
**ITEM : L.IV.b. L-IV-2- Appointment of Members to the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee-
Measure F School Facilities Bond Program**

Recommendation

Recommending the Board of Trustees appoint two members to serve on the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC)-Measure F School Facilities Bond Program, pursuant to Education Code section §15282.

Background Information

- a. On November 8, 2016, a Bond Election was duly held and conducted for the purpose of voting a measure for the issuance of bonds of the District in the amount of \$39,000,000.00 ("Measure F").
- b. Measure F was approved under Proposition 39, which requires that the District establish, populate and empower an Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (COC).
- c. On December 13, 2016, the Board adopted Resolution #20 2016-17 - of the Barstow Unified School District establishing an Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and approving Bylaws for Measure F School Facilities Bond Program.
- d. A request was emailed to all school principals on October 16, 2020, requesting the names of possible applicants for the vacant Parent/Guardian Active in Parent-Teacher Organization membership on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

Current Considerations/Alternatives

- a. In accordance with Education Code Section 15278(b), the Citizens' Oversight Committee shall inform the public concerning the District's expenditure of bond proceeds of Measure F; review expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that Measure F bond proceeds were expended only for the purposes set forth in Measure F; and present to the Board in public session, an annual written report outlining their activities and conclusions regarding the expenditure of bond proceeds of Measure F.
- b. All appointments will be made by the Board from applications submitted to the District. The Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members appointed by the Board from a list of candidates submitting written applications, and based on criteria established by Prop 39, to wit: One (1) member shall be the 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, such as the P.T.A. or a school site council.
 - One (1) member active in a business organization or presenting the business community located in the District.
 - One (1) member active in a senior citizens' organization.
 - One (1) member active in a bona-fide taxpayers association.
 - Two (2) members of the community at-large.
- c. All Committee proceedings will be open to the public and notice to the public will be provided in the same manner as the proceedings of the governing board. The citizens' oversight committee will issue

regular reports on the results of its activities. A report will be issued at least once a year. Minutes of the proceedings of the citizens' oversight committee and all documents received and reports issued will be a matter of public record and be made available on an internet website maintained by the governing board.

d. All appointments will be made by the Board from applications submitted to the District and as recommended by the Superintendent. The Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members appointed by the Board from a list of candidates submitting written applications, and based on criteria established by Prop 39. Applicants are listed under the appropriate categories.

e. No employee or official of the district shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee. No vendor, contractor, or consultant of the district shall be appointed to the citizens' oversight committee.

f. Once appointed the COC will confirm their appointment as Parent/Guardian Active in Parent-Teacher Organization or Other-Members at Large. Upon approval by the Board of Trustees James Noble and Jessica Tainatongo will begin their first two year term beginning with the January 21, 2021.

Supporting Documents

[Jessica Tainatongo- Citizens Oversight Committee Application](#)

[James Noble- Citizens Oversight Committee Application](#)

Financial Implications

a. Because the Education Code prohibits the use of bond funds for the support of the Committee, there may be a fiscal impact to the General Fund resulting from the creation of and the District's support of the Committee.

b. Committee members do not receive compensation.

Superintendent's Comments

The Superintendent recommends approval.