Citizens Bond Oversight Committee

Measure ‘K’

Year Ending June 30, 2018

A report to the Pollock Pines Elementary School District Board of Trustees and the General Public

POLLOCK PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2701 Amber Trail
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PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the District’s Measure K Citizens Oversight Committee (the Committee) is to monitor and report on the expenditures of Measure K bond proceeds.

The Board of Trustees authorized the formation of the committee pursuant to Education Code Section 15278 et seq. This legislation also defines the membership categories.

ABOUT THE CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Committee meets as needed. Meetings are open to the public. Information regarding the committee and reports can be found at:

http://www.ppesd.org/measurek

Message from the Chair, Kara Botto

The Bond Oversight Committee is obligated by Proposition 39 to meet and report to the Pollock Pines Elementary School District Board on an annual basis. This committee has met three times since committee inception. This is the committee’s report covering the time period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

SUMMARY

Based upon our review of the District’s financial records, the annual independent financial audit, and the auditor’s performance report on the use of the Measure K Bond proceeds, the Citizen’s Bond Oversight Committee believes that bond revenues were expended in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section (1)(b)(3) of the California Constitution and consistent with the District’s approved projects per Measure K local bond ballot language, that directs the use of the bond funds, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Kara Botto, Chairman
INTRODUCTION

Measure K is a $9,000,000 General Obligation Bond for the Pollock Pines Elementary School District approved by the District voters on June 5, 2012. The election was conducted under Proposition 39, which requires the establishment of a Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. The committee members are appointed by the Board of Trustees; and, as required by law, represent various constituents of the community. The purpose of the Committee shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond money for school construction, as approved by the voters, and assures no funds are used for any other purpose, including teacher and administrator salaries and other school operating expenses.

MEMBERS

- Thomas “Tom” Mahach, Taxpayer’s Association of El Dorado County
- Dennis Staller, Sons In Retirement, Pollock Pines Chapter
- Ginger Swigart, Active Business Organization
- Deanna Smith, Parent/President of Pinewood Parent Teacher Club
- Kara Boto, Parent/Community Member
- Cat George, Parent/Community Member
- Krista Potter, Parent/Community Member

BACKGROUND

The question on the ballot of Measure K was: "To improve the quality of local education, make health, safety/handicapped accessibility improvements, improve energy efficiency, modernize outdated classrooms, restrooms/libraries, replace temporary portables with permanent classrooms, replace outdated heating, ventilation/air conditioning systems, improve technology, upgrade electrical systems, shall Pollock Pines Elementary School District acquire, construct, repair, equip school facilities/sites by issuing $9,000,000 of bonds at legal rates, with independent citizens’ oversight and NO money used for administrative or teacher salaries or be taken by the State?"

Beginning in January 2013 General Obligation Bonds, Series A, was issued in the amount of $2,500,000. As of June 30, 2014 Pollock Pines Elementary School District had used $2,500,000 of the $2,500,000 in funds from the Series A issuance, $1,276 in interest, and district contribution of $398,884 from other funds toward Measure K projects for a total of $2,900,160.

In October 2017 General Obligation Bonds, Series B, was issued in the amount of $2,500,000. These funds became available on demand in the El Dorado County Treasury account for the district. As of June 30, 2018 Pollock Pines Elementary School District had used $1,134,547 of the $2,500,000 in funds from the Series B issuance and $19,154 of interest revenue. These proceeds of these funds were used to pay for the listed projects below:
PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – $954,205 (17/18)

Projects in Process, as of June 30, 2018

- Remove built-in seating, refinish walls with plastic laminate panels, add acoustic panels
- Relocate exterior freezer unit and replace with new refrigerator/freezer unit
- Update stage lighting, sound, floor, add stairway and handrails to ADA requirements
- Add new sports floor
- Add new heating/cooling mechanical units for main building, stage, and kitchen
- Replace/update kitchen to meet required health code
- Repaint all painted surfaces
- Additional plumbing, HVAC, and Fire system requirements in Kitchen to meet code
- Plumbing adjustment for drinking fountains to meet ADA requirements
- DSA requirement modifications to accessible stage lift and custodial area
- Update main entry vestibule
- Replace concrete in courtyard area behind multipurpose room

DISTRICT-WIDE – $180,342 (17/18)

- Cost of Bond Issuance - $125,000
- Replace all district teacher laptops and docking stations - $55,342

The remaining funds of $1,384,607 will be used in 2018-19 to complete the projects in process listed above for Pinewood Elementary School.

FUTURE PROJECTS

The remaining balance of the bond, $4,000,000, will be used for future projects including the modernization of the Sierra Ridge campus, and continued classroom technology support. The ability and timing of future issuances will be based upon assessed value of the district, district needs and availability of state facility funding.

FINANCIAL AUDIT FINDINGS

The required annual independent financial audit was performed and the auditor’s opinion states, “In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Measure K Building Fund of the Pollock Pines Elementary School District, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

The full and complete report for both the FINANCIAL AUDIT and the PERFORMANCE AUDIT are available upon request at the Pollock Pines Elementary School District Administrative Offices, and on the District website at: www.ppesd.org/measurek

According to the independent audit report, the District has complied with all State laws and regulations pertaining to the issuance of Proposition 39 bonds.