THERE ARE TWO
5 LADIES THAT ARE IN THE ACCOUNTING.

6 MR. HOCUTT: THERE ARE THREE.

7 MR. MOHIT: THE MAIN PURPOSE IS BALANCE OUR NUMBERS.
8 THEY HAVE TO BE ABLE AT THIS TIME BEFORE THEY CLOSE THE
9 BOOKS THEY LOOK AT THE NUMBERS. THEY SAY THIS IS BUDGETED,
10 AND THIS IS THE ACTUAL. RIGHT THERE THEY HAVE TO FIGURE
11 OUT WHAT IS THAT 4 MILLION. WHERE IS IT? IF IT IS OVER
12 WHY, AND IF IT'S UNDER WHY. AND RIGHT THERE IT SHOULD BE
13 EXPLAINED WHY WE ARE OVER BUDGET AND WHY WE ARE UNDER. WE
14 SHOULD KNOW RIGHT NOW THAT THERE IS A VARIANCE AND WHAT IS
15 THE VARIANCE. WHERE IS IT COMING FROM.

16 MR. PEREZ: JUST REMEMBER WE'RE NOT AN IDEAL WORLD,
17 AND THE NUMBERS FROM THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS, YOU
18 KNOW, I DON'T PRETEND TO BLAME ANYBODY, BUT IT WAS NOT LIKE
19 YOUR BANK ACCOUNT. YOU KNOW LAST YEAR HOW MUCH YOU HAD AND
20 NEXT YEAR. THEY HAVE TO MATCH ALL OF THAT, AND THEY HAVE
21 BEEN BUSY.

22 MR. CATES: MIGUEL, THE DIFFERENCE IS WHEN I MAKE A
23 MISTAKE, I'M OFF \$250 IN MY CHECKING ACCOUNT. YOU GUYS ARE
24 OFF MILLIONS.

25 MR. VITALE: NELSON HAS STEPPED INTO A QUAGMIRE IN

1 TAKING OVER THIS POSITION, AND HE'S TRYING TO RESOLVE IT
2 WHILE AT THE SAME TIME DEALING WITH AN INHERITED ISSUE, AND
3 THIS INHERITED ISSUE DOES NOT JUST GO BACK TO THE PREVIOUS
4 FACILITIES DIRECTOR. IT GOES BACK TO -- THIS IS AN
5 EIGHT-YEAR FIASCO THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON WITH THIS. IT
6 SEEMS TO ME THAT IN ORDER TO BRING IT CURRENT, THERE IS AN
7 IMMEDIATE NEED TO BRING IN SOME SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF TO GET
8 TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS OR HOW ARE THEY GOING TO BE ABLE TO
9 COMPLETE THE AUDIT? BECAUSE THE AUDIT IS GOING TO REFLECT
10 THAT YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE THE COST CONTROL POSITION OR COST
11 CONTROL THAT IS A MEANS IN PLACE TO GIVE US WHAT WE NEED TO
12 BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT WE CAN
13 PRESENT IN THIS AUDIT REPORT THAT WE HAVE TO DO.

14 MR. PEREZ: I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU SAY.

15 MS. AWW: IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT NELSON SPENT THE
16 BETTER PART OF HIS FIRST SIX MONTHS, AND MAYBE JUDY CAN
17 SUPPORT ME ON THIS, TO TRY TO COME UP WITH THE FACILITIES
18 BUDGET FROM YOU KNOW -- I DON'T KNOW THAT IT JUST INVOLVED
19 MEASURE TT, BUT THE FACILITIES BUDGET FROM THE PREVIOUS
20 ADMINISTRATION, AND HE WAS NOT ABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR \$1.4
21 MILLION, AND MAYBE, STEVE, YOU REMEMBER THAT.

22 MR. COLE: YEAH, I REMEMBER THAT.

23 MS. AWW: WHICH TO ME AFTER GOING TO ALL THESE
24 MEETINGS FOR AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN SEEMED LIKE NOT A LOT OF
25 MONEY IN THE BIG PERSPECTIVE. SO IF YOU PUT THAT ASIDE,

1 AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S A HARD NUT TO PUT ASIDE, BUT I FEEL AND
2 AM MUCH MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT NELSON GOING FORWARD AND
3 BEING, YOU KNOW, EXPLICIT WITH THE EXPENDITURES. AND
4 UNDERSTANDABLY WHENEVER YOU HAVE CONSTRUCTION, IT'S GOING
5 TO HAVE NEW WORK ORDERS AND THINGS ARE NOT GOING TO GO
6 ACCORDING TO THE CONTRACT, BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW TO GO
7 FORWARD, YOU KNOW, WITH THE CURRENT BUDGET THE WAY IT IS
8 BECAUSE THAT HAS BEEN UNDER NELSON'S FORESIGHT.

