

Rincon Valley Union School District

Citizens Bond Oversight Committee

Annual Report to the Community

Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006

The Oversight Committee's Mission is to:

- Ensure bond funds are spent appropriately
- Report to the community

Bond Oversight Committee Members:

Mark Robison, Chairperson
RVUSD Parent & PTA member

Robert Anderson, Vice-
chairperson
Construction industry

Open
Sonoma County Taxpayers
Association

Bill Moberly
Senior Citizen

Jeff Gahagan, Secretary
RVUSD parent

Jim Abbott
Member from public
at large

Richard Hinman
Project manager

Synopsis

On March 2, 2004, the voters of the Rincon Valley Union School District approved Measure D, a General Obligation Bond Issue. The District was authorized to issue and sell bonds of up to \$23,900,000 to finance identified significant repairs and upgrades to existing school facilities, and construct buildings to accommodate and support programs. Unlike a parcel tax, the proceeds from the Measure D bonds cannot be used to pay for any educational programs of the district. Measure D bonds may only be used to pay for improvements the District's buildings, facilities and equipment

The Committee

In accordance with Proposition 39 requirements, the District established a Citizens' Oversight Committee. The purpose of the committee is to monitor the expenditure of proceeds from Measure D and to inform the public regarding these expenditures. This committee meets regularly at the District Office to receive reports from project personnel, the architect, builders and district personnel. In addition, members of the committee tour the construction sites to view progress and have questions answered.

This is the third report to the community, covering the period from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. Copies of the previous two reports ending on June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005 are on file at the District Office. In addition to a report on the project at large, this report includes the results of a Financial Audit and a Performance Audit performed by independent auditors from Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation, a firm that specializes in school construction audits. The district received a clean financial audit with no findings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. The performance audit verified the funds had been expended in accordance with the bond measure language and that all rules and procedures for spending the bond funds had been followed.

The Projects

The project list included repairs, rehabilitation projects and upgrades at each of the seven older school sites. Included in this list are new kindergarten classroom buildings at each site and with the exception of Binkley School, new library/computer lab rooms. Binkley School's existing library was expanded and a computer room added to it. Modernization of office areas, additional spaces for school nurses, and space for speech/language teachers and special education were added.

Most critically, many of the sites required removal of hazardous materials, upgrading of electrical, lighting and fire alarm systems, and installation of new heating systems. New cabinetry, plumbing, tack walls, light fixtures, blackout draperies, clocks, public address systems, carpeting, doors, data outlets, projection screens, and more were needed at most sites.

As of the end of Summer 2006 most all of the repairs and upgrades were complete at all sites. The main tasks remaining are roof repairs on some buildings at some sites. These will be completed as soon as school lets out for summer vacation in June 2007.

Errata: The last report commented on the completion of work on the Rincon Valley Charter School. No Measure D bond funds were used for construction of the Rincon Valley Charter School

Community Input

In the last report, site level principals and staff made comments regarding their pleasure with the improvements and the impacts they were having on the schools. In this issue we are including the following input from a parent **representative**.

Janette McCabe
Madrone PTA President

Madrone has benefited enormously from the remodel. The kindergarten block with the expanded playground is a far better environment for our youngest students. The new library and computer lab are a wonderful addition to our school. The fact that everything at the school is now clean and bright gives our families more pride in the school and I believe has added to parental involvement.