

Cold Spring School District Measure C Bond Oversight Committee

Notice of Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

Monday, November 16, 2009

Cold Spring School Library

2243 Sycamore Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

During this time, any member of the public may speak on a topic not on the agenda. The public will have an opportunity to comment of each agenda item as each item is presented. Normally comments are limited to three minutes each.

4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

First meeting – no minutes

5. **MEMBERSHIP REVIEW**

5.A. Introduction of Members

5.B. Election of Officers

6. **PRESENTATION OF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

7. **REVIEW OF THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

8. **MEASURE C PROJECT OVERVIEW**

9. **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

10. **FUTURE MEETING DATES – Annual Meeting in March**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Cold Spring School District

Measure C

Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee

Committee Membership

Vacant	business community located in the District.
Vacant	senior citizen's organization.
Vacant	taxpayers association.
Matt Marquis	parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District
Hollis Boss	parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District
Mick Thomas	parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District
Tracey Singh	parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District
Mike Randolph	parent-teacher organization or school site council
Diane Morgan	community at-large
Marc Winnikoff	community at-large

**COLD SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE C BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
BYLAWS**

Section 1. Committee Established. The Cold Spring School District (the "District") was successful at the election conducted on November 4, 2008 (the "Election"), in obtaining authorization from the District's voters to issue up to \$2,440,000 aggregate principal amount of the District's general obligation bonds, pursuant to a 55% vote. The election was conducted under Proposition 39, being chaptered as the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, at Section 15264 *et seq.* of the Education Code of the State of California ("Prop 39"). Pursuant to Section 15278 of the Education Code, the District is now obligated to establish the Oversight Committee to satisfy the accountability requirements of Prop 39. The Board of Trustees of the Cold Spring School District (the "Board") hereby establishes the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (the "Committee") which shall have the duties and rights set forth in these Bylaws. The Committee does not have independent legal capacity from the District.

Section 2. Purposes. The purposes of the Committee are set forth in Prop 39, and these Bylaws are specifically made subject to the applicable provisions of Prop 39 as to the duties and rights of the Committee. The Committee shall be deemed to be subject to the *Ralph M. Brown Public Meetings Act* of the State of California and shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions thereof. The District shall provide necessary administrative support at District expense to the Committee as consistent with the Committee's purposes as set forth in Prop 39.

The proceeds of general obligation bonds issued pursuant to the Election are hereinafter referred to as "bond proceeds." The Committee shall confine itself specifically to bond proceeds generated under the ballot measure. Regular and deferred maintenance projects and all monies generated under other sources shall fall outside the scope of the Committee review.

Section 3. Duties. To carry out its stated purposes, the Committee shall perform the following duties:

3.1 **Inform the Public.** The Committee shall inform the public concerning the District's expenditures of bond proceeds.

3.2 **Review Expenditures.** The Committee may review quarterly expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that (a) bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure; (b) no bond proceeds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses.

3.3 **Annual Report.** The Committee shall present to the Board, in public session, an annual written report that shall include the following:

(a) A statement indicating whether the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution; and

(b) A summary of the Committee's proceedings and activities for the preceding year.

3.4 Duties of the Board/Superintendent. Either the Board or the Superintendent, as the Board shall determine, shall have the following powers reserved to it, and the Committee shall have no jurisdiction over the following types of activities:

- (i) Approval of construction contracts,
- (ii) Approval of construction change orders,
- (iii) Appropriation of construction funds,
- (iv) Handling of all legal matters,
- (v) Approval of construction plans and schedules,
- (vi) Approval of Deferred Maintenance Plan, and
- (vii) Approval of the sale of bonds.

3.5 Voter-Approved Projects Only. In recognition of the fact that the Committee is charged with overseeing the expenditure of bond proceeds, the District has not charged the Committee with responsibility for:

- (a) Projects financed through the State of California, developer fees, redevelopment tax increment, certificates of participation, lease/revenue bonds, the general fund or the sale of surplus property without bond proceeds shall be outside the authority of the Committee.
- (b) The establishment of priorities and order of construction for the bond projects shall be made by the Board in its sole discretion.
- (c) The selection of architects, engineers, soil engineers, construction managers, project managers, CEQA consultants and such other professional service firms as are required to complete the project based on District criteria established by the Board in its sole discretion.
- (d) The approval of the design for each project including exterior materials, paint color, interior finishes, site plan and construction methods (modular vs. permanent) by the Board in its sole discretion and shall report to the Committee on any cost saving techniques considered or adopted by the Board.
- (e) The selection of independent audit firm(s), performance audit consultants and such other consultants as are necessary to support the activities of the Committee.
- (f) The approval of an annual budget for the Committee that is sufficient to carry activities set forth in Prop 39 and included herein.
- (g) The adoption of a plan for publicizing the activities of the Committee and the determination as to whether a mailer, a newspaper notice or website materials would best suit the distribution of the Committee's findings and recommendations.

(h) The amendment or modification of the Bylaws for the Committee as provided herein, subject to the legal requirements of Prop 39.

(i) The appointment or reappointment of qualified applicants to serve on the Committee, subject to legal limitations, and based on criteria adopted in the Board's sole discretion as part of carrying out its functions under Prop 39.

Section 4. Authorized Activities.

4.1 In order to perform the duties set forth in Section 3.0, the Committee may engage in the following authorized activities:

(a) Receive and review copies of the District's annual independent performance audit and annual independent financial audit, required by Article XIIA of the California Constitution.

(b) Inspect school facilities and grounds for which bond proceeds have been or will be expended, in accordance with any access procedure established by the District's Superintendent.

(c) Review copies of deferred maintenance proposal or plans developed by the District.

(d) Review efforts by the District to maximize bond proceeds by implementing various cost-saving measures.

Section 5. Membership.

5.1 Number. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Trustees from a list of candidates submitting written applications, and based on criteria established by Prop 39, to wit:

- One (1) member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the District.
- One (1) member active in a senior citizen's organization.
- One (1) member active in a bona-fide taxpayers association.
- One (1) member shall be a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.
- One (1) member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the district and active in a parent-teacher organization or school site council.
- Two (2) members of the community at-large appointed by the Board.