



**CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE**

ANNUAL REPORT

May 9, 2017

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.

In November 2016, voters passed Measure E authorizing the issuance of \$120 million of general obligation bonds.

At their regular meeting on November 15, 2016, the District's Board of Trustees designated our current committee as the Citizens' Oversight Committee for both Measure H and Measure E.

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

George McKale, Chairman, has been a member of the Oversight Committee since its inception in 2011. George is an archaeologist and has been the City of Sonoma Historian since March, 2008. George's four children have attended and are currently attending Sonoma Valley schools. George is also a member of the City of Sonoma Cemetery Committee, Chair/Founder of Friends of Sonoma Cemeteries and has coached various soccer, baseball and basketball teams. This has been George's final year on the Oversight Committee.

Chris McNairy, Vice Chair, is a Sales Manager for Hunter Industries. Chris' children attend or have attended Sonoma Valley Unified School District Schools and he has served on the Sonoma Charter School Governing Board, Sonoma Charter School PTO and the Sonoma Valley High School Master Planning Committee. Currently Chris serves as the Co-Vice President of the SVHS Boosters Board. Additionally, Chris is active in the Boy Scouts, Little League, Babe Ruth and St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Sally Hilliard, Secretary, is bookkeeper for Century 21 Wine Country Realty and volunteers at the Vintage House and Sonoma Valley Chorale. Sally is a charter member of the Sonoma Valley Business Exchange and has participated on the Middle School Resources Board and has been a mentor to two Sonoma Valley children.

Kevin Berger was appointed to the Oversight Committee in April 2015. Kevin is a Civil Engineer for the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department and is representing the community as an at-large member of this committee.

Veronica Brooks has been a member of the Oversight Committee since its inception. Currently Veronica is the Controller for McDevitt Construction Partners. Veronica's three children all attended Sonoma Valley schools. She has been an active member of the SVHS Booster club and her children's school site council and PTO's while they were attending school. This has been Veronica's last year on the Oversight Committee.

Becky Elster is the Sonoma Branch Manager for the Exchange Bank. Becky has one child attending a Sonoma Valley school and is active in the Sonoma Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Committee.

Jay Gruendle was appointed to the Oversight Committee by the Board on December 13, 2016. Jay's children attend Sonoma Valley Unified School District schools and he has been president of the Sonoma Little League for the past nine years.

Havard Staggs was appointed to the Oversight Committee by the Board on December 13, 2016. Havard is active on Sonoma County's Area 27 Agency on Aging Advisory Council and served on the 2002 Amador County Unified School District Bond Oversight Committee.

Jamie Stork is the newest member of the Citizens' Oversight Committee having been appointed by the Board on March 14, 2017. Jamie is a parent of an SVUSD student and is active in a local business organization and member of a bona fide taxpayer organization.

ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Agenda and Action taken at the October 5, 2016 Meeting include the following:

- Approval of Minutes from the February 17, 2016 Oversight Committee Meeting
- Approval Expenditures from January 30, 2016 through June 30, 2016
- Approval Expenditures from July 1, 2016 through September 28, 2016
- Receive Update on Remaining Measure H Facility Project

The next meeting was scheduled for January 31, 2017.

Agenda and Action taken at the January 31, 2017 Meeting include the following:

- Welcome New Members Jay Gruendle and Havard Staggs
- Approval of the Minutes of the October 5, 2016 Oversight Committee Meeting
- Approval of expenditures for the period September 29, 2016 through December 23, 2016
- Approve the Audit of Measure H bond fund for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016
- Chose May 9, 2017 Board Meeting to present the Committee's Annual Report to the Board of Trustees

The next meeting was scheduled for April 5, 2017.

Agenda and Action taken at the April 5, 2017 Meeting include the following:

- Acknowledgements of George McKale and Veronica Brooks who will be retiring from the Committee following this Meeting. Both have been with the Committee since its inception in 2011.
- Welcome to new member Jamie Storck.
- Approval of Minutes of the January 31, 2017 meeting
- Approval of expenditures for the period December 24, 2017 through March 30, 2017
- Review and approve the Annual Report to the Board of Trustees on May 9, 2017. Designate Chairman to make the presentation.
- Elect Chris McNairy as Chairman, Sally Hilliard as Vice Chairman and Becky Elster as Secretary of the Committee

The next meeting will be in October 2017 after the summer facilities projects have been completed.

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.

The total expenditures approved over the period from February 2016 to March 2017 from Fund 22 were \$6,957,507.89. Fund 21 has been fully expended.

Since inception, total expenditures approved by the Committee have been \$9,866,112.41 and \$11,747,556 for Fund 21 and 22, respectively. The District has sold all of the \$40 million in bonds authorized by voters in November 2010.