9 MR. COMMONS: I THINK THE KEY IS WHAT WAS SAID
10 EARLIER. NELSON HAS TO ATTEND THE MEETING. I SUPPORT OUR
11 CHAIRMAN THERE. I THINK WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM COME.

12 MR. BOLAND: I DID BRING THAT SUBJECT UP WITH HIM. I
13 JUST DID IT ON MONDAY. I WOULD CONSIDER THAT A WORK IN
14 PROGRESS, BUT I AGREE THAT THIS IS NOT A GOOD SITUATION
15 WHERE YOU SIT THERE AND SAY PUT IT IN WRITING TO EVERY
16 SIMPLE QUESTION. THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT WHEN WE
17 NEED A BETTER WORKING RELATIONSHIP. WE NEED EITHER YOU
18 HAVE THE ABILITY TO ANSWER A FEW SIMPLE QUESTIONS AND FEEL
19 COMFORTABLE ABOUT IT, WHICH YOU DON'T, OR NELSON GETS BACK
20 IN THIS ROOM AND FEELS COMFORTABLE DOING THAT. BECAUSE
21 THAT DOESN'T WORK TRYING TO PUT EVERYTHING IN WRITING LIKE
22 THAT. YOU HAVE TO SIT THERE. IT'S A GAME, AND I DON'T
23 LIKE IT, BUT THAT'S MY COMMENT ON THAT.

24 MR. HOCUTT: ONE COMMENT IF I MAY. ON THE \$1.4
25 MILLION THAT WAS SUPPOSEDLY MISSING, I BELIEVE NELSON AND

1 THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO MADE THE
2 STATEMENT THAT THEY HAD INDEED RESOLVED THAT ISSUE.

3 MR. COLE: THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN AT A MEETING I WASN'T
4 AT.

5 MS. AWW: I QUIT ATTENDING FACILITIES BECAUSE THIS ONE
6 WAS SO MUCH MORE FRUITFUL.

7 MR. CATES: QUITE FRANKLY, THIS COMMITTEE IS DOING THE
8 JOB OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE AS BEST IT CAN.

9 MR. HOCUTT: APPARENTLY THE 1.4 MILLION WAS A CAUSE
10 CELEB, SO NELSON WAS QUITE PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE
11 THAT HIS ACCOUNTANT SAID IT WAS RESOLVED. THIS ONE IS JUST
12 ONE BR, AND IT'S \$4 MILLION RIGHT THERE.

13 THE REASON, SO THAT YOU ALL KNOW, THAT MS. KENNE
14 REQUESTED THE BLUE CODES, WHICH IS THE SOURCE CODES,
15 BECAUSE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, MS. KENNE IS HAVING GREAT
16 DIFFICULTY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT JUST WHAT THESE
17 EXPENDITURES ARE IN THE BUDGET REPORTS BECAUSE THE RESOURCE
18 CODES DON'T MATCH UP. SHE CAN'T MATCH ANYTHING. WE HAVE
19 TWO DIFFERENT ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS IN THE DISTRICT. ONE IS
20 ACCOUNTABILITY, WHICH IS THIS THING, AND THE OTHER ONE IS
21 PEOPLESOFT? SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND APPARENTLY THEY
22 DON'T MATCH UP, AND MS. KENNE, BLESS HER HEART, IS TRYING
23 VERY DILIGENTLY TO FIGURE OUT WHY THESE NUMBERS AREN'T
24 CORRECT WHICH IS ONE OF THE REASONS WE ASKED FOR A
25 DIFFERENT BUDGET REPORT BECAUSE THIS ONE DOESN'T TELL YOU

1 WHERE WE ARE.

2 MR. CATES: WE HAVEN'T REALLY GOTTEN INTO BUDGETING
3 TONIGHT, AND WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME, BUT IT IS ANOTHER
4 MAJOR MORASS.

5 MR. BOLAND: THE BEST PLACE FOR ME TO START WOULD BE
6 TO READ THE MINUTES FOR THE PAST YEAR?

7 MR. CATES: I WOULD READ THE RECENT CORRESPONDENCE
8 FIRST AND THAT WILL INCLUDE SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR
9 INFORMATION.

10 MR. BOLAND: WHAT ABOUT A CLARIFICATION ON -- I'VE
11 READ EVERYTHING THAT I COULD FIND SO FAR. I'M JUST LOOKING
12 FOR ANYTHING. I JUST WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE INTERNAL
13 WORKINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. I THINK THERE'S SOME ROOM FOR
14 CLEANING UP EXACTLY WHAT OUR ROLE IS AND HOW TO RESOLVE
15 THINGS THAT WE DISAGREE WITH THE BOARD ON. THAT SEEMS TO
16 TAKE UP A LOT OF TIME. IF THERE'S A RESOLUTION, THERE'S
17 GOT TO BE SOMETHING SPELLED OUT IN THE CONSTITUTION
18 SOMEWHERE.

