

**Measure G  
Citizens' Oversight Committee**

**2015-16 Annual Report**





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## **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:**

Sherry Ostly – Parent Organization, Chairperson  
Tim Werdel – Taxpayer Organization, Vice Chairperson  
Jennifer Art – Parent Organization  
Jarrell Epp – Business Organization  
Matt Michael – Senior Organization  
Esperanza Rodriguez – Parent Organization  
Nallely Solis – Parent

**District support is provided by:**

Steve McClain – District Chief Business Official  
Marcos Rodriguez, Facilities Director  
Randy Rowles, Maintenance & Operations Director  
Sherry Gladin, Fiscal Services Director

The Bakersfield City School District's Measure G Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee met on the following dates: November 16, 2015, February 11, 2016, and May 12, 2016.

**AUDITS**

The annual independent financial audit was conducted by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP. Their report, dated November 28, 2016, states that the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016 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 also conducted by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP. Their report, dated November 28, 2016 states that, for the year ended June 30, 2016, 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**

Total bond authorization: \$100 million

Bonds issued:

Series A - February 2007: \$34,000,000

Series B, C, D - July 2012: \$35,286,619

Series E and F – July 2015: \$13,520,000

Remaining bond authority as of June 30, 2016: \$17,193,381

On February 25, 2015, the District issued refunding bonds totaling \$25,930,000 in order to lower interest rates on the 2007 Series A bonds, saving taxpayers \$3.2 million in interest costs.

The total amount of expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2016 was \$2,976,211.

The total amount expended cumulatively through June 30, 2016 was \$74,159,366.

## **EXPENDITURES**

As of June 30, 2016, seven school modernization projects have been completed and the Voorhies Elementary School modernization project was still in progress. Thirty- three security fencing projects, twenty security door projects and forty-five security camera projects have been completed. One hundred and ten new permanent modular classrooms have been constructed to replace outdated portable buildings at twelve schools. Property for a new elementary school was approved for purchase in February and closed escrow in September, 2016.

## **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 that 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.