Citizens’ Oversight Committee

Reference: Education Code Sections 15278, 15280, and 15282

The Citizens’ Oversight Committee is established to:

- inform the public about the expenditure of bond revenues;
- review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers’ money for school construction; and
- advise the public as to the District’s compliance with the Proposition 39 requirements as contained in the California Constitution.

The Citizens’ Oversight Committee shall:

- receive and review copies of the annual, independent performance audit;
- receive and review copies of the annual, independent financial audit;
- inspect school facilities and grounds to ensure that bond revenues are expended properly;
- receive and review copies of any deferred maintenance proposals or plans developed by the District; and
- review efforts by the District to maximize bond revenues by implementing cost saving measures.

The committee shall consist of at least seven (7) members to serve for a term of two (2) years and for no more than two (2) consecutive terms. Members shall serve without compensation.

The committee shall be comprised of at least:

- one member active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District;
- one member active in a senior citizen’s organization;
- one member active in a bona fide taxpayer’s organization;
- one member of a student both currently enrolled in the District and active in a campus group. The student may serve up to six (6) months after his or her graduation; and
- one member active in the support and organization of the District.
No employee, official, vendor, contractor, or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the committee.

The District shall provide the committee with any necessary technical or administrative assistance, as well as other resources, to publicize its conclusions.

Meetings shall be open to the public and notice provided in accordance with the provisions of open meeting laws.

At least once a year, the committee shall issue a report on the result of its activities. Minutes from its proceedings, all documents received, and reports issued are matters of public record and shall be made available on an internet website maintained by the District.

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