19 MR. CATES: UNFORTUNATELY, NO, THERE ISN'T.

20 MR. COMMONS: I THINK HE GAVE A GOOD BREAK WHEN HE
21 SUGGESTED LEGAL IS ONE WAY, AND WHEN IT'S NOT LEGAL, THEY
22 HAVE A RIGHT TO OVERRIDE IT. I THINK THAT HELPS ME AT
23 LEAST.

24 MR. HOCUTT: IF I MAY, MOVING ON, ONE OF OUR
25 MEMBERS -- ME -- HAS WRITTEN UP A RECOMMENDATION HERE FOR

1 THESE BOARD REPORTS, SO I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT
2 WE APPROVE THE BOARD REPORTS THAT WERE SUBMITTED TO US.

3 MR. CATES: DO I HEAR A SECOND?

4 MR. COLE: I'LL SECOND IT.

5 MR. CATES: ALL IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? ABSTAINED?

6 MOTION IS CARRIED.

7 ALL RIGHT. LET'S MOVE ON. WE'RE GETTING THERE.

8 I THINK THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED IV E IN SUFFICIENT
9 DETAIL. THAT IS THE DISTRICT RESPONSES TO OUTSTANDING
10 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. IN PARTICULAR THE TEN KEY ITEMS,
11 SORT OF LIKE THE TEN DEADLY SINS.

12 WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO DISCUSS IV E FURTHER?

13 MR. HOCUTT: WELL, I WOULD. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A
14 MOTION. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE MAKE A WRITTEN
15 REQUEST AND RECEIVE A WRITTEN RESPONSE FROM THE CHIEF OF
16 FACILITIES TO ANSWER E I, E II, E III, AND E IV. WE'VE
17 BEEN ASKING THESE QUESTIONS, GLENN, YOU'LL RECALL, FOR
18 SEVERAL MONTHS. WE DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER. I WOULD LIKE TO
19 MOVE THAT WE REQUEST A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

20 MR. CATES: DO I HEAR A SECOND?

21 MR. DEVEER: I'LL SECOND.

22 MR. PEREZ: I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU CLOSE
23 EVERYTHING. I'M SURE THIS MIGHT CLARIFY, BUT MIGHT NOT
24 SATISFY YOU. I'LL BE QUICK.

25 E I, THE DERIVATION OF SPEND-OUT PLAN BUDGETS.

1 THIS BUDGET WAS CREATED BY FACILITIES BASED ON THE PROJECT
2 MANAGER'S INPUT AND THE AVAILABLE DRAWINGS AND PLANS. THE
3 CRITERIA WAS BASED ON ADA COMPLIANCE, HEALTH AND SAFETY,
4 AND CLASSROOM ADDITION.

5 NO. 2, RECONCILIATION WITH 126 MILLION TOTAL.
6 ONCE THE BOARD DECIDES ON WHICH PROJECT THE FUNDS WILL BE
7 INVESTED IN, A RECONCILIATION WILL BE PERFORMED. OKAY? SO
8 AT THE MOMENT WE CANNOT UNTIL THE BOARD DECIDES WHICH
9 PROJECT TO MOVE FORWARD.

10 NO. 3, RECONCILIATION OF NORMA COOMBS BUDGETS.
11 THE NORMA COOMBS PROJECT IN THE 2009 FACILITIES MASTER
12 PLAN WAS ESTIMATED 5,133,000. JULY 13, '17, A WEEK AGO,
13 THE BID WAS FOR 6,593,000. THAT JUMP FROM 5 MILLION TO
14 6.593, WELL, SOMEBODY IN THE PROCESS MADE A MISTAKE OR THE
15 INFLATION AND CHANGES, BUT THE BID IS A BID, YOU KNOW. YOU
16 CALL PEOPLE TO SEND PROPOSALS, AND THAT'S THE LOWEST BID WE
17 RECEIVE.

18 MR. VITALE: BUT, MIGUEL, YOU JUST INDICATED IT
19 STARTED WITH A 2009 DOLLAR, AND YOU GOT THE BIDS IN '17.
20 THERE HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN INFLATION OF MONEY DURING THAT
21 TIME PERIOD. YOU MISSED THE WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY WHEN THE
22 PRICES WERE DOWN, AND IT'S REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT THE
23 PRICES ARE GOING TO BE HIGHER THAN A \$5 MILLION 2009 MONEY.
24 SO IT'S NOT ILLOGICAL THAT THIS HAPPENED. IT WAS
25 FORESEEABLE.

1 MR. PEREZ: YES. BUT I'M JUST PRESENTING THE FACTS.
2 THE ITEM SAYS THE RECONCILIATION OF NORMA COOMBS BUDGET. I
3 THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR YOU TO READ THIS. SO HOW
4 WE GOT FROM A TO B. WELL, THERE ARE MANY EXPLANATIONS.

