

Orting School District Bond Oversight Committee

March 23, 2026 Agenda/Minutes

6:00 - 7:00 PM at OSD Central Office

I. Introductions

- A. Committee members shared name and interest in committee/OSD bond projects
- B. Absent: Katie B., Joann T., Kristina L.
Present: Michelle A., Brandiwyn B., Kevin S., Josh G., Scott VH., Jennifer J., Jon K., Lovey F., Ed H., Cliff F., Matt R., Liz D., Peggy R., Carrie T.
- C. Committee members discussed why they wanted to be on the committee as well as relevant backgrounds.

II. Introduce OSD Bond Support and Construction Methodology

- A. Introduced the OSD team: Architect, Owner's Rep, General Contractor/Construction Manager
- B. Discussed why we chose the GC/CM pathway

III. Committee Purpose and Intent

- A. The Orting School District Bond Oversight Committee will serve as a community-based advisory group established to support transparency, accountability, and communication throughout the implementation of voter-approved bond projects.
- B. The committee is intended to:
 - 1. Provide informed community input during the design and construction process. Establish open communication with the Board of Directors and establish a feedback loop.
 - 2. Help ensure bond funds are used as promised and in alignment with commitments made to voters
 - 3. Monitor project progress, schedules, and major budget considerations
 - 4. Strengthen community trust through open reporting and consistent oversight
- C. The Bond Oversight Committee is not a decision-making body, but rather an advisory committee that helps ensure the District's bond program remains aligned with voter expectations and project goals. The committee

will serve as representatives for community voice, supporting Board goals around transparency and open communication.

- D. Committee agreed with purpose and intent suggestions. Open to revision in the future if necessary.

IV. Focus Areas for the Oversight Committee

- A. The committee will provide oversight and advisory feedback through two-way communication related to the District's major bond-funded construction projects, including:
 - 1. Design development and construction progress
 - 2. Student learning environment priorities
 - 3. Site safety, accessibility, and timeline considerations
 - 4. Alignment with workforce and career-ready learning goals
 - 5. Space planning to support CTE pathways and student opportunities
 - 6. Construction phasing and impact on ongoing school operations

V. Desired Outcomes

- A. By establishing a Bond Oversight Committee, Orting School District aims to:
 - 1. Ensure responsible stewardship of public investment
 - 2. Promote clear communication and community confidence
 - 3. Deliver high-quality school facilities that meet student needs
 - 4. Verify that commitments made during the bond campaign are fully honored. Provide clarity on those outcomes (review on website)
 - 5. Understanding and being able to speak to project considerations, roadblocks, and/or challenges. Explore the why and solution to support project transparency

VI. Committee Responsibilities

- A. The Bond Oversight Committee's work may include:
 - 1. Reviewing project budgets and expenditure reports
 - 2. Receiving regular updates on construction schedules, timelines, and milestones
 - 3. Providing feedback on community priorities and design considerations
 - 4. Identifying questions or concerns related to cost, scope, and/or delivery
 - 5. Supporting clear, open communication between the District and the community

6. Confirming that project elements match what was presented to voters

VII. What the Committee Will Not Do

- A. To maintain clarity of roles, the committee will not:
 1. Directly manage construction or contractors
 2. Make final decisions about design, contracts, or spending
 3. Replace the role of the School Board or District administration
 4. Serve as an audit authority or compliance agency
- B. Instead, the committee will function as a collaborative advisory group focused on transparency and stewardship.
- C. Committee members discussed what to do when there is conflict or disagreement

VIII. Group Norms

- A. The purpose of norms is to identify what we need to agree to in order to work well together. The committee discussed draft norms. Is there anything we need to add or remove from the following list?
- B. Community-Centered Service
 1. Members serve in the interest of all Orting students, schools, and taxpayers.
- C. Respect and Professionalism
 1. Listen actively, disagree respectfully, and remain solution-oriented.
- D. Transparency and Integrity
 1. Ask questions openly and ensure information shared reflects honesty and accountability.
- E. Focus on the Bond Scope
 1. Maintain attention on voter-approved projects, budget stewardship, and construction progress.
- F. Collaboration and Trust
 1. Work in partnership with each other, District staff, architects, and project managers.
- G. Commitment to Preparedness
 1. Review materials in advance and attend meetings regularly.
- H. Add norms and outcomes to ongoing meeting agenda so there is a condensed version handy. No questions or concerns on initial draft of norms

IX. Meeting Structure and Work Expectations

- A. A starting draft of our committee work might include:

1. Meetings held monthly or quarterly, depending on project phase
 2. Presentations from project managers, architects, or construction teams
 3. Budget and timeline review documents shared with members
 4. Opportunity for members to tour construction sites at key milestones
 5. Annual or periodic public summary reports to the School Board and community
- B. Committee discussed whether there was anything missing or anything they want to add. No changes at this time.
- C. Next meeting is Monday, April 27th. Committee will try to stay away from the third Monday of the month. Mondays are the best day moving forward. Target meeting length is one hour, with 1.5 hours scheduled.

X. Future Work

- A. Where do we go from here?
1. We will schedule April and May and take it from there.
 2. Discussed a standard agenda that involved regular updates from project partners
 3. Discussed updating OSD website and minute sharing so committee members and community can stay connected in between meetings