

LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Meeting of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee

Lemon Grove School District
8025 Lincoln Street
Lemon Grove, California 91945

April 24, 2019

5:00 p.m.

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1. OPENING FUNCTIONS

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Approval of Agenda

Action

2. HEARING OF CITIZENS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Citizens wishing to address the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) on an agenda item are asked to fill out a card and submit it to the ICOC Chair.

3. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S GOVERNING BOARD MAY 14, 2019 (pp. 2-4)

Action

4. FUTURE MEETINGS

Action

- **Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 5 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 5 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 5 p.m.**

5. ELECT VICE CHAIR

Action

6. ADJOURNMENT

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LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSITION W AND MEASURE R BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
May 14, 2019

On November 4, 2008 voters of the Lemon Grove School District (District) approved ballot Proposition W (Prop W), authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$28,000,000; additionally on November 4, 2014, voters approved ballot Measure R reauthorization of remaining balance of \$10,000,000.

Bond Oversight Committee:

In accordance with state law, the Lemon Grove School Board shall establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) pursuant to Education Code section 15278. Prop W and Measure R further specifies that the function of the ICOC is to ensure that bond proceeds are expended only on the school facilities projects listed in the ballot measures. The District's ICOC Bylaws, Section 3, states that the Committee is to inform the public at least three times per year concerning the expenditure of bond proceeds: 3.1 (a) ensure that bond revenues are expended only for the purposes described in Article 13A, Section a(b)(3) of the California Constitution including the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for schools; and (b) ensure that, as prohibited by Article 13A, Section a(b)(3)(A) of the California Constitution, no funds are used for any teacher and administrative salaries or other school operating expenses.

Purpose of the Bonds:

The specific purpose of the bonds is set forth in Exhibit A of the ballot measures. Exhibit A lists the District schools and specifies the items to include the following list; they are presented to provide examples and are not intended to limit the generality of the broader description of authorized projects:

Proposition W – Ballot Measure:

- Repair and/or replace old and deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems
- Construct science/technology labs
- Modernize relocatable classrooms
- Install new heating and air conditioning systems in District facilities, including auditoriums and multi-purpose rooms
- Upgrade and expand health and fitness facilities at Lemon Grove and Palm Middle Schools, including new fitness centers and locker rooms
- Make maintenance and infrastructure improvements throughout the District
- Make handicap accessibility (ADA) upgrades and improvements throughout the District, including restrooms, classrooms, and playgrounds
- Convert Lemon Grove Middle School into a magnet school specializing in programs such as science, technology, engineering, and math
- Construct a joint-use library/media center for school and community use

Proposition W – Ballot Measure Continued:

- Reconfigure existing school sites to accommodate new programs
- Install shade structures at the elementary and middle school campuses
- Upgrade playground equipment at elementary schools
- Enhance safety and security at the elementary and middle school campuses
- Acquire the following property which has been leased by the District: (a) improvements made to modernize Vista La Mesa Elementary School from the proceeds of 1996 Certificates of Participation; and (b) solar energy projects which were previously acquired, constructed, and installed at Palm Middle School, Mount Vernon Elementary School, and San Miguel Elementary School

Measure R – Ballot Measure:

- Repair and/or replace leaky roofs
- Repair and/or replace old and deteriorating plumbing and sewer systems
- Modernize and/or add relocatable/permanent classrooms; overcrowding relief
- Install new heating and air conditioning systems in District facilities, including auditoriums and multi-purpose rooms
- Upgrade and expand health and fitness facilities
- Replace failing and cracked asphalt in areas such as, but not limited to parking lots and playground areas
- Make maintenance and infrastructure improvements throughout the District
- Make handicap accessibility (ADA) upgrades and improvements throughout the District, including restrooms, classrooms, and playgrounds
- Reconfigure existing school sites to accommodate new programs (i.e. expand Mount Vernon dual immersion program to middle grades; creation of fine arts academy)
- Install and repair shade structures at the elementary and middle school campuses
- Upgrade playground equipment and/or playground fields
- Enhance safety and security district wide
- Repair and maintain existing solar energy photovoltaic systems at three schools

Additional Technology Equipment and Projects:

Devices and Technology Systems

- Desktop computers, tablets, tablet PCs and peripheral hardware
- Interactive classroom technology tools
- Data backup and disaster recovery technologies
- Classroom and district wide security system hardware

Software

- Educational and academic technologies
- Student assessment tracking solutions
- Telecommunications software and equipment

Infrastructure

- Capital technology projects including but not limited to the wiring of data centers, classrooms, and school facilities

PROJECTS UPDATE TO APRIL 2019

As the funds from Proposition W and Measure R begin to wind down, fewer projects remain to be oversighted by the ICOC.

Most recently, all the schools were equipped with new clocks and PA systems. The system is both utilitarian as well as adding to the security of the campuses. The system allows for two way communication as well as sending digital messages that appear on the PA system, allowing messages to be sent that a potential campus intruder would not be privy to. Additionally, start of districtwide total upgrade with Meraki network cost approximately \$1 million of the Ed-Tech funds.

Since the last annual report, the solar upgrade has been completed and the District is beginning to see some cost savings.

It is anticipated the next large project the ICOC will be monitoring is the ADA compliance efforts at Monterey Heights Elementary and San Altos Elementary.

Conclusion:

Based on the ICOC's review of the annual fiscal and performance audit March 20, 2019, prepared by Christy White and Associates, the ICOC finds that the District is in compliance with the legal requirements under Education Code 15278 and Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution, namely, that the District has only expended Prop W and Measure R funds in accordance with Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3) and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries (unrelated to Prop W and Measure R) and other school operating expenses. Furthermore, no exceptions were noted on Prop W and Measure R bond proceeds.

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