

TO: Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

SUBJECT: Process for Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Date: December 16, 2024

BACKGROUND

A Proposition 39 bond requires that the District set up an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. This committee must be formed within 60 days after the Board officially approves the election results. This committee is charged with making certain that bond funds are spent appropriately. The committee is not granted any powers to determine how bond funds may be spent, however the committee shall review the annual, independent financial and performance audits required by Proposition 39, make physical inspections of the school buildings and grounds, and review other cost-saving efforts in building design and use. The committee's meetings are subject to the Brown Act, and as such must be noticed and open to the public. The committee must issue a report on its activities at least once a year, and the minutes and reports are a matter of public record. The District must provide a website for posting of the reports.

ANALYSIS

The Board selects members of the committee. Legal requirements are that the committee consists of no less than seven (7) members. The Board may appoint additional members. No District employee, official, vendor, contractor, or consultant may serve on the committee. Members serve a term of two years, without compensation, and may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

The committee must include at least one member from each of the following:

- One member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District.
- One member active in a senior citizens' organization.
- One member active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization.
- One member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.
- One member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization.
- In addition, the Board may select member(s) At Large.

Public Notice for applications will be publicized in the Oakdale Leader and Social Media sites. Applications will be made available on the district's website, at each school site, and the District Office. Applications must be submitted no later than January 24, 2025. Recommendations will be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration and approval within 60 days of the Boards approval of Election Results.

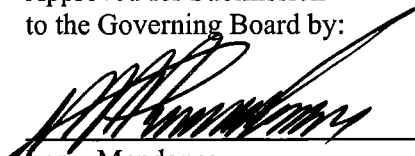
FISCAL IMPACT

Committee members serve without compensation, however the District is required to provide a meeting place and clerical support.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Process for Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Selection as presented.

Approved for Submission
to the Governing Board by:



Larry Mendonca
Superintendent

OAKDALE JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' (MEASURE G) BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

Legislature intended that the voters examine how bonds are spent. The citizens' oversight committee is designed to ensure that spending decisions made by elected officials will be subject to direct taxpayer review.

CHARGE TO COMMITTEE:

The legal charge is to inform the public about the expenditure of bond proceeds. The committee is not granted any powers to determine how bond funds may be spent, however the Board may determine what it asks or allows the committee to address. The committee shall review the annual, independent financial and performance audits required by Proposition 39, make physical inspections of the school buildings and grounds, and review deferred maintenance plans and other cost-saving efforts in building design and use. The committee's meetings are subject to the Brown Act, and as such must be noticed and open to the public. The committee must issue a report on its activities at least once a year, and the minutes and reports are a matter of public record. The District must provide a website for posting of the reports.

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION:

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- In addition, the Board may select member(s) At Large.

PROCESS OF SELECTION:

The Board must appoint the committee.

- Ads will be placed in the Oakdale Leader informing and asking citizens to apply.
- Applications will be made available on the district's website, at each school site, and the District Office.
- APPLICATION SUBMISSION – Submit applications on or before January 24, 2025 to: Superintendent's Office, 168 South 3rd Ave., Oakdale, CA 95361
- Recommendations will be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration and approval within 60 days of the Board's approval of Election Results.

**OAKDALE JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE G SCHOOL BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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The committee must include at least one member from each of the following:

➤ Please select which group(s) you represent (check all that apply):

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- In addition, the Board may select member(s) "At Large." (if none of the above applies)

1. Why do you want to be a member of the Bond Oversight Committee?

2. What experience or special knowledge can you bring to this committee?

3. What is your present and past community involvement and/or public service?

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

RETURN TO DISTRICT OFFICE BY: January 24, 2025

Larry Mendonca, Superintendent

Oakdale Joint Unified School District

168 S. Third Avenue, Oakdale, CA 95361