

LIVINGSTON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
BYLAWS
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Section 1. Committee Established. The Livingston Union School District (the "District") was successful at the election conducted on November 8, 2005 (the "Election"), in obtaining authorization from the District's voters to issue up to \$10,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the District's general obligation bonds, pursuant to a 55% vote. The election was conducted under Proposition 39, being chaptered as the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000, at Section 15264 *et seq.* of the Education Code of the State ("Prop 39"). Pursuant to Section 15278 of the Education Code, the District is now obligated to establish the Oversight Committee to satisfy the accountability requirements of Prop 39. The Board of Trustees of the Livingston Union School District (the "Board") hereby establishes the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (the "Committee") which shall have the duties and rights set forth in these Bylaws. The Committee does not have independent legal capacity from the District.

Section 2. Purposes. The purposes of the Committee are set forth in Prop 39, and these Bylaws are specifically made subject to the applicable provisions of Prop 39 as to the duties and rights of the Committee. The Committee shall be deemed to be subject to the *Ralph M. Brown Public Meetings Act* of the State of California and shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the provisions thereof. The District shall provide necessary administrative support at District expense to the Committee as consistent with the Committee's purposes as set forth in Prop 39.

The proceeds of general obligation bonds issued pursuant to the Election are hereinafter referred to as "bond proceeds." The Committee shall confine itself specifically to bond proceeds generated under the ballot measure. Regular and deferred maintenance projects and all monies generated under other sources shall fall outside the scope of the Committee review.

Section 3. Duties. To carry out its stated purposes, the Committee shall perform the following duties:

- 3.1 Inform the Public. The Committee shall inform the public concerning the District's expenditures of bond proceeds.
- 3.2 Review Expenditures. The Committee may review expenditure reports produced by the District to ensure that (a) bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in the ballot measure; (b) no bond proceeds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other operating expenses.
- 3.3 Annual Report. The Committee shall present to the Board, in public session, an annual written report which shall include the following:
 - (a) A statement indicating whether the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution; and
 - (b) A summary of the Committee's proceedings and activities for the preceding year.

Section 4. Authorized Activities.

- 4.1 In order to perform the duties set forth in Section 3.0, the Committee may engage in the following authorized activities:
- (a) Receive and review copies of the District's annual independent performance audit and annual independent financial audit, required by Article XIIA of the California Constitution.
 - (b) Inspect school facilities and grounds for which bond proceeds have been or will be expended, in accordance with any access procedure established by the District's Superintendent.

Section 5. Membership.

5.1 Number. The Committee shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Trustees from a list of candidates submitting written applications, and based on criteria established by Prop 39, to wit:

- One (1) member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the District.
- One (1) member active in a senior citizen's organization.
- One (1) member active in a bona-fide taxpayers association.
- One (1) member shall be a 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 or school site council.
- Two (2) members of the community at-large.

5.2 Qualification Standards.

- (a) To be a qualified person, he or she must be at least 18 years of age and reside within the District's geographic boundary, in accordance with Government Code Section 1020.
- (b) The Committee may not include any employee, official of the District or any vendor, contractor or consultant of the District.

5.3 Ethics: Conflicts of Interest. By accepting appointment to the Committee, each member agrees to comply with Articles 4 (commencing with Section 1090) and 4.7 (commencing with Section 1125) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code and the Political Reform Act (Gov. Code §§ 81000 *et seq.*). Additionally, each member shall comply with the Committee Ethics Policy attached as "Attachment A" to these Bylaws.

5.4 Term. Except as otherwise provided herein, each member shall serve a minimum term of four (4) years, beginning in January or until bond funds have been expended as outlined in the ballot measure approved by voters.

At the Committee's first meeting and stagger the timing of future appointments, members will draw lots to select a minimum of two (2) members to serve for an initial three (3) year term and the remaining members for an initial four (4) year term.

- 5.5 Appointment. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board through the following process: (a) appropriate local groups will be solicited for applications; (b) the Superintendent will review the applications; (c) the Superintendent will make recommendations to the Board.
- 5.6 Removal; Vacancy. The Board may remove any Committee member for any reason, including failure to attend two (2) consecutive Committee meetings without reasonable excuse or for failure to comply with the Committee Ethics Policy. Upon a member's removal, his or her seat shall be declared vacant. The Board, in accordance with the established appointment process shall fill any vacancies on the Committee.
- 5.7 Compensation. The Committee members shall not be compensated for their services.
- 5.8 Authority of Members. (a) Committee members shall not have the authority to direct staff of the District. (b) Individual members of the Committee retain the right to address the Board as an individual.

Section 6. Meetings of the Committee.

- 6.1 Regular Meetings. The Committee is required to meet at least once a year.
- 6.2 Location. All meetings shall be held within the District.
- 6.3 Procedures. All meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the *Ralph M. Brown Act*, Government Code Section 54950 *et seq.* Meetings shall be conducted according to such additional procedural rules as the Committee may adopt. A majority of the number of Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business except adjournment.

Section 7. District Support.

- 7.1 The District shall provide to the Committee necessary technical and administrative assistance as follows:
 - (a) preparation of and posting of public notices as required by the *Ralph M. Brown Act*, ensuring that all notices to the public are provided in the same manner as notices regarding meetings of the District Board;
 - (b) provision of a meeting room, including any necessary audio/visual equipment;
 - (c) preparation and copies of any documentary meeting materials, such as agendas and reports; and
 - (d) retention of all Committee records, and providing public access.
- 7.2 District staff and/or District consultants shall attend all Committee proceedings in order to report on the status of projects and the expenditures of bond proceeds.

7.3 No bond proceeds shall be used to provide District support to the Committee.

Section 8. Officers. The Superintendent shall appoint the initial Chair. Thereafter, the Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair who shall act as Chair only when the Chair is absent, which positions shall continue for two (2) year terms. No person shall serve as Chair for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 9. Amendment of Bylaws. Any amendment to these Bylaws shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board.

Section 10. Termination. The Committee shall automatically terminate and disband at the earlier of the date when (a) all bond proceeds are spent, or (b) all projects funded by bond proceeds are completed.

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ETHICS POLICY STATEMENT

This following Ethics Policy Statement provides general guidelines for Committee members to perform their roles. Not all ethical issues that Committee members face are covered in this Statement. However, this Statement captures some of the critical areas that help define ethical and professional conduct for Committee members. The provisions of this Statement were developed from existing laws, rules, policies and procedures as well as from concepts that define generally accepted good business practices. Committee members are expected to strictly adhere to the provisions of this Ethics Policy.

POLICY

- **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** A Committee member shall not make or influence a District decision related to: (1) any contract funded by bond proceeds or (2) any construction project which will benefit the committee member's outside employment, business, or a personal finance or benefit an immediate family member, such as a spouse, child or parent.
- **OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT.** A Committee member shall not use his or her authority over a particular matter to negotiate future employment with any person or organization that relates to: (1) any contract funded by bond proceeds, or (2) any construction project. A Committee member shall not make or influence a District decision related to any construction project involving the interest of a person with whom the member has an agreement concerning current or future employment, or remuneration of any kind.
- **COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD LAW.** A Committee member shall uphold the federal and California Constitutions, the laws and regulations of the United States and the State of California (particularly the Education Code) and all other applicable government entities, and the policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Livingston Union School District;
- **COMMITMENT TO DISTRICT.** A Committee member shall place the interest of the District above any personal or business interest of the member.

The undersigned acknowledges he or she has received a copy of this Ethics Policy Statement, understands the provisions of this policy and agrees to adhere to its requirements.

Date

Member, Oversight Committee