

Chair Report and Recommendations

Agenda Item: Adoption of California League of Bond Oversight Committee Operation Standards

Date. October 11, 2012

Summary. The purpose of this agenda item is for the Bond Oversight Committee to adopt the California League of Bond Oversight Committees Operation Standards (attached) for the Sweetwater Unified High School District Citizen Bond Oversight Committee and request that the Board of Trustees also adopt these standards.

Of the 94 Committee Operation Standards (Best Practices) 42 are based upon recommendations from our San Diego County Taxpayers Association and 19 come from the California League of Bond Oversight Committees (Calboc). The remaining standards come directly from the California Education Code.

Chair Recommendation.

1. Adopt the California League of Bond Oversight Committee Operation Standards as the Standards for the Sweetwater Unified High School District Independent Citizen Bond Oversight Committee.
2. Direct that the Chair write a letter to Board President Pearl Quinones and Superintendent Edward Brand requesting the District to adopt these Standards no later than the end of Calendar 2012.
3. Direct the Chair to present these recommendations at the next available Board meeting.

Background. The CBOC has become actively engaged with Calboc. I am have been appointed to the Board of Directors. Kevin O'Neill has been appointed to the Policy Advisors.

Calboc states in their by laws that "The primary objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be to help Bond Oversight Committee members, appointed under the provision of Proposition 39 [Education Code Section 15278 (a)] perform the civic duties they have taken on in the best manner possible through training, providing a forum for discussion and representing common interest at the statewide level."

Calboc has already provided invaluable assistance to the Chair through exposure of the vast amount of information on its web site. I met with the Executive Director and discussed in detail the scope of work and options/requirements for

our annual Performance Audit. Calbec is growing and wants to create Chapters around the State to foster implementation of compliance with the California Education Code and other appropriate laws that govern our missions.

Significant thought and research went into these Standards. Most noteworthy is the fact is that our San Diego Taxpayer's Association developed a significant portion of these Standards. The District should take a leadership role and show its commitment to a strong independent citizen's oversight by approval of the Standards.

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