



Garden Grove
Unified School District

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**Chair and Vice Chair Elected for GGUSD
Measure A Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)**

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The second meeting of the Garden Grove Unified School District Measure A Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) took place Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the Boardroom of the district Education Center, 10331 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

At this meeting, the committee elected Ted Stevens Jr. chair and Daniel MacLeith vice chair. Stevens, general superintendent of community recreation services for the city of Long Beach, and MacLeith, president of Anaheim-based Pacific Westline Inc., will serve two-year terms in their new capacities with the 11-member BOC.

Along with choosing its leadership positions, the BOC received a status report on Measure A bond projects from Stuart Moe, GGUSD director of facilities. His report noted that all architectural plans submitted for school modernizations have received approval by the Division of the State Architect, and final authorizations for the release of matching state funding for Measure A projects are awaiting action by the state Office of Public School Construction and the State Allocation Board.

Pending all state approvals and funding, the bond construction projects are expected to begin in summer 2012.

The BOC also heard an overview of the bond audit process from Christy White, president, and Heather Daud, supervisor, of Christy White Accountancy Corp., the district's independent auditors. The initial audit of Measure A finances has been completed, with the official audit report scheduled to be released by December 15.

The BOC is an all-volunteer body of district residents charged with verifying the lawful expenditure of bond funds authorized by voter approval of Measure A in June 2010, a \$250-million capitol improvement bond to finance the renovation of aging school buildings and upgrade campus infrastructure. The law requires that bond proceeds be only spent for the projects described in the ballot measure, and the use of bond funds for teacher and administrative salaries or other operating expenses is prohibited.

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State law, as well, requires representation of different constituent groups on the BOC, with members from business, parents, senior citizen and taxpayer groups, school-parent organizations, and at-large.

Serving with newly chosen chair and vice-chair are John Bankson, Barbara Barker, Nicolas Constantino, Larry Dabalack, Kent Freeman, Lila Held, Lac T. Nguyen, Earl Smith, and Jeffery Trader.

The BOC is considered a public body and, following state law, conducts all business in conformance with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, the state's open meeting law.

The next BOC meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2012, 3:30 p.m., in the Boardroom of the district Education Center, 10331 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove. Agendas and minutes are posted on the BOC website at www.ggusd.us/cboc.html.

Measure A authorized \$250 million in bonds and enables the GGUSD to qualify for more than \$200 million in matching state school bond funds for large-scale infrastructure repair and modernization projects throughout the district. The first issuance, \$130 million in general obligation bonds, was sold to investors in September 2010.

Bond proceeds, coupled with state matching funds, will finance such major improvements as renovating electrical circuitry, plumbing, lighting, roofing, intercom, and fire safety systems; improving energy efficiency; replacing doors, windows, and outdated heating and ventilation systems; updating playground safety matting; upgrading telecommunications systems to accommodate current technology; replacing restroom and drinking fountain fixtures; and retrofitting schools for better accessibility for the disabled.

For additional information, call the district's Public Information Office at (714) 663-6503.

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