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To: President Frank Tarantino
Board Member Nick Segura
Board Member Kevin J. Pike
Board Member Paula Hall
Board Member Arturo Solis

Dear President Tarantino:

Greetings on this New Year and let me convey the thanks of our Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) for our Joint meeting held on January 12, 2015. We appreciate you listening to each other's views. This will presumably be a very important year in which we both review the Long Range Facility Master Plan and detailed Performance Audit and consider the issuance of future Proposition O bonds if there is sufficient Assessed Value to support new debt.

On January 12, 2015 there was a CBOC meeting held at Bonita Vista Middle School. Highlights are as follows:

1. Site Tour. A site Tour was held reviewing sample classrooms from ones that had been improved with bond funds as well as those that needed further work. We also reviewed the recently completed and just operational cafeteria. Though somewhat dark at the time of the tour the school appear to be generally well maintained (e.g. custodial). Principal Reyes was at the meeting.

2. California League of Bond Oversight Committees Member Assistance. Our CBOC recommended that I explore using a portion of our Training Education Budget to have training provided by some Calboc Directors. Several of the Directors from Calboc have offered assistance if schedules permit to have a Special Saturday Workshop on Bond Oversight issues. This training would be as individuals with certain expertise but not as an official Calboc event.

3. California League of Bond Oversight Committees Meeting on February 20, 2015. A meeting will be held in Sacramento with the primary discussions centered around the Governors Budget Proposals and adoption of Best Practices.

4. Performance Audit. A new Request for Proposals was issued on January 12, 2015 with proposals due on February 3, 2015. The essence of the process is as follows:

- There will be a selection panel of one District staff, two CBOC members and two

senior staff one from another School District and County Office of Education.

- A short list of applicants will be developed on February 4, 2014.
- Interviews will be held on February 11, 2014.

This is a prudent approach and should be complimented, particularly for having those outside the District on the Evaluation Panel. Education Code Section 15286 requires the Performance Audit be submitted to the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee by March 31 of each year. Clearly this is a tight schedule to complete this Audit by March 31 and submit to the CBOC.

5. Vacant Senior Member The California Education Code requires that: "One member shall be active in a senior citizens' organization". Per the District By Laws, the person does not have to live in the District. On January 9, 2015 I met with District Human Resources staff to go over a different ideas on recruiting this member. Each Site Council would be contacted and there might be a robo call and applications would be handed out at the Board meeting.

6. Vacant Community Member at Large. Bob Strahl resigned via email on January 12, 2015. There was not an Agenda item on his replacement so no action could be taken. There were different options discussed. One would be to use an existing list that was developed mid last year to fill potential vacancies if certain by Law Changes had been made (e.g. Residency Requirement). The other would be to advertise again for the position. The CBOC will be have an Agenda Item at our February 11, 2015 meeting to take a position on how the Community Member at Large Position should be filled. We now have two vacant positions for our nine member Committee.

7. Upcoming Vacant Parent with a Student Position. Ditas Yamane will have a student graduate this June and will no longer meet the statutory requirements for this position. Options will also be discussed at our next meeting. She is served the CBOC well and could reapply for other vacant positions- such as Community Member at Large.

8. Bond Project Updates. As is typical for our meeting we heard a progress reports on a number of projects. No major issues are to report though the overall amount of change orders on certain projects does remain an ongoing issue with some CBOC members and the public in the audience. This issue will be deal with in the Performance Audit.

9. Long Range Master Plan. There was considerable discussion about the Long Range Master Plan. There was a consensus that the community outreach process could have been improved. The Chair will form several Subcommittees dealing with specific issues (technology, strategic planning, facility condition assessment process). The Master Plan is an extremely important issue to this CBOC. There is further information on the Proposition O Web Site regarding master planning issues.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or ask questions at the Board meeting.

Sincerely,



Nick Marinovich, Chair
Sweetwater Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee