

Berryessa Union School District (BUSD)
Citizens bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)
For Construction Bond Measure L

Annual Report to the Board of Trustees of BUSD, March 10, 2020

SUMMARY

Two of the remaining original projects of Measure L at the Cherrywood and Noble schools will be completed by end-March. The twenty-three project additions to the original plan are expected to be completed by the end of summer. Those projects will be completed within the \$77M budget, with \$3M remaining to be spent. Of the \$3M, \$2.15M was planned for the district office renovation. Additional discussions are needed to decide on the additional required spending.

The program, in its entirety, has been well managed. The Bond Director has modified the schedule over the past 4+ years to mitigate the skilled labor constraints in Santa Clara County, and remained committed to not exceeding the budget. The review process was comprehensive, with reviews conducted quarterly by the CBOC, monthly by the Board of Trustees, and annually by our external auditors. The review processes were characterized at each meeting by frank discussions of encountered problems and proposed solutions.

THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The CBOC reached its full 7 member complement in February, 5 years since its inception. The membership shortage caused quorum issues at prior meetings and the rescheduling of one meeting. The BUSD needs a more rigorous method of staffing a full committee for future bond measures. Recruiting parents at PTA meetings would be helpful, as well as continuing to state our staffing needs through our monthly newsletter. All needed CBOC support has always been provided by the Assistant Superintendent-Business Services and the Superintendent when needed.

CBOC REQUEST RECAP

Our last annual report requested information regarding energy cost savings resulting from our solar implementation, a spending and completion schedule for our budget underspending, school principal and student perceptions of the FIS space investments, school utilization data for each completed FIS, and a strategy for fully staffing the CBOC soon after its inception for future bond measures. The energy cost savings were approximately \$326K as compared to the previous year. An informal poll of school principals and students indicated a very positive perception of the FIS installations. The CBOC is still in

need of FIS utilization data and an effective CBOC staffing strategy in support of future bond measures. FIS sign up logs at each school will be utilized to provide this data by mid-April.

CONCLUSION

The BUSD has demonstrated its competence in managing Measure L, a complex bond program. The CBOC is confident in its ability to manage similar bond programs in the future.

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