



Bakersfield City School District
Measure G
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee
2009-2010 Annual Report
January 2011

INTRODUCTION

On November 7, 2006, the Bakersfield City School District submitted for voter approval Measure G, a bond election measure to authorize the sale of \$100 million in bonds “to upgrade restrooms and plumbing systems, renovate electrical systems to improve student access to computers/technology, acquire and construct classrooms and new schools to reduce overcrowding, make health, safety and security improvements, and improve facilities.” This measure was submitted to voters under the terms and conditions of Proposition 39, which requires a 55 percent affirmative vote for passage. Measure G passed with 63.8 percent.

Accountability requirements of Proposition 39 include annual performance and financial audits on the use of bond proceeds and the establishment of an independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to ensure bond proceeds are expended only on school facilities and not on school operating expenses.

CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

California Education Code Sections 15278-15282 established the duties of a school district and its duly formed Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee with respect to Proposition 39 bond measures. This code requires that the governing board establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' bond oversight committee within 60 days of the date that election results are certified. The Bakersfield City School District Board of Education was proactive in establishing a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and adopting bylaws on August 22, 2006, contingent upon passage of Measure G. The Board certified Measure G election results on December 12, 2006.

The Committee must consist of at least seven members to serve for a term of two years without compensation and for no more than two consecutive terms. The Committee must include:

- A. One member who is active in a business organization representing the business community located within the school district.
- B. One member active in a senior citizens' organization.
- C. One member who is a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district
- D. One member who is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district and active in a parent-teacher organization.
- E. One member who is active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization.

The current committee membership includes:

Percy Robinson – Chairperson
Harry Chicklenis – Vice Chairperson
Phil Field
Stephanie Holladay
Matt Michael
Edgar Pankey
Michael Turnipseed

District support is provided by:

Steve McClain – District Chief Business Official
Lisa Hart – District Recorder

The Bakersfield City School District's Measure G Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee met on the following dates: July 16, 2009, October 15, 2009, January 7, 2010, and April 15, 2010.

AUDITS

The annual independent financial audit was conducted by Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation. Their report, dated November 1, 2010, stated that the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2010 were presented fairly and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, they identified no deficiencies in internal control considered to be material weaknesses.

The annual independent performance audit was conducted by Total School Solutions. Their report dated December 15, 2010 stated that for the year ended June 30, 2010, the expenditure of the funds generated through Measure G bonds were only for the projects listed in the Project List included in Resolution XVIII passed by the Board of Education on July 25, 2006.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUDIT REPORTS

The issuance of the first \$34 million (Series A) of the \$100 million authorized with the passage of Measure G took place on February 22, 2007.

The total amount expended for the year ended June 30, 2010 was \$13,861,322.

The total amount expended cumulatively through June 30, 2010 was \$24,961,073.

EXPENDITURES

As of June 30, 2010, three school modernization projects have been completed, two projects were in progress and three more were in the planning stage. Twenty-four security fencing projects have been completed, two projects were in progress and three more were in the planning stage. Eleven security door projects have been completed, one project was in progress and nine more were in the planning stage. Twenty-two security camera projects have been completed, two projects were in progress, and eighteen were in the planning stage. Forty-two trailer replacements have been completed, thirty-nine were in progress and sixty more were in the planning stage.

During 2009-10, the District entered into agreements with Lundgren Management to provide construction management services and with Ordiz-Melby Architects to provide architectural services for a new elementary and middle school in northeast Bakersfield. As of June 30, 2010, the plans for installation of site utilities, drainage systems and street improvements for the new schools had been submitted to the City of Bakersfield for review and approval.

CONCLUSION

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, based on its review of the annual financial and performance audit reports and information received at its meetings, finds:

The Bakersfield City School District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1 (b) (3) of the California Constitution.

The Bakersfield City School District website, www.bcsd.com/bond , provides information on Measure G, annual financial and performance audits, the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and its activities.