

Bond Project Office Update  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 19, 2024

**Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for  
Measure H - 2014 and Measure BB - 2018**

- The Communications and Community Engagement Department conducted an outreach campaign to solicit new Oversight Committee members. Four of eight positions are currently open. All positions expire in March next year. Nineteen eligible applications were received. Interviews are being scheduled.
- The Oversight Committee met on December 2, 2024. All current members were present. The following actions were taken:
  - Appoint Charitha Perera as Chairperson and Jim van Pernis as Vice Chairperson.
  - Accept the Measure H - 2014 and Measure BB - 2018 Financial and Performance Audits for the year ending June 3, 2023.
  - Approve the Committee's Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 2023. (See below.)

**SANTA CLARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
for  
**Measure H-2014**  
**Measure BB-2018**  
**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC<sup>1</sup>**  
**Fiscal Year 2022-2023**  
**December 2, 2024**

**Measure H-2014:** A General Obligation Bond approved by voters on November 4, 2014 under the following ballot statement:

"To repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing and wiring, remove asbestos, lead and hazardous materials; to upgrade outdated classrooms and career training facilities to support 21st century learning and prepare students for college and careers; to acquire, renovate, construct/equip classrooms and facilities to relieve overcrowding and attract quality teachers, shall the Santa Clara Unified School District Issue \$419 million In bonds at legal rates, with independent citizen oversight, no money for administrators and all money staying local?"

**Measure H-2014 Bond Project List:** The complete list is in Exhibit B-3 to the Board of Trustees' Resolution Number 14- 21, adopted on July 24, 2014.

**Measure BB-2018:** A General Obligation Bond approved by voters on November 6, 2018 under the following ballot statement:

"To construct classrooms, labs, and school libraries to support student achievement, college readiness, and career training in math, science, engineering, technology, and arts; acquire, renovate, construct and equip facilities to improve older schools; to fix deteriorating roofs, plumbing and electrical systems, shall Santa Clara Unified School District issue \$720 million in bonds, raising approximately 5 cents/\$100 of assessed value (\$45 million annually) for 32 years to improve local schools, with independent citizen oversight, and all money staying local?"

**Measure BB-2018 Bond Project List:** The complete list is in Exhibit A to the Board of Trustees' Resolution Number 18- 42, adopted on August 8, 2018.

**Citizens' Independent Oversight Committee Members**

Member	Affiliation
Brett McLarney (Chair)	Parent/Guardian of Child Enrolled in District
James van Pernis	Member of a Senior Citizens' Organization
Charitha Perera	Representative of Business Community
Michelle Villagomez	Parent/Guardian of Child Enrolled in District and Active in a Parent-Teacher Organization or School Site Council
Vladimir Raykin	At Large
Tim Towers	At Large

**Meetings and Tours**

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<sup>1</sup> The Committee was assisted by Larry Adams, Director of School Bond Projects, Valerie Russell, Program Management, and other District staff.

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Materials Received</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 8, 2023	Review Financial and Performance Audits for Measures J-2004, H-2010, H2014 and BB 2018 for year ending June 30, 2021. Draft Annual Report for year ending June 30, 2021	Financial and Performance Audits, Cost Reports	McLarney Construction Inc. Office
April 26, 2023 *	Review Financial and Performance Audits for Measures H2014 and BB 2018 for year ending June 30, 2022. Draft Annual Report for year ending June 30, 2022 (*This meeting was moved to October 18, 2023)	Financial and Performance Audits, Cost Reports	Zoom

**Citizens’ Oversight Committee Web Site**

The Citizens’ Oversight Committee web page includes meeting notices, agendas, minutes, and materials reviewed. This web page can be found at:

[SCUSD Bond Projects Oversight Committee](#)

**Conclusion**

Based on the financial and performance audits, and other material shared and reviewed during past meetings, the Committee has concluded that expenditures have only been “for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities” and that no funds were used for any “teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses”, and in accord with Measures H-2014, and BB-2018 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Approved by the Independent Citizen’s’ Bond Oversight Committee on December 2, 2024

Charitha Perera, Chairperson  
James van Pernis, Vice Chairperson  
Tim Towers  
Vladimir Raykin

## Measure BB-2018

### **New Laurelwood School at the Former Patrick Henry Site**

- The Project is being implemented in phases:
  - Off-site development (utilities and street improvements) phases one and two.
  - Increment 1: Site Grading and Underground Utilities (Underway)
  - Increment 2: Building and Site Construction. (Bidding)
- Phase one off-site street improvement includes water and sewer connections in Dunford Way and Teal Drive. Phase two includes other street improvements, such as driveway and sidewalks. Phase one bids will be opened on January 9, 2025.
- Increment 1 Site Grading and Underground Utilities work is underway.
- Plans for Increment 2 Building and Site Construction have been approved by the Division of the State Architect. Bids are due on December 17, 2024.
- The school is on track to open in August 2026.