5 MR. HOCUTT: WHEN DID YOU GET THE BID?

6 MR. PEREZ: 7-15-17, SIX DAYS AGO.

7 MR. HOCUTT: THE NORMA COOMBS BUDGET ON THE SPEND-OUT
8 PLAN WAS DONE WHAT? TWO MONTHS AGO?

9 MR. CATES: WAS IT APRIL?

10 MR. HOCUTT: I GET FUZZY ON DATES, BUT IT WAS DONE WAY
11 BEFORE YOU GOT THE BID, SO ALL WE ASKED HERE WAS WHERE DID
12 YOU GUYS GET THE NUMBER FOR THE SPEND-OUT PLAN? IT'S NOT
13 BASED ON THE BID BECAUSE YOU HADN'T RECEIVED IT YET.

14 MR. PEREZ: LET ME -- I'LL GO BACK. THE SPEND-OUT
15 PLAN BUDGET WAS CREATED BY FACILITIES BASED ON THE PROJECT
16 MANAGER'S INPUT AND THE AVAILABLE DRAWINGS AND PLANS. SO
17 THAT'S WHERE WE GET OUR NUMBERS. WE MEET WITH THE PROJECT
18 MANAGERS, AND WE HAVE A SET OF PLANS AND A LIST OF
19 IMPROVEMENTS. WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A NEW OR TEN CLASSROOMS
20 AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. AND THERE IS A COST ESTIMATE THAT
21 THE ARCHITECT ALSO PREPARES. IN PART OF THEIR BUDGET,
22 THEIR SUBMITTALS, THEY GIVE A DISCLOSURE, VERY DETAILED,
23 AND BASED ON THOSE TWO KEY PIECES OF INFORMATION, THE
24 DEPARTMENT REACH THOSE NUMBERS. WHAT HAPPENS? WE DON'T
25 HAVE A MAGIC BALL AND SAY HOW MUCH THE BID IS GOING TO

1 COST. THOSE ARE ESTIMATES.

2 MR. DEVEER: WHEN WERE THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS
3 COMPLETED BY THE ARCHITECT?

4 MR. PEREZ: YOU SEE, I CANNOT TELL YOU THAT. THEY'RE
5 33 PROJECTS, AND YOU ASK ME MANY DIFFERENT THINGS, AND YOU
6 THINK IT'S SIMPLE. I CANNOT ANSWER THAT.

7 MR. DEVEER: WHERE I'M GOING WITH THIS, FOR THE
8 COMMITTEE'S EDUCATION, WHEN AN ARCHITECT COMPLETES HIS
9 CONSTRUCTION DOCS, AS PER YOUR AGREEMENT WITH THE
10 ARCHITECT, I BELIEVE HE'S REQUIRED TO STIPULATE AN
11 ESTIMATED COST AT THAT TIME; CORRECT?

12 MR. PEREZ: YES. NORMALLY THEY INCLUDE IT.

13 MR. DEVEER: AND WE MISSED IT BY \$3 MILLION?

14 MR. PEREZ: I DIDN'T DO THE MATH. I DIDN'T LOOK INTO
15 THAT.

16 MR. DEVEER: THEN MY QUESTION WOULD BE THEN WOULDN'T
17 IT BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARCHITECT TO GO BACK AND
18 REDESIGN?

19 MR. PEREZ: YOU'RE PRESENTING ME WITH SOME INFORMATION
20 I DO NOT HAVE AN ANSWER. THERE ARE 33 PROJECTS, AND YOU
21 ASK ME THE NUMBERS FOR --

22 MR. DEVEER: MIGUEL, I'M GOOD. WE ARE GOOD.

23 MR. PEREZ: LET ME FINISH. I HAVE ONE MORE THING.

24 MR. CATES: QUICKLY, PLEASE.

25 MR. PEREZ: LAW REQUIRING SEPARATE BIDS FOR THREE

1 SIMILAR ATHLETIC TRACKS. THIS HAS BEEN OUT TO BID FOR
2 THREE MONTHS, AND I RECOGNIZE I MADE A MISTAKE OR I MIGHT
3 HAVE MADE A MISTAKE PREVIOUSLY. BUT FOR THE RECORD, THERE
4 IS NO LAW, BUT PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT INDICATES THAT IT'S
5 BETTER TO HAVE PROJECTS FOR EACH SCHOOL SEPARATED FROM EACH
6 OTHER.

7 MR. CATES: THANK YOU. I HAVE JUST ONE MORE QUESTION
8 ON THIS SUBJECT. WHO WROTE THE EXPLANATIONS THAT YOU'RE
9 READING TO US?

