



Citizen's  
Oversight  
Committee  
Measures  
G & J

## Citizens' Oversight Committee 2016 Report to the Board of Trustees

May 4, 2016



*Re-roofing of Russo McEntee Academy- Spring Break 2016*

We are coming to you today to make our report and certify the use of the bond funds for both Measures G & J. Please review the enclosed report and addendums, and we will join you at your May meeting to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be of service to our community, and to our fellow taxpayers.

This Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC) is a public body which generally meets on the third Thursday of the month, quarterly. Regular and special meetings, agendas, and minutes are posted on the District website [www.arusd.org](http://www.arusd.org). The COC has met six times since its last report to the Board in October 2014.

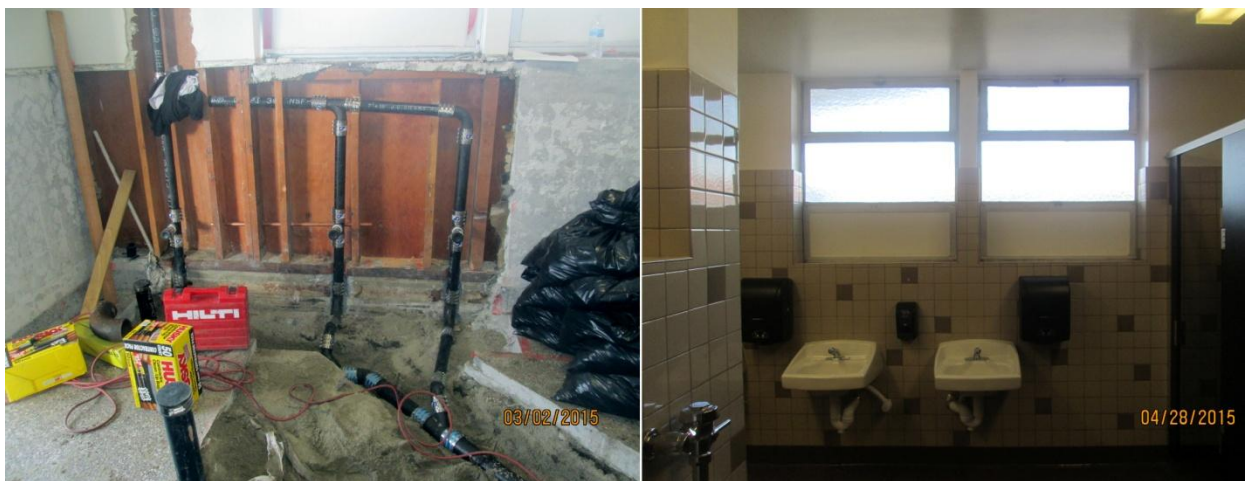
- ✘ October 27, 2014
- ✘ January 26, 2015
- ✘ February 26, 2015
- ✘ April 30, 2015
- ✘ September 17, 2015
- ✘ December 9, 2015
- ✘ February 4, 2016
- ✘ March 17, 2016

A quorum was present on all but two of those occasions. Currently the COC has one open seat, which is mandated to be filled by a citizen who is a member of a local business organization. Many of our committee will complete their second two-year term next spring and we anticipate a need for 2-3 qualified applicants by that time.

Due to the turnover of district leadership and staff in our first term, the continuity of the oversight process was disrupted, as reported in October 2014. At that time we were not able to certify the proper use of expenditures as there was not an audit available. Therefore, this report will cover the bond usage since this committee first met in April of 2013

In an effort to better inform the public of how tax dollars are being spent the committee collaborated with district staff to update the webpage dedicated to the Bond Measures. The updated page now includes project lists, photos, and reports from Del Terra Group Inc., the construction management company responsible for the bond projects. The archives of this body will also be available online and can be accessed at:

<http://www.arusd.org/>



*Meyer DSA approved restroom modernization. During and after*

## The History of this Committee and the Bonds

The voters of the Alum Rock community passed Measure G in June 2008 and Measure J in November 2012 providing necessary funding for implementation of bonds projects as promised to taxpayers. Each of these bond measures were passed under Proposition 39, which only requires a 55% taxpayer approval. However, both Measure G & Measure J were passed with an approval rate exceeding 79% by the Alum Rock community taxpayers.

The following language included in each of the adopted Board resolutions identifies the primary purposes of Measure G and Measure J:

To improve neighborhood schools, fix leaky, deteriorated roofs, improve fire safety, repair and upgrade classrooms, improve student safety and security, renovate outdated restrooms, upgrade heating/ventilation/electrical systems for energy efficiency, and computer technology, shall Alum Rock Union Elementary School District issue (\$179 million for Measure G and \$125 million for Measure J) million of bonds at legal rates to renovate, acquire, construct, repair and equip schools, sites and facilities with required independent financial audits, citizen's oversight and no money for administrators' salaries

The former committee for Measure G dissolved after placing their final report in 2012, which covered the fiscal/ school year ending June 2010. The current committee consists of members originally recruited by the board of trustees in April 2013 as well as new additions recruited this year to fill vacancies.

In addition to reviewing Measure G and Measure J progress and expenditures on a quarterly basis, the committee read the annual performance reports and financial audits conducted by Crowe Horvath. These reports disclosed no instances of non-compliance.



*Fisher Exterior Repair/ Paint project*

## Summary of Projects

See addendum B

## Project Costs

See addendum B for Measure J  
See addendum A for Measure G



*Joseph George Paving Project*

## Our Summary

The committee acknowledges that to the best of its knowledge, Alum Rock Union Elementary School District is in compliance with the requirements as set forth in Article XIII A, Section 1(b) (3) of the California Constitution. Specifically, bond revenue has been expended only for the purposes so described in Measures G & J.

The Citizen's Oversight Committee is pleased to report that Measure G and J Bond funds have been used as the voters intended to repair, replace, and update the facilities within our district. Additionally, this committee is pleased to report that careful management by the School District's bond team and the project management of Luis Rojas and his team at Del Terra brought the projects in within the budget and on time.

### ~ ARUSD Citizen's Oversight Committee

Committee Members	Representation Type
Christina Ramos, Vice Chair	Taxpayer's Organization
Jaime Vasquez	Community-at-Large
Julie Ramirez	PTA/SSC/Parent
Pamela Gudino	Community-at-Large
Raymond Mueller, Chair	PTA/SSC/Parent
Ric Abeyta	Senior Citizen Group
*Vacant*	Business Representative