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Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) of the Cajon Valley Union School District

Minutes
Adopted

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee was called to order by Kevin Borum on September 3, 2025 at 3:33 p.m. in Professional Development Room 3.

Members Present: Kevin Borum, Felicia Ferrell, James Sly, and Edith Hernandez. Apologies: Shaun Gabriels and Lori Trim.

District Staff: Scott Buxbaum, Sharon Clay, Richard DeJarnett, Sharon Dobbins, Vickie Hayman, John Heredia, Lisa Krueger, and Joshua Lunn.

WELCOME, ROLL CALL

Kevin called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone, thanking them for their attendance.

MEMBER VACANCIES

Sharon shared information regarding two current COC vacancies, asking COC members to help spread the word and to encourage eligible candidates to apply. The COC member vacancy notice and application are currently posted on the District's website.

Senior Citizen Representative Vacancy: Susan Holtz's term has ended, creating a Senior Citizen Representative vacancy. This position must be filled by an active member of a bona fide senior citizens' organization who lives within the CVUSD boundary area.

Parent Representative Vacancy: Loree Trim's term will end in January 2026. This vacancy is for a Parent Representative. This position must be filled by a parent or guardian of at least one child currently enrolled in CVUSD who also lives within the District boundary area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on February 12, 2025, were approved (having been tabled at the meeting on June 4, 2025, due to lack of a quorum) on a motion made by Edith, seconded by Felicia and carried 4-0.

The minutes from the meeting on June 4, 2025, were approved on a motion made by Felicia and seconded by Edith and carried 4-0.

BUDGET & PROJECT UPDATES

Measures C & D (Construction Bond Program)

Sharon reviewed the final financial reports, dated 6/30/25, for the construction bond program (Measures C & D) and shared that all projects have now been completed and closed out. The remaining project savings and interest earnings were added to the New Classrooms/Expanded TK budget to fund additional classrooms and student support spaces. All funds were spent prior to 6/30/25, with all planned projects having been completed. There will be no additional financial reports for Measure C & D, but there will be a final audit report and annual report to the community in early 2026.

Measure EE (Educational Technology Bond Program)

Measure EE is a $20 million bond measure authorized by voters in 2016. $13 million has been issued to-date. The remaining $7 million is expected to be issued in 2026 and will fund classroom technology expenditures through approximately 2028.

Sharon noted that Measure EE spending dropped drastically beginning in 2020/2021 due to the receipt of federal COVID stimulus funds, which were able to fund classroom technology such as student chrome books, allowing the technology bond funds to stretch further. With stimulus funds no longer available, Measure EE spending is now back to the originally anticipated amounts.

Sharon reviewed the Measure EE fiscal year-end (6/30/25) and year-to-date (8/31/25) financial reports, including detailed expenditures by year. The fund balances were $3,162,949.18 as of 6/30/25 and $3,104,629.18 as of 8/31/25.

MEETING CALENDAR

The group reviewed its current meeting calendar, which is posted on the bond website and includes four meeting dates planned for the 25/26 school year: 9/3/25, 12/3/25, 3/4/26, and 6/3/26. With the construction bond program ending, and only the educational technology bond program (Measure EE) to review, the committee may want to consider reducing the number of meetings per year, which would require a change to the COC's current bylaws. The current code only requires that the COC meet "regularly", although the San Diego County Taxpayers' Association (SDCTA) recommends four meetings per year. However, the SDCTA criteria (which is a recommendation, not a requirement) focuses on construction bond programs, which are more complex than our educational technology bond program, which simply funds student and teacher laptops and other technology devices for the classrooms. Sharon reached out to SDCTA but has not received a response.

The COC members expressed a preference to continue to meet quarterly until we have more information.

DISCUSSION / OTHER

Scott and Sharon shared that the District is investigating options to create School Facility Improvement Districts (SFID) for potential 2026 construction bond measure(s) focusing on the geographical areas that demonstrated high voter support in the previous bond election. District staff will present potential strategies and options at a Governing Board workshop on October 7, 2025. Presenting this information at a Board Workshop allows for in-depth review, analysis, and discussion. COC members were invited to attend.

Edith suggested that COC members could share information with various community groups, such as PTA's/PTO's.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next Citizen's Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 3:30pm in Professional Development Room 3 at the Cajon Valley Union School District Office. Further information will be sent via email closer to the meeting date.