Solano Community College Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Report for July 2014 to December 2015



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2. Role of CBOC

- Education Code. The first sentence of the Education Code dealing with citizens bond oversight indicates "...the governing board of the ... community college shall establish and appoint members to an independent citizens' oversight committee, pursuant to Section 15282...."
- The CBOC amended its bylaws, in our opinion to be consistent with the Ed Code. The College did not accept our amendments.

CBOC Bylaws

- Set own agenda
- Asked questions of Kitchell, not have Kitchell run the meetings.
- Training for several CBOC members at California League of Bond Oversight Committees at our personal cost.

Transition of CBOC to More Independent Body

- Measure Q Report. Main point was that facility master plan not completely specific.
- CBOC Functioning. Did not act as an independent entity.

Grand Jury Reports

3 Activity of the CBOC

- Approximately March of each year
- Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP
 - Financial audit
 - Performance audit
- Audit committee of CBOC led by a former IRS forensic auditor was to be involved. Repeatedly told, not ready yet. Finally told audits were complete. CBOC was frozen out of participation.
- No audit variations, but as not involved in process, CBOC cannot attest to process.

Bond Audits

- Inspecting School Facilities. All three campuses.
- Cost Saving Measures. Solid report from SCC on these.

Other CBOC Activity

Oversight opinion

- Members of CBOC serve without compensation. All support SCC and wish it to make best use of bond funds.
- CBOC members believe that College staff and Board are well-meaning.

Preface

- the theater. College spent \$1.2 million for temporary changes to 360 Campus Lane. Could have considered rental of a local theater instead.
- 2. Leed certification.

 \$50k per building or no cost? Leed write-up on internet suggests a substantial cost. Leed certification may result in credit on building insurance (CBOC finding).

- 3. Library project. Measure Q \$21.8 million. California bond \$19.6 million. What is really needed? We recommend a study be provided to the public indicating the two options and the pros and cons of each.
- **4. Deferred maintenance program.** Never provided any information on this, though we did not request it.

5. Aeronautics program. Nut Tree
Airport Business Plan, Sep 2015.
Attributes commitment to SCC
and Measure Q funds. College
bought 5.45 acres at Nut Tree.
Talk of 40,000 sq ft facility for the
College. College says it has no
plan for this yet. Not a good way
to steer a ship. Should be a
public plan indicating the
rationale for this.

- Reported activity largely on the watch of the Interim
 Superintendent. Lapses before arrival of new Superintendent.
- The College will gain by having solid plans and being able to make the case for them. When the next bond issue arises, the public will remember either a fine job done by the College -- or fast and loose with bond funds. The ball is in your court.

Summary

Q&A