

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FROM: SUPERINTENDENT  
DATE: APRIL 21, 2015 (ACTION)

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MEASURE I BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBER**

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**ISSUE:**

Should the Board of Education approve the Measure I Bond Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee Member, as submitted?

**BACKGROUND:**

In November 2014 the voters of Conejo Valley Unified School District overwhelmingly approved Measure I, a \$197 million general obligation bond to support technology and facilities improvements. Pursuant to Proposition 39 and Education Code 15278, the Board of Education must establish an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (the Committee). The Committee's responsibilities are established in statute, and include:

- Inform the public concerning the District's expenditure of Measure I bond proceeds;
- Review expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that Measure I bond proceeds were expended only for the purposes set forth in Measure I; and
- Present to the Board in public session an annual written report outlining their activities and conclusions regarding the expenditure of Measure I bond proceeds.

The Committee shall be made up of at least seven members appointed by the Board, and based upon criteria established in statute:

- One (1) member shall be the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.
- One (1) member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the P.T.A. or a school site council.
- One (1) member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the District.
- One (1) member active in a senior citizens' organization.
- One (1) member active in a bona-fide taxpayers association.
- Two (2) members of the community at-large.

On January 20, 2015, the Board of Education approved Oversight Committee Bylaws, Application Form and Timeline. On January 22 a notice soliciting applications for membership on the Oversight Committee, as well as an Application Form, were posted on the District website. A notice was also published in the Thousand Oaks Acorn newspaper. The application period was open from January 21 through February 12, 2015. A total of ten applications was received. A subcommittee made up of Board President Dr. Betsy Connolly, Board Member Mike Dunn and Superintendent Dr. Jeff Baarstad reviewed the applications and recommended the following individuals for Oversight Committee positions:

Parent – Wendy Goldstein (one year term) and Parent/Parent-Teacher Organization - Marshall Denninger (two year term).

Business Organization – Charles Lech (two year term).

Senior Citizens' Organization – Tony Gitt (two year term).

At-Large – Gail Ginell (one year term) and Bill Gorback (one year term).

At the meeting held on March 17, 2015, the Board of Education approved the recommended candidates for the Oversight Committee. However, no applications were received from members of a local taxpayers association. Staff indicated they would solicit applications from several local organizations and bring a prospective appointment to the Board at a later date.

The Board's action to appoint individuals to the Oversight Committee was reported in the Thousand Oaks Acorn newspaper, as was as the continued vacancy for a taxpayer organization representative. Following that publication, Superintendent Baarstad was contacted by Thousand Oaks resident Jere Robings, who offered to serve on the Committee. Mr. Robings is a retired executive with Southern California Edison and a former President, and current member of the Ventura County Taxpayer's Association. Mr. Robings was one of five authors that endorsed the ballot argument in favor of the Measure I initiative.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Oversight Committee Member, as submitted.
2. Do not approve the Oversight Committee Member, as submitted.

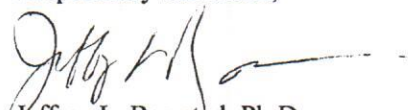
RECOMMENDATION:

Approve alternative #1.

RATIONALE:

The Education Code requires the Board of Education to appoint a Measure I Bond Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The Board needs to appoint a representative from a local taxpayer organization to complete the formation of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



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