

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

June 23, 2021

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repair or replace deteriorating roofs, plumbing and wiring, remove asbestos, lead and hazardous materials; to upgrade outdated classrooms and career training facilities to support 21st century learning and prepare students for college and careers; to acquire, renovate, construct/equip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 Mark A. Schiel, CBO, Larry Adams, Director of School Bond Projects, Valerie Russell, Program Management, 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>
• 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			
September 30 2020	Review Financial and Performance Audits for year ending June 30, 2019. Develop Annual Report for FY 2018-2019	Report on current and recently completed projects, financial update, by-laws	Zoom
November 4, 2020	Review Program and Cost Reports, Develop Annual Work Plan for FY 2020-21	Program and Project Cost Reports	Zoom
January 27, 2020	Video Tour of Measure BB Site Improvement Projects	Video Presentation Project Updates	Zoom
April 28, 2021	Review Financial and Performance Audits for year ending June 30, 2020.	Financial and Performance Audit Reports. Program and Project Cost Reports	Zoom
June 23, 2021	Organizational Meeting Prepare Annual Report for FY 2019-2020, Prepare Annual Work Plan for FY 2021-22	Report on Committee questions from April 28 meeting. Progress update from June 10 Board Meeting.	Zoom

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 with the exception that some members of the Oversight Committee have questioned the use of Bond Funds for reimbursement of the General Fund for the payment of stipends paid to teachers for moving during Bond funded construction projects.