View above the intersection of Teal Drive and Dunford Way, December 4, 2024.

**Campus Modernization Program: Bracher, Briarwood and Westwood Elementary Schools.**

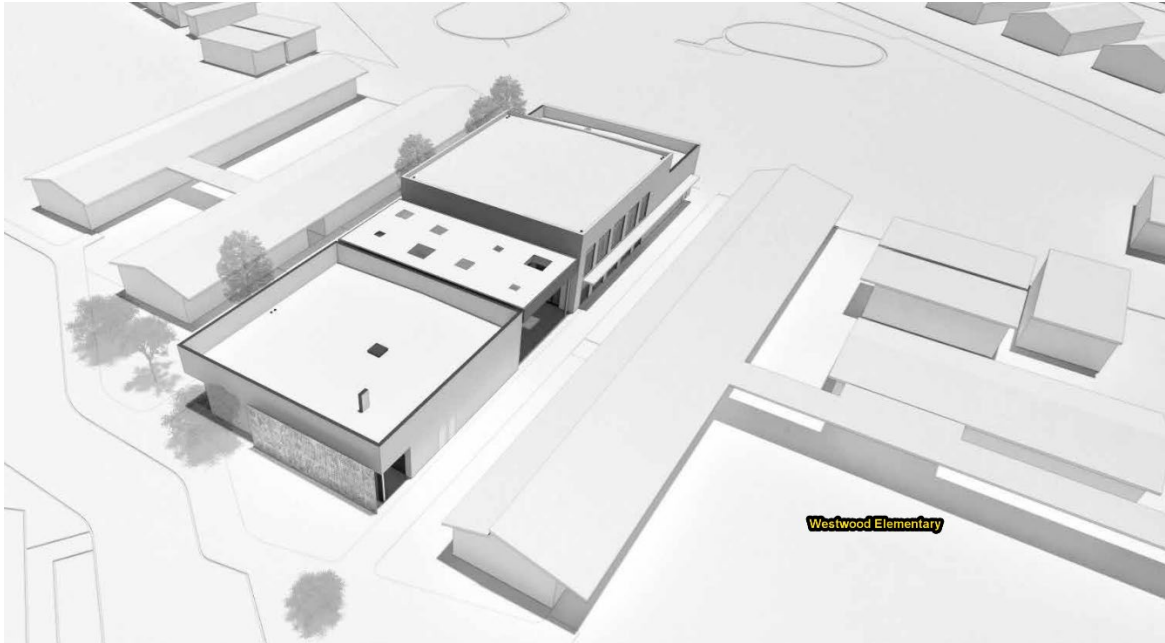
- Major improvements for each school include:
  - Bracher Elementary School
    - New parking lots with drop-off and pickup lanes. New entry plaza.
    - Four preschool and TK classrooms and support spaces.
    - New preschool/TK playground with shade.
    - New multipurpose building with full kitchen, indoor/outdoor stage and access to a fabric shade structure over a lunch court.
    - New standing-seam metal roofing on permanent buildings.
    - Added Scope: Hazardous soil removal under direction of the Department of Toxic Substances Control. New landscaping and turf field.



- Briarwood Elementary School
  - New parking lot and drives.
  - Two new classrooms buildings with six classrooms and support spaces.
  - New preschool/TK playground with shade.
  - Remove old portable classrooms.
  - New standing-seam metal roofing on permanent buildings.

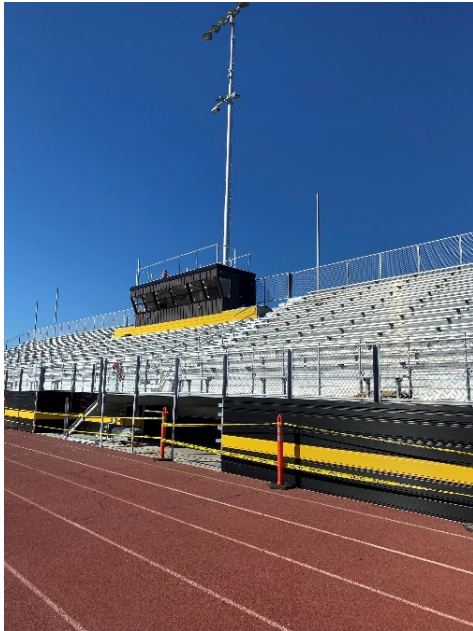


- Westwood Elementary School
  - New multipurpose building with full kitchen, indoor/outdoor stage.
  - New lunch court between the kitchen-serving area and the multipurpose room. The lunch court is open but under the building roof with skylights, preserving the existing access pathway through the campus.
  - The indoor/outdoor stage opens to the playground.
  - New parking lot and drives fronting Saratoga Avenue.
  - New standing-seam metal roofing on permanent buildings.