10 MR. PEREZ: I DID.

11 MR. CATES: YOU DID. OKAY. THANK YOU. I WILL
12 INCLUDE THESE ITEMS ON REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

13 MR. COMMONS: I THINK HE HAS A MOTION ON THE FLOOR

14 MR. CATES: DO YOU? THANK YOU. WHAT IS IT? THANKS
15 FOR REMINDING ME.

16 MR. HOCUTT: IT WAS TO REQUEST IN WRITING BASICALLY
17 WHAT YOU JUST SAID.

18 MR. CATES: MAY I ASK YOU TO MODIFY THE MOTION. WOULD
19 SOMEONE PLEASE REMIND ME OF EVERYTHING THAT I'M SUPPOSED TO
20 ASK FOR. I MEAN, I'M MAKING NOTES, BUT I PROBABLY MISSED
21 SOMETHING. IT'S EVERYTHING IN IV E. IT'S WHERE ARE THE
22 TEN DEADLY SINS. BEYOND THAT?

23 MR. COMMONS: THE MOTION IS FOR I, II, III, IV.

24 MR. CATES: WILL YOU HELP ME WITH THAT, PLEASE.

25 MR. HOCUTT: I WILL.

1 MR. CATES: SECOND TO THE MOTION?

2 MR. COMMONS: HE SECONDED.

3 MR. CATES: OKAY. ALL IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? OKAY.

4 COC WEBSITE. I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE UP YOUR TIME
5 ON THIS. WE CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS. IT IS THE
6 COMMITTEE'S GOAL THAT EVERYTHING IMPORTANT PERTAINING TO
7 OUR WORK EVENTUALLY WILL APPEAR ON THAT WEBSITE. UNTIL
8 RECENTLY IT DIDN'T. BUT FROM NOW ON -- BY THE WAY, WE NEED
9 PHOTOGRAPHS OF NEW MEMBERS. WE HAVE THE MEMBERS. WE HAVE
10 GOVERNING LAW. WE HAVE OUR MISSION STATEMENT. WE HAVE
11 AUDIT REPORTS. WE HAVE REPORTS TO THE BOARD. REPORTS TO
12 THE DISTRICT. TRIVIA. IF ANY OF YOU THINKS THAT THERE'S
13 SOMETHING THAT OUGHT TO BE ON THERE THAT ISN'T, PLEASE LET
14 ME KNOW. THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE IN POSTING
15 WHATEVER WE ASK.

16 BOARD LIAISON TO THE COC ISN'T HERE.

17 COC LIAISON TO THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE. THAT IS
18 STEVE.

19 MR. COLE: THAT'S ME. AS YOU KNOW, I MISSED THE LAST
20 MEETING HERE WHICH I APOLOGIZE FOR SO I WAS AT A
21 DISADVANTAGE GOING TO FACILITIES, BUT BASED ON WHAT MIKALA
22 HAD SENT AND READING THROUGH, I SUBMITTED THE BOARD REPORTS
23 THAT WERE DISAPPROVED. THERE WASN'T A GREAT DEAL OF
24 DISCUSSION OF THAT. IT WAS BR 139 AND A FEW OTHERS.
25 INCLUDING OF THE PROP 39 FUNDS FOR BR 1201 AND 1202.

1 NELSON HAD SAID \$2 AND A HALF MILLION OF PROP 39 WOULD BE
2 AVAILABLE IN AUGUST. THAT'S WHAT WE HEARD HERE TONIGHT
3 THAT IT'S ALREADY APPROVED. AND HE SAID THAT THERE WOULD
4 BE ENOUGH -- HE WAS DEFINITIVE THAT THOSE WOULD BE
5 APPROVED. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH TO FULFILL THE
6 BOARD REPORT FINANCES THAT WOULD COMPLEMENT THE TT FUNDS.
7 FACILITY COMMITTEE WAS OKAY WITH HIS ASSURANCES THERE.

8 THE SPEND-OUT PLAN BR REPORT 1203 WAS PULLED AND
9 WILL BE A MATTER OF SPECIAL DISCUSSION IN AUGUST. IT'S
10 GOING TO FOCUS JUST ON THAT AND THE MONEY ALLOCATED FOR
11 EACH TASK, AND I ASKED THAT WE BE INFORMED WHEN THAT
12 MEETING WILL OCCUR. THEN THE ARCHITECTURAL FEES FOR
13 LONGFELLOW THERE WASN'T -- WHICH IS BR 1204 -- THERE WAS NO
14 BIG DISCUSSION ON THAT. THEY BASICALLY SAID THEY WERE
15 GOING TO PUT THAT TO THE SPEND-OUT PLAN DISCUSSION.

16 THAT WAS PRETTY MUCH THE MAIN PART THAT CAME OUT
17 OF THE FACILITIES MEETING FROM LAST TIME AND THAT WASN'T
18 ALREADY DISCUSSED HERE IN OTHER ASPECTS.

19 THAT BEING SAID, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO SAY
20 TOMORROW?

21 MR. HOCUTT: THAT WE APPROVED THE BRS.

22 MR. COLE: THAT WE APPROVED THE BRS. THAT WAS THE
23 MAIN THING THAT I HAD WRITTEN DOWN. I DIDN'T KNOW IF YOU
24 WANTED ME TO MENTION THE 114, 113 AGAIN? THAT'S DONE.

