

CBOC Kick-off meeting Notes

Sam Santana gives high level agenda/discussion topics for meeting

Prop 39 Election. Needed 55% and got
Oversight Committee required as part of Prop 39
7 members appointed. 4 in attendance.
Committee is self-sustaining.
Committee can get help from District staff
Committee should refer to bylaws for info on
 Roles of members
 What to do if there's a vacancy
 How to call meetings

Oversight Committee Introductions

Sherrie McClain

 Parent at Rio Calaveras Elem
 On Parent Advisory Committee
 PTA Treasurer (on board for 11 years)
 On School Site Council

Jerry Gonzales

 Senior Representative (Community At Large)
 Stockton USD Alum
 Works for Civil Engineering and Land Surveying firm based in the bay area

Monique Guerrero

 Parent in District, son attends Harrison Elem
 On Parent Advisory Committee
 Parent representative for Community Advisory Committee
 On School Site Council
 Works for non-profit that supports parents of children with disabilities

Colleen Keenan

 Not a parent of a student in the District
 Former Board Member
 Community Member

Selena Johnson

 Former PAC president
 AABAC PAC president
 Community business owner (Salon owner)
 Beauty School teacher

Sam Santana discussed how to nominate a President and Vice President with Roberts Rule of Order which are rules and procedures of governing board/committee

Selena nominated Sherrie McClain as president

Jerry posed a question asking if anyone has experience with procedures of governing a board/committee.

Sherrie responded that she has PTA experience so has experience with Roberts Rules of Order. Also on the Parent Advisory Committee as Parliamentarian but asks if anyone else would like to serve as President before she accepts the nomination.

Jerry posed a follow up question asking how often would the committee meets and what's their general commitment?

Sam responded the minimum they need to meet is annually. The bond issuance schedule usually dictate's how often the committee would meet.

Dale suggested to start out twice a year until bonds are sold and then quarterly could be appropriate. There won't be much to discuss until after bonds are sold.

Jerry asked, aren't there bond monies previously issued that hasn't been spent yet? What is this committee's role with those funds?

Dale clarified that the committee's has no role over funds that have not been spent. The committee's oversight is only over funds that have been spent and that they've been spent appropriately.

Sam added, there has been no funds issued from the November 2022 bonds.

Sam started discussion about the committee's roles which are to review expenditures that have been made. The actual decisions about what projects to fund and what contracts to award are the District Board's responsibility. The Bond Committee's role is to review how those funds were spent after the fact and report back to the District Board confirming the funds were spent appropriately.

A follow up question was asked of Sherrie asking if she is comfortable serving as President after hearing about the roles of the committee.

The group would like to hear more about the role of the committee before nominating President and Vice President.

Dale presents history of Prop 39.

- Pre-2001, 2/3 majority was required to pass an election for schools to fund construction projects
- June 2001, proposition on state ballot allowed for 50% passage, failed
- State Superintendent, Governor and others negotiated a 55% passage rate with conditions that the measure had to include a project list, soft cap tax rate (\$60 for USD; \$30 for ESD/HSD and \$25 for CCDs, all per \$100k of AV) and an oversight committee
- Oversight committee, made up of citizens in the community, main purpose is to report back to the board in a report that the District has spent funds according the guidelines of the project list

Sam presents role of Oversight Committee

- GO Bond is a constitutionally authorized debt obligation issued on behalf of the District, authorized by the voters and secured by the assessed valuation of the District. Essentially, like a home mortgage that you would repay over 25-30 years
- Proposition 39 Bond means these bonds are subject to accountability provisions for the lower 55% threshold, including having an oversight committee, performance audits, a project list (permissible use of bond proceeds)
- Make up of an Oversight Committee
 - o 7 members with representation from the following categories
 - o Senior Citizens organization, Taxpayer association rep, Local business rep, PTA member and parent of a student in the District
 - o Missing a rep from one of the categories above does not make the Committee operation less legal
 - o Members will serve a two-year term and can serve three consecutive years.
 - o A new application would be required to serve more than three consecutive years.
- Dale mentioned the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association costs around \$12 a year to become a member, which would satisfy the taxpayer association rep requirement
- Some of the prohibitions of a committee member include

- Can't be an official or employee of the District
- Can't be a vendor, contractor or consultant of the District
- Committee will not be able to determine how the funds are spent
- Committee cannot contract work or determine who will be hired for these projects
- Members should not go to active construction sites unless the visit has been previously approved and coordinated by District staff
- Purpose of the Bond Oversight Committee
 - Inform public concerning expenditures of bond funds
 - Ex. \$1M spent on modernization plus \$1k of soft costs like architect and construction manager or the type of personnel needed to run construction projects would be permissible expenditures
 - Committee will be able to review expenditures provided by District staff as well as financial performance audits commissioned by the District
 - Committee will issue an annual report to the board that describes the that bond funds were spent on projects authorized by the bond measure.
- Brown Act
 - Committee will have help from District staff to put Committee information on the District website.
 - This is a public committee so agenda's, reports, etc. from the Committee should be made public
 - All meetings should be public
 - Posting notice 72 hours in advance of the meeting is required and meeting should be in a publicly accessible location
 - Committee is not allowed to meet in a quorum outside of the view of the public

Sam calls for vote for president after motion and second has already happened for Sherrie McClain as President. Vote was unanimous.

Candidate for Vice President – Motion was made for Jerry Gonzales and seconded. Sam called for any discussion. Jerry noted that the firm he works for works for school districts in the bay area so he has experience with construction projects for school districts, but not with Stockton.

Sam calls for vote to appoint Jerry Gonzales as VP. Motion passes unanimously.

Dale adds that there is nothing in the legislature that says when the board report is presented to the board, only that it is done annually. The Committee should think about what that date might be. Maybe push out the date of the first report to early 2024 or maybe even mid 2024 so the Committee will be able to see expenditures. Dale also suggests the Committee President goes before the District Board to present the report.

Wrap-up items. Sam will send copies of the CBOC power point presentation, the bond resolution for Measure C, bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order cheat sheet.