- Bracher Briarwood Westwood Elementary Schools Continued
  - The Work is divided into phases beginning with site work next summer. Work will extend into the 2025-26 school year. All projects phases will be completed by the end of 2026. Construction drawings and specifications are being completed for next summer's work. DSA permit application have begun. Design development drawings are nearly complete for the building construction phase. The Facilities Development and Planning Department is working on CEQA and DTSC approvals.
  - The project scope at Bracher Elementary will now include soil removal in all landscape and turf areas. All existing trees will likely be removed to comply with DTSC requirements. Trees will be replaced with appropriate varieties and quantities in locations that will provide long term comfort and shade for students and staff.
  - Staff is working on a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) that will be in place prior to bidding for upcoming work at Bracher Elementary School.
- The scope of work to begin next summer is as follows:
  - Bracher Elementary School
    - Vacate two portable classrooms adjacent to Multipurpose Building.
    - Soil removal in landscape and turf areas.
    - Replace paving in hard court play area.
    - New underground for new buildings.
    - New irrigation and landscaping, including a new garden. Work to complete the new turf field will continue into the school year.
  - Briarwood Elementary School
    - Vacate two classroom wings and four portable classrooms.
    - Demolish two classroom wings.
    - Install new replacement standing seam metal roofing on four classroom wings, the office and multipurpose building.
    - Underground utility piping modifications.
  - Westwood Elementary School
    - Vacate classroom wing adjacent to library.
    - Demolish classroom wing.
    - Modify underground utility piping in preparation for new kitchen and multipurpose building.
    - Install new replacement standing seam metal roofing on the library and kindergarten classroom wings and the office.
    - Build a new preschool playground adjacent to the recently relocated portable classrooms.

## Wilcox High School Tennis Courts, Bleachers and Concession Building



- The Restroom building is complete.
- The Concession Building is complete.
- Visitor bleachers are complete.
- Tennis courts are complete.
- Home bleachers are complete. The sound system is being installed in the Press Box.

### Agnews Campus Projects

- Additional work on Zanker Road required by the City of San Jose will be complete by the end of the year. Staff is working with the City to close out the encroachment permit.

### New Valley High School Campus

- The Board of Trustees has given Direction to Staff to develop a plan to locate New Valley High School on the Wilson Education Options Campus. The plan is due to be presented to the Board in the spring. The Facility Development and Planning Department is leading the effort with assistance by the Chief Academic Officer.

### Peterson Middle School Fields

- Planning will begin this winter.

## Measure H-2014

### Wilcox Pedestrian Bridge over Calabazas Creek



- An application was submitted to the Santa Clara Valley Water District for a work encroachment permit last January. A response was received in June triggering a full re-review of the project.
- Valley Water is requiring permits or review from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Army Corps of Engineers. Staff is working on those applications.
- New hydraulic calculations have been completed according to Valley Water requirements. The calculation results must be reviewed by Valley Water to finalize the bridge elevations. A meeting has been requested to resolve issues preventing establishing the necessary elevations.
- The CEQA/Environmental consultant is completing a cultural resource survey to validate the Categorical Exemption previously approved.
- Staff has attempted to partner with the Water District to get the necessary approvals and complete this project by next summer. This is now unlikely.
- The District has not received comments from Valley Water on the proposed legal agreements for the bridge replacements submitted in January.
- The Maintenance department has completed repairs to the existing bridge.

## **Santa Clara High School and Wilcox High School Pool Modernization**

- The Bond Project Office and the Facility Development and Planning Department are collaborating on a project to modernize and improve the high school swimming pools constructed in 2000 under the Measure B Bond program.
- The project began two years ago as an effort to make pool repairs. Subsequent investigations have shown that major work is necessary bring the facilities up to current standards and enable the facilities to reliably and efficiently operate for another 25 years.
- The project is funded by project savings and earned interest from the Measure H 2014 Bond Program. The project scope is included in the Measure H 2014 Bond Project List under "Critical Facility Needs". The total project budget for both pools is \$14,160,000.

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