

SANTA CLARA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
for
Measure J-2004
Measure H-2010
Measure H-2014
Measure BB-2018

Annual Report to the Public¹

September 30, 2020

Measure J-2004: A General Obligation Bond approved by voters on November 2, 2004 under the following ballot statement:

"To rehabilitate middle and high schools, improve student safety and qualify for State matching funds, shall Santa Clara Unified School District make seismic upgrades to classrooms and schools, add school facilities to relieve overcrowding, and repair deteriorated plumbing, sewers, bathrooms, leaky roofs, aging boilers, inadequate heating, electrical and building systems; by issuing \$315,000,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, with independent citizen oversight, no money for administrative salaries, and all money staying in our community to improve local schools?"

Measure J-2004 Bond Project List: The complete list is on Page 3 of the Board of Trustees' Resolution Number 04-27, adopted on July 8, 2004.

Measure H-2010: A General Obligation Bond approved by voters on November 2, 2010 under the following ballot statement:

"To upgrade school fire, safety and security systems, renovate and reopen closed schools, install solar panels to decrease energy costs and save money for classrooms, acquire sites for future schools and expand overcrowded schools; shall the Santa Clara Unified School District issue \$81.1 million in general obligation bonds, at interest rates within legal limits, subject to an annual audit and with an independent citizens' oversight committee?"

Measure H-2010 Bond Project List: The complete list is on Page 8 of the Board of Trustees' Resolution Number 10-29, adopted on July 22, 2010.

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repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing and wiring, remove asbestos, lead and hazardous materials; to upgrade outdated classrooms and career training facilities to support 21st century learning and prepare students for college and careers; to acquire, renovate, construct/equip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?"

¹ The Committee was assisted by Eric Dill, CBO, Larry Adams, Director of School Bond Projects, Valerie Russell, Program Manager, and District Financial Advisor Government Financial Strategies.

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

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Affiliation</u> |
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| • Brett McLarney (Chair) | Parent/Guardian of Child Enrolled in District |
| • Mary Ng Dooley (Vice Chair) | Member of a Bona-Fide Taxpayers’ Association |
| • 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 |
| • Noel Matyas | At Large |
| • Tim Towers | At Large |

Meetings/Tours

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Topic(s)</u> | <u>Materials Reviewed</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------------|--|---|----------------------------|
| FY 2018-19 | | | |
| January 22, 2019 | Bond program update, by-laws | Report on current and recently completed projects, financial update, by-laws | Agnews Construction Office |
| January 29, 2019 | Approve revised by-laws; develop annual work plan | By-laws, annual work plan | Agnews Construction Office |
| March 12, 2019 | Financial and performance audits for FY 2017-18, bond program update, Board of Trustees action to consolidate Committee, District web site, and public information efforts | Financial and performance audits for FY 2017-19, report on current and recently completed projects, financial update, report on District web site, and public information efforts | Agnews Construction Office |
| May 14, 2019 | Develop and approve annual report for FY 2017-18, bond program update, District web site, and public information efforts | Report on current and recently completed projects, financial update, report on District web site, and public information efforts | Agnews Construction Office |
| June 11, 2019 | Develop and approve annual work plan for FY 2019-29, bond program update, District web site, and public information efforts | Report on current and recently completed projects, financial update, report on District web site, and public information efforts | Agnews Construction Office |

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:
<https://www.santaclarausd.org/Page/76>

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 J-2004, H-2010, H-2014, and BB-2018.