25 MR. CATES: WE'RE BEATING THEM TO DEATH.

1 MR. COLE: I THINK I FIGURED OUT WHY 114 IS STAMPED.
2 BECAUSE I WENT ON AND IT WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA FOR MAY 25,
3 BUT THERE IS A BR 114-B THAT WAS THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION
4 BUDGET THAT WAS SUBMITTED IN JUNE AND THAT WAS APPROVED.
5 SO IT LOOKS LIKE THEY RECYCLED THE NUMBER TO A DIFFERENT
6 BOARD REPORT WHEN THEY PULLED THE OTHER ONE, AND IT WAS
7 STAMPED BY MISTAKE. SO IF ANYBODY WAS INTERESTED.

8 MR. CATES: ALL RIGHT. SITE COUNCIL. DIANA ISN'T
9 HERE.

10 BEFORE I CLOSE IT OUT, DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY
11 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

12 MS. AWW: I HAVE A COMMENT ON THE STATUS REPORT NO. 23
13 ON PAGE 2. IT SEEMS TO ME FROM THE LAST STATUS REPORT WE
14 HAD, THAT WILLARD -- AND I SPEAK OF WILLARD BECAUSE I WORK
15 THERE. THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND THE RAIN SCUPPERS REALLY
16 NEED TO BE IN PLACE BECAUSE THAT CAMPUS IS AN ISLAND WHEN
17 IT RAINS, AND UNDERSTANDABLY WE HAVEN'T HAD A PROBLEM UNTIL
18 THIS YEAR WHEN WE HAD RAIN. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT'S
19 NO. 23 ON THIS REPORT, AND I MAY BE MISTAKEN, BUT I THOUGHT
20 IT WAS 19 ON THE LAST REPORT. SO I'M WONDERING WHY FROM
21 MONTH TO MONTH THE STATUS CHANGES?

22 MR. HOCUTT: MAY I. I THINK THERE ARE SIX VERSIONS OF
23 THE SPEND-OUT PLAN, AND YOU'LL NOTE ON EACH VERSION OF THE
24 SPEND-OUT THE PROJECTS MOVE, AND MY FAVORITE IS THE
25 PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL POOL WHICH HAS GONE FROM 31 TO 9 AND

1 18 AND 17.

2 MS. AWW: I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A LAWSUIT ON THAT
3 ONE, BUT I JUST, YOU KNOW, REALLY WANT, YOU KNOW, IT'S A
4 HOUSEHOLD BUDGET, AND THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE
5 EMERGENCIES, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT CAMPUS DRAINAGE IS
6 KEY, AND WHAT HAPPENS IS THE FLOW FROM THE NORTH SIDE OF
7 THE CAMPUS TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CAMPUS IT ALL FLOWS
8 DOWNHILL. SO WHAT HAPPENS IS OUR KINDERGARTEN SPACE WHICH
9 IS A NEW COMPLEX GETS FLOODED. THE DRAINS -- THE FIRST DAY
10 OF OUR PRINCIPAL'S NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY TWO YEARS AGO WAS,
11 YOU KNOW, KNEE HIGH BOOTS AND BROOMS BECAUSE MAINTENANCE
12 COULDN'T GET THERE FAST ENOUGH, AND WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE
13 CLASSROOMS.

14 THE WHOLE WING FLOODS BECAUSE IT'S BELOW THE
15 STATUS OF THE WATER FLOW. OUR FIELDS GET WATERED AND THE
16 OVERFLOW DRAINS DOWN INTO THE POOL CENTER OUTSIDE OF THE
17 LIBRARY WHICH IS A PASS FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE CAMPUS TO
18 THE CAFETERIA WHICH MEANS KIDS CAN'T GET TO LUNCH IF THEY
19 DON'T TROP THROUGH THE WATER. SO TO HAVE THIS AS PRIORITY
20 23 WHEN MAYBE ONLY 1 TO 9 ARE GOING TO GET DONE, JUST SEEMS
21 UNCONSCIONABLE TO ME.

22 MR. DEVEER: WHY IS THIS EVEN A TT ISSUE? WHY ISN'T
23 IT A MAINTENANCE ISSUE WITH FACILITIES? IT SOUNDS TO ME
24 LIKE YOU'VE GOT TO GET A ROTO ROOTER OUT THERE.

25 MR. VITALE: IT'S AN ENGINEERING PROGRAM.

1 MS. MCKINLEY: RUTH ANN HAS BROUGHT THIS TO THE
2 ATTENTION OF NELSON HOW MANY ITEMS? AND BASICALLY NELSON
3 HAS JUST PUSHED IT OUT LIKE IT'S NOT IMPORTANT. WHEN
4 YOU'RE WORKING ON A SCHOOL SITE WITH KINDERGARTENERS AND
5 THE ROOM IS FLOODING EVERY TIME IT RAINS, IT IS A HUGE
6 ISSUE.

