



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 9.1f

**Meeting Date:** February 4, 2016

**Subject:** Appointment of Bond Oversight Committee Members

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Department:** Facilities Support Services

**Recommendation:** Board to approve new Bond Oversight Members

**Background/Rationale:** To ensure that General Obligation school bond funds are invested as the voters intended and that projects are completed wisely and efficiently, the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) reviews the expenditure of Bond Funds for the construction, repair, and modernization of SCUSD schools.

The committee works with staff and an independent auditor to conduct research, surveys and site visits at the district and school site level. The BOC typically meets four times a year in its advisory role to the school district trustees. During the meetings, the committee will listen to reports from staff and consultants summarize the status of projects in progress. Annually, a financial audit and a performance audit will be presented for the committee’s review. The BOC is also responsible for a year-end report to the Board of Trustees.

Currently, two members have fulfilled their membership term. SCUSD has received