MEASURE G
CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Duties. To carry out its stated purposes, the Committee shall perform only the following duties:

a) Inform the Public. The Committee shall inform the public about the District's expenditure of bond proceeds. In fulfilling this duty, all official communications of the Committee to either the Board or the public shall come from the Chair acting on behalf of the Committee. The Chair shall only speak on behalf of the Committee or release information attributed to the Committee that reflects the view of a majority of the Committee. No Committee member shall represent that they are speaking on behalf of the Committee unless authorized to do so by a majority of the Committee.

b) Review Expenditures. The Committee shall review expenditure reports produced by the District to evaluate if:

1. bond proceeds were expended only for the purposes set forth in Measure G;
2. no bond proceeds have been used for teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses.

c) Annual Report. At least one time annually, commencing with the end of the first fiscal year in which any bond proceeds are expended and continuing through the end of the fiscal year in which bond proceeds have been spent in full, the Committee shall annually prepare and approve, by majority vote, a written report (each, an "Annual Report", the findings of which shall be summarized by the Chair of the Committee to the Board in public session, which annual written report shall include the following:

1) A summary of the Committee's proceedings and activities for the preceding year, and
2) A statement indicating whether the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIIIA, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution (see "Exhibit A")

(Annual reports shall be posted on the District's website)

Authorized Activities: The Committee may engage in the activities authorized under Education Code Section 15278 subsection (c), including:

(a) Receive and review copies of the District's annual independent performance audit and annual independent financial audit.

(b) Inspect school facilities and grounds for which bond proceeds have been or will be expended.

(c) Review copies of deferred maintenance plans.

(d) Review efforts by the District to maximize bond proceeds by implementing various cost-saving measures.

Meetings of the Committee.

a) Regular Meetings. The Committee shall meet at least once a year, or more frequently as the Committee deems it necessary to discharge its duty, but no more frequently than quarterly. At the end of each meeting, the Committee shall identify the next approximate meeting date.

b) Location. All meetings shall be held within the District.

c) Procedures. All meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the Brown Act, Robert's Rules of Order, and such additional procedural rules as the Committee may adopt. A majority of the number of Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

District Support: The District shall provide to the Committee necessary technical and administrative assistance that may include:

a) Preparation of and posting of public notices and agendas as required by the Brown Act,

b) Provision of a meeting room, including any necessary audio/visual equipment;

c) Preparation and copies of any documentary meeting materials;

d) Providing bond expenditure reports for review at each meeting and the retention of all Committee records and reports,

e) Providing public access to Committee meeting minutes and reports on an Internet website maintained by the District,

f) A member of the District staff shall attend Committee meetings in order to report on the status of projects and the expenditure of bond proceeds.

Copies of Bond Audits:

Pursuant to Education Code Section 15286, the District shall submit a copy of its annual bond financial audit and performance audit to the Committee at the same time such audits are submitted to the Board, and in any event no later than March 31 of each year. In addition, pursuant to Education Code Section 15280(a)(2), if findings, recommendations or concerns are identified in such audits, within three months of receiving the audits, the District shall provide the Committee with responses to such findings.

EXHIBIT A:

California Constitution
Article XIII A - Tax Limitation
Section 1.

Universal Citation: CA Constitution art XIII A § 1

SECTION 1.

(a) The maximum amount of any ad valorem tax on real property shall not exceed One percent (1%) of the full cash value of such property. The one percent (1%) tax to be collected by the counties and apportioned according to law to the districts within the counties.

(b) The limitation provided for in subdivision (a) shall not apply to ad valorem taxes or special assessments to pay the interest and redemption charges on any of the following:

(1) Indebtedness approved by the voters prior to July 1, 1978.

(2) Bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978, by two-thirds of the votes cast by the voters voting on the proposition.

(3) Bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district, community college district, or county office of education 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, approved by 55 percent of the voters of the district or county, as appropriate, voting on the proposition on or after the effective date of the measure adding this paragraph. This paragraph shall apply only if the proposition approved by the voters and resulting in the bonded indebtedness includes all of the following accountability requirements:

(A) A requirement that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds be used only for the purposes specified in Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3), and not for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

(B) A list of the specific school facilities projects to be funded and certification that the school district board, community college board, or county office of education has evaluated safety, class size reduction, and information technology needs in developing that list.

(C) A requirement that the school district board, community college board, or county office of education conduct an annual, independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed.

(D) A requirement that the school district board, community college board, or county office of education conduct an annual, independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the school facilities projects.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or of this Constitution, school districts, community college districts, and county offices of education may levy a 55 percent vote ad valorem tax pursuant to subdivision (b).