

EAGLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-50J

RESOLUTION 2016/17--7

RESOLUTION ADOPTING CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REGULATIONS

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR
THE MILL LEVY OVERRIDE CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Whereas, the Board of Education affirmatively placed two tax proposals on the ballot for the November 2016 election; and

Whereas, the first of these, known as question 3A (a mill levy override), includes an accountability provision requiring the creation of a citizen oversight committee; and

Whereas, the Board wishes to establish a charge to the oversight committee; and

Whereas, the Board wishes for the committee to be representative of the Eagle County community in terms of geographic and partisanship; and

Whereas, the Board wishes to establish regular meetings, consensus processes and reporting practices to the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EAGLE
COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-50J:**

Section 1. The Mill Levy Override Citizen Oversight Committee ("Committee") serves to review the expenditures related to the November 2016 ballot question known as 3A and report on those expenditures to the Eagle County community. The Committee shall review expenditures of 3A revenues, monitoring that they are all being spent in accordance with the identified categories noted in the ballot question, including:

- Recruiting and retaining quality teachers and staff;
- Reducing class sizes;
- Restoring programs like art, music, technology, counseling and physical education;
- Replacing outdated textbooks and classroom learning materials;
- Expanding hours and services in the district's current preschool programs;
- Funding ongoing necessary maintenance of school facilities and funding transportation.

In addition, the Committee shall review and report on the district's adherence to the accountability provisions also noted in ballot question 3A, specifically that none of these funds are spent on senior district administration.

The function of the Committee is to validate and report that funds are spent in accordance with the categorical areas approved by voters. The authority to make

determinations on specific allocations within these aforementioned categories is reserved as a budgeting responsibility of the Board of Education and is expressly outside the scope of the Committee.

Section 2. Every effort shall be made to create a committee consisting of nine (9) members. The Eagle County School District covers a geographically large area inclusive of several municipalities and more rural areas. As the Board desires the Committee to be geographically representative of the community, every effort shall be made to have representatives serve on the Committee from the following areas:

- Vail area
- Minturn & Red Cliff areas
- Eagle-Vail area
- Avon area
- Edwards and Wolcott areas
- Eagle area
- Gypsum and Colorado River areas
- Up-Valley member - at large
- Down-Valley member - at large

Section 3. Every effort shall be made to have the membership of the committee represent the diversity of political perspectives in Eagle County. As such, membership should include persons identifying as Republican, Democrat, and Independent/Third Party.

Section 4. Applications for membership on the Committee shall be sought and advertised by the Superintendent. Selection shall be determined by the district's existing citizen finance committee, with a preference given to the aforementioned geographic representation, political representation, and expertise/background in finance and accounting.

Section 5. The Committee shall select its own co-chairs, one representing up-valley communities and one representing down-valley communities and that members are appointed for four-year terms on the Committee, which may be extended once for a total of 8 years.

Section 6. The Committee shall strive to meet at least four times annually. These meetings shall be scheduled to align with the following budgetary cycles:

- Winter – Budgeting review for next fiscal year
- Spring – Quarterly expenditure review
- Summer – Quarterly expenditure review
- Fall – Audited expenditure review and annual report writing

The Committee has the authority to add additional meetings or cancel meetings as it sees necessary.

The Committee may hold an official meeting so long as it has sufficient members present to constitute a super-majority of six (6) members.

Section 7. The Committee shall strive to operate on a consensus model, meaning all members are in agreement before moving forward.

In the event a consensus model is not possible, the Committee shall have the authority to issue majority and dissenting reports to the community.

District staff (including members of the Finance Department) shall support the Committee in information gathering, report writing, and subsequent dissemination to the community through the district's website, presentation to the Board of Education, and availability of the report(s) to interested members of the press.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 26th day of October, 2016.

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