

Dear Ira,

Thank you for your good questions. Staff has responded below. I am posting our response to the website. It should be up on the website by the end of today.

Request	District Response
Save all minutes as PDF files.	All current minutes are in PDF format. All future minutes will be in PDF format
Make sure the AUSD site is searchable.	Staff has checked the website and it is searchable.
Stop using insider jargon in the minutes.	Staff will record the minutes in such a way to increase readability for the public.
Post a form on the AUSD website that will enable the public to give their opinions on how the pool money should be spent.	Staff will create a communications link to provide for public input. It should be up on the web site week of October 20, 2008.
Post a pool excel spreadsheet that Charlie Blanchard suggested at the August 19, 2008 Board Meeting.	The excel spreadsheet will be created once the bonds are sold and we have a beginning balance. The spreadsheet is designed to track change orders during construction.
What is the size of each pool?	Outdoor: 75 x 75 feet. Indoor: 50 x 75 feet.
What is the cost for each pool?	We are still in the schematic design process. Once the design has been approved by the pool committee, it will go out for cost estimation. At that time, the district will have a more definitive cost for each pool. There is also a cost for the pool administrative building and a cost for the additional classrooms.
Explain the revised budget, line by line.	The district will publish a newsletter with that information by November 1, 2008
What will be done to get the outdoor pool covered?	The outdoor pool is being designed so that if funds become available, a significant amount of below-ground prep work will have been done. Sources of funding include: a new bond measure; the creation of an assessment district; private donations
What are the efforts to obtain additional funding?	District staff is looking at state programs that could assist in funding: Modernization Program (if we are eligible, this could assist in offsetting the expense of relocating the cafeteria once the snack shack is torn down to make way for the new classrooms) Facility Hardship Program (checking to see if we qualify due

	to the lack of physical space on the campus)
Why are current costs many millions more than the original estimates?	The original estimate only included the cost of constructing the pools. It did not include building classrooms or the demolition of the current pool or other costs associated with construction.
What is the expected operational costs and income?	A business plan for the pool facility was developed by The Sports Management Group. The plan will be placed on the web.
Why are the architectural and engineering costs so high?	The architectural fees are 8% of construction costs. They are well within the industry standards of the Office Of Public School Construction.
Why was there a change in a budget line item that went to project management?	The original budget was developed before the passage of the bond measure. The scope of work was solidified. This resulted in a lower architectural budget item and a higher project management budget item.
Can you have the meetings televised?	No, the school district does not have the budget to televise or webcast committee meetings that are advisory to the Superintendent. The pool committee meetings are noticed and open to the public.
How was the pool committee chosen?	The pool director was asked to create a committee to advise the superintendent and to make recommendations to the architects in the conceptual design process. The director chose pool users who represented a variety of pool programs There is a lap swimmer, adult education swim program instructor, high school principal, pool exercise class participant, swim team parent, superintendent, retired pool director and a adaptive physical education teacher.