



Bakersfield City School District  
Measure G  
Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee  
2010-2011 Annual Report  
January 2012

## **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 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:**

Edgar Pankey – Chairperson  
Matt Michael – Vice Chairperson  
Robert Cortez  
Jarrell Epp  
Sherri Ostly  
Amanda Pitts  
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 15, 2010, October 21, 2010, January 13, 2011, and April 12, 2011.

**AUDITS**

The annual independent financial audit was conducted by Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation. Their report, dated December 20, 2011, stated that the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011 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, 2011 stated that for the year ended June 30, 2011, 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, 2011 was \$9,667,193.

The total amount expended cumulatively through June 30, 2011 was \$34,628,266.

## **EXPENDITURES**

As of June 30, 2011, four school modernization projects have been completed, two projects were in progress and two more were in the planning stage. Twenty-seven security fencing projects have been completed and three more were in the planning stage. Fourteen security door projects have been completed and five more were in the planning stage. Twenty-eight security camera projects have been completed, two projects were in progress, and twelve were in the planning stage. Seventy-two trailer replacements have been completed, sixteen were in progress and fifty-three more were in the planning stage.

At the end of fiscal year 2010-11, the plans for the new elementary school and middle school were submitted to the Division of the State Architect for approval. Approval was received on January 20, 2012. The construction team anticipates breaking ground in early 2012.

## **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](http://www.bcsd.com/bond), provides information on Measure G, annual financial and performance audits, the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and its activities.