7 MS. AWW: AND THE RAIN SCUPPERS ARE AT THE TOP OF A
8 RAMP, AND THERE'S NO ACCESS FOR OUR HANDICAP KIDS IN
9 WHEELCHAIRS. IT'S LIKE WORSE THAN A SHOWER AT NIAGARA.

10 MS. MCKINLEY: RUTH ANN ACTUALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT
11 NEEDED TO BE DONE, EXPLAINED IT TO THEM, AND BASICALLY
12 NOBODY HAS LISTENED, AND I AGREE WITH YOU. IT SHOULD NOT
13 BE A TT PROJECT. IT SHOULD BE MAINTENANCE, BUT THEY HAVE
14 NOT ADDRESSED IT, AND THIS HAPPENS WITH MANY THINGS.

15 MR. CATES: HOW CAN WE HELP YOU? I REALIZE THIS IS A
16 SERIOUS PROBLEM.

17 MS. AWW: I DON'T KNOW. MIGUEL MIGHT HAVE AN ANSWER.

18 MR. PEREZ: I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S A MAINTENANCE ISSUE.
19 IT HAS TO BE A NEW SYSTEM. THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PARTS ARE
20 NOT PROPERLY SIZED AND ARE NOT PROPERLY LOCATED. SO IT'S
21 NOT GOING WITH THE ROTO WHATEVER BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU HAVE
22 EVERYTHING IMPECCABLE, CLEAN, THE QUANTITY OF WATER THAT
23 COMES THERE IS TOO MUCH. IT WON'T DRAIN.

24 MR. VITALE: IT SOUNDS LIKE IT WAS A DESIGN PROBLEM,
25 AND YOU NEED TO GO BACK TO THE CIVIL ENGINEER AND/OR THE

1 ARCHITECT AND HOLD THEIR FEET TO THE FIRE FOR FAILURE TO
2 CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT YOU'VE GOT ON THE SITE.

3 MS. AWW: THE ARCHITECT IS THE SAME ONE THAT DID
4 ROOSEVELT, AND WE HAD HUGE ISSUES WITH ROOSEVELT AFTER
5 BEING OFF THE CAMPUS FOR TWO YEARS. CAME BACK AND THE
6 FIRST RAIN IT WAS LIKE ET WITH ALL THE FENCE AND EVERYTHING
7 THAT HAD TO COME IN. IT WAS THE SAME ARCHITECT THAT DID
8 THE PRESCHOOL, BUILT IT.

9 MR. DEVEER: THEY'RE PROBABLY DOING NORMA COOMBS
10 TODAY.

11 MS. AWW: WELL, YOU CAN CHECK YOUR RECORDS. BUT WHEN
12 I SAW THAT I WENT, OH, WELL. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN
13 HELP. I JUST WANT YOU TO BE AWARE.

14 MR. CATES: MIGUEL, MAYBE YOU COULD REPEAT THIS
15 REQUEST UNOFFICIALLY. SOMETHING CAN BE DONE OTHER THAN
16 REDESIGNING THE ENTIRE PLUMBING. SOME TEMPORARY MEASURE, A
17 PUMP.

18 MR. PEREZ: OKAY.

19 MR. CATES: I'M NOT GOING TO PUT THIS IN A WRITTEN
20 REQUEST.

21 MR. PEREZ: IT'S IN THE MINUTES.

22 MS. AWW: I'M CONCERNED IF WE HAVE ANOTHER YEAR OF WET
23 LIKE THIS YEAR, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY.

24 MR. PEREZ: I THINK I MIGHT BE WRONG AS A HUMAN BEING,
25 BUT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE SHOULD

1 LEARN ABOUT. BECAUSE AS I UNDERSTAND YOU, YOUR PRINCIPAL
2 OBJECTIVE IS TO REVIEW THE EXPENDITURES, NOT PLAN THE
3 EXPENDITURES, BUT AS I SAID, I MIGHT BE WRONG.

4 MS. AWW: AND I APPRECIATE THAT. STEVE, YOU CAN --

5 MR. COLE: I CAN MENTION IT FOR YOU IF YOU WANT.

6 MS. AWW: THEY FACILITIES MEETS NEXT WEEK AT 3:00, AND
7 THE BOARD MEETING IS AT 4:00.

8 MR. COLE: YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S NOT TOMORROW.

9 MR. CATES: OKAY. BEFORE WE ADJOURN LET ME MENTION
10 SOMETHING TO THE NEW MEMBERS, AN OFFER THAT I EXTENDED TO
11 THE OLD MEMBERS A LITTLE WHILE AGO.

12 WE'VE NOW SPENT OVER TWO AND A HALF HOURS IN THIS
13 MEETING WHICH IS A LONG TIME. I CAN MAKE THE MEETING
14 SHORTER IF YOU WANT TO CUT DOWN ON THE DISCUSSION, BUT WHEN
15 I LAST ASKED EVERYONE, THE UNANIMOUS FEELING WAS LET
16 EVERYBODY HAVE HIS SAY AND DON'T TRY TO KEEP THIS TO AN
17 HOUR AND A HALF OR TWO HOURS.

