



**CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE**

ANNUAL REPORT

April 8, 2014

The Citizens Oversight Committee

Measure H, authorizing the issuance of \$40 million of general obligation bonds, was approved by the voters within the Sonoma Unified School District in November, 2010. Pursuant to the provisions of the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000 the Board of Trustees was required to appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee after the successful bond election.

The primary charge of the Oversight Committee is to inform the public about the expenditure of bond revenues and to ensure these revenues are spent for the purposes described in Measure H. Activities and duties of the Committee are found in Sections 15278 et. seq. of the Education Code.

The Citizens' Oversight Committee is required to have representatives from the following:

1. One member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District.
2. One member active in a senior citizens' organization.
3. One member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization.
4. One member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.
5. One member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and who is active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the PTA or school site council.
6. Two other members, selected from the public at large.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The following were appointed to the Citizens Oversight Committee by the Board of Trustees:

Dennis Ciocca, Chairman, recently retired from a 40 year career in the California public financing industry representing public agencies as a bond underwriter and financial advisor. Dennis is also a member of the Sonoma Valley Hospital Bond Oversight Committee.

Anne Ching, Vice Chair, is an independent consultant, with over 15 years of experience analyzing and modeling credit risk in the mortgage securitization market. Anne is a parent of two children in SVUSD schools and has been an active member of parent-teacher organizations in both elementary and middle schools. Anne has served as a TSN volunteer at the high school and a past board president of the Sonoma Valley Education Foundation.

Veronica Brooks, Secretary, is the Office Manager/Bookkeeper for Benchmark Construction. Veronica's three children all attended SVHS schools. She has been an active member of the SVHS Booster club and her children's school site council while they were attending school.

George McKale is an archaeologist and has been the City of Sonoma Historian since March, 2008. George's four children attend Sonoma Valley schools. George is also a member of the City of Sonoma Cemetery Committee, Chair/Founder of Friends of Sonoma Cemeteries, committee member of The Olompali People (Olompali State Park) and coaches soccer, baseball and basketball.

George Psaledakis, is a local architect and an active member in the business community. George has one child attending Altimira Middle School and continues to be a supportive member of the Dunbar School community.

Creed Wood, a retired Orthopedic Surgeon and an active member in the Sonoma Tax Payer's Association. Unfortunately, Mr. Wood, passed away unexpectedly early this year.

ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Citizen's Oversight Committee has its own page on the Sonoma Valley Unified School District Website. A copy of all agendas, backup and minutes can be found on this page.

Actions taken at the September 25, 2013 meeting include the following:

- Minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting were approved.
- Dennis Ciocca was selected as the Chairman, Anne Ching as Vice Chair and Veronica Brooks as Secretary. There was a discussion regarding attracting new members.
- Deputy Superintendent Frese distributed County Financial Reports for Funds 21 and 22. Reports were presented for the period of April 10, 2013 through June 30, 2013. The Committee approved the expenditures.

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for February 26, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Actions taken at the February 26, 2014 meeting include the following:

- Minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting were approved.
- Dennis Ciocca, Anne Ching and George McKale extended their terms of service on the Committee by an additional year to 2015. It was agreed that new Committee members need to be recruited.
- Deputy Superintendent Justin Frese presented the County Financial Reports for Funds 21 and 22. Expenditures from September 2013 through February 2014 were approved by the Committee.
- The annual audit of the Measure H Bond Funds as prepared by Chavan & Associates was reviewed and approved.
- Some discussion regarding the Annual Report was held. It was agreed the Report preparation would be a matter on the next meeting agenda.

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for March 26, 2014 at 6:30

Actions taken at the March 26, 2014 meeting include the following.

- Minutes of the February 26, 2014 meeting were approved.
- Deputy Superintendent Justin Frese presented the County Financial Reports for Fund 22. Expenditures from February 2014 through March 24, 2014 were approved.
- A draft of the Annual Report was reviewed and approved to be presented to the Sonoma Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees at their April 8, 2014 meeting.

CONCLUSION

The Committee's activities and actions have been in accordance with the Procedures, Policies and Guidelines adopted by the Board of Trustees as well as the duties outlined in Sections 15278 et. seq. of the Education Code.

Financial reviews have taken place at each of the Committee's meetings listed above. The total expenditures approved over the period September 2013 to March 2014 from Fund 21 and Fund 22 were \$734,208.39 and \$1,348,442.70, respectively. Fund 21 has been fully depleted and there is only \$134,334.38 remaining in Fund 22. Since inception, total expenditures approved by the Committee have been \$9,864,864.71 and \$3,785,953.64, respectively.

Of the \$40 million in bonds authorized by voters in November 2010, the district has received \$13,803,880.70 in proceeds from bond issuance. The District does not currently have plans for additional bond sales.