



REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Citizen Oversight Committee

The Reynolds School Board will establish and appoint an independent citizen's oversight committee within 60 days of the date that the school board enters into its minutes the election results.

Role of Committee

Composition of the Committee

The Committee shall consist of at least five (5) members to serve for a term of three (3) years without compensation or to serve until completion of construction projects as outlined in the bond summary and the facilities plan.

The Committee is comprised of the following members:

- One member who is active in a business organization representing the business community located within the school district;
- One member who is active in a business organization with financial, business or construction expertise;
- One member active in a senior citizens' organization;
- One member who is the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district; and
- One member who is both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the school district and active in a parent support organization.

The Committee may not include any employee or official of the school district or any vendor, contractor or consultant of the school district.

Purpose and Activities of the Committee

The purpose of the Committee shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of the bond proceeds. The Committee shall engage in the following activities to carry out this purpose:

1. Actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction;

2. Advise the public as to whether the school district is in compliance with the following bond summary language:

TITLE

Bonds to replace and upgrade schools, security and technology improvements

QUESTION

Shall Reynolds School District replace schools, add classrooms, make technology and security improvements by issuing \$125,000,000 in general obligation bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY

If approved, this measure would provide funds for capital construction and improvements to schools and pay bond issuance costs, specifically:

- Constructing, furnishing and equipping new elementary school buildings on their present sites of Fairview, Troutdale and Wilkes, including demolition and related site improvements.
- Construction, renovation, furnishing and equipping the high school including but not limited to new classrooms, modernization of science classrooms and labs, student common areas and related site improvements.
- Improvements to all schools through renovation, construction and equipment to create safe and secure vestibule entry ways and related site improvements.
- Paying bond issuance costs.
- It is the express intent of the Board that the members of the Committee promptly alert the public and the Board of any waste or improper expenditure of school construction bond money.

3. The Committee is authorized to engage in the following activities in furtherance of its purpose:

- Elect chair, vice chair, and secretary.
- Receive and review copies of construction reports.
- Inspect school facilities and grounds to ensure bond revenues are expended appropriately.
- Review efforts by the school district to maximize bond revenues by implementing cost saving measures, including, but not limited to

- Mechanisms designed to reduce the cost of professional fees;
- Mechanisms designed to reduce the costs of site preparation;
- Mechanisms designed to reduce costs by incorporating efficiencies in school site design.

The Committee shall issue reports quarterly to the public at regularly scheduled Reynolds School Board meetings.

School Board Support of the Committee

The school board shall provide the Committee with (a) any necessary technical assistance and administrative assistance in furtherance of the Committee's purpose and (b) sufficient resources to publicize the conclusions of the Committee. No bond funds may be used to pay any of these expenses.

Meetings of and Documents Provided to the Committee

All Committee proceedings shall be open to the public and shall be subject to the provisions of the Oregon Public Meetings Law (ORS 192.610 to 192.690). All documents received by the Committee and reports issued by the Committee shall be a matter of public record and be made available on the Reynolds School District Website.

Limits on Committee Members

Members Subject to Prohibitions Regarding Conflict of Financial Interests in Contracts

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 244 applies to issues of financial disclosure, prohibition against the use of office for personal financial gain, and public disclosure of conflicts of interest. It prohibits public officials from having a financial interest in any contracts made in their official capacity.

ORS 244.020(15) defines a public official as "any person who, when an alleged violation of this chapter occurs, is serving the State of Oregon or any of its political subdivisions or any other public body of the state as an officer, employee, agent or otherwise, and irrespective of whether the person is compensated for such services."

A public official as used in the statute covers a broad spectrum of positions, from volunteer members of this Committee to the full-time chancellor of higher education, to the Governor, to a clerk in a branch office of a state agency. It also includes persons who serve the state or a political subdivision by performing government services under a contract.

This committee is considered to be solely advisory to the Reynolds School District Board of Directors.