18 LET ME PUT THE QUESTION TO YOU AGAIN. YOU KNOW,
19 THIS IS GOING TO BE TYPICAL. WE HAVE A LOT OF BUSINESS TO
20 DO. WE HAVEN'T EVEN TOUCHED THE BUDGETING PROBLEMS
21 TONIGHT. SO I APPLAUD YOUR PERSERVERANCE.

22 MS. CROSS: I THINK AS A NEW MEMBER I CAN'T ADEQUATELY
23 GIVE MY OPINION ON THAT BECAUSE I LIKE TO SEE PROGRESS, BUT
24 I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO EVALUATE
25 THAT. I'LL SIT HERE AS LONG AS EVERYONE IS WILLING TO BE

1 HERE IF I SEE US PROGRESSING. THAT'S MY OPINION.

2 MR. VITALE: IF I MAY, AND I DON'T MEAN TO BLOW SMOKE
3 UP ANYBODY'S SKIRT, THE QUALITY OF PEOPLE THAT I'M
4 SURROUNDED WITH IN THIS ROOM, THEIR BACKGROUNDS AND THEIR
5 EXPERIENCES I BELIEVE HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN WHAT WE HAVE
6 DONE IN THE PAST TWO AND A HALF HOURS. IF THIS IS AN
7 EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE CAN DO WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR
8 COMBINED KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, I THINK THAT WE CAN GET
9 OVER THIS HURDLE.

10 AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I MENTIONED WHEN WE
11 HAD OUR ORIENTATION SESSION LAST WEEK WAS I WORKED ON
12 PROJECTS WITH THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS, FAA AND OTHERS, WHERE
13 WE HAVE INSTITUTED PARTNERING ON PROJECTS, AND PARTNERING
14 PROJECTS REQUIRE THAT YOU HOLD A FACILITATED GUIDED
15 WORKSHOP OFF SITE FOR A WEEKEND OR A SINGLE DAY OR WHATEVER
16 IN WHICH WE BRING TOGETHER EVERYBODY FROM THIS GROUP, THE
17 PEOPLE FROM FACILITIES AND THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE FROM THE
18 DISTRICT.

19 ALL OF US SITTING TOGETHER SIDE BY SIDE NOT AT
20 LONG TABLES WHERE WE'RE OPPOSITE EACH OTHER, AND WITH THE
21 FACILITATOR IN A NON-CONFRONTATIONAL PRESENTATION AND A
22 WHITEBOARD UP THERE, IDENTIFY ALL OF THE ISSUES AT HAND,
23 AND THEN ONCE WE'VE GOT A LIST OF ISSUES, HOW IS IT
24 SUGGESTED THAT WE RESOLVE THOSE ISSUES? BY THE END OF THE
25 MEETING, AND I FOUND THIS SUCCESSFULLY TO WORK, WE CAME UP

1 WITH AN AGREED UPON PLAN OF ACTION IN WHICH WE WERE ABLE IN
2 A NON-CONFRONTATIONAL MANNER TO SOLVE ISSUES THAT WERE
3 INVARIABLY GOING TO COME UP ON A PROJECT AT THE BEGINNING
4 OF THE PROJECT.

5 IN THIS CASE THE PROJECTS ARE UNDER WAY, BUT
6 WE'RE STILL IN THE POSITION TO HOLD THE SAME KIND OF A
7 SESSION, AND IF EVERYBODY IS PULLING THE OARS AT THE SAME
8 TIME, THEN WE'RE ALL GOING TO GET TO WHERE WE WANT TO GO
9 EXCLUSIVE OF WHATEVER HAPPENED IN THE PAST. AND IF THAT IS
10 SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE WOULD BE WILLING TO COMMIT A SATURDAY
11 OR WHATEVER TO DOING, I THINK THAT WE WOULD GAIN TREMENDOUS
12 BENEFIT, AND IT WOULD ALSO HELP TO SPREAD SOME OIL ON THE
13 WATERS A LITTLE BIT. JUST MY THOUGHT.

14 MR. CATES: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

15 AND, AGAIN, WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS. WE
16 SINCERELY VALUE YOUR CONTRIBUTION NOW AND GOING FORWARD. I
17 BELIEVE OUR NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 17. IT'S ALWAYS THE
18 THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE LOCATION IS HERE.
19 THAT'S A REQUIREMENT IN THE BYLAWS.

20 MR. VITALE: CAN WE MEET ON THE FIRST FLOOR?

21 MR. CATES: THAT'S THE OTHER THING THAT I NEED TO ASK.
22 SO ADA COMPLIANCE. THAT'S IMPORTANT. I WILL ASK. THAT'S
23 ALL I CAN I DO.

24 THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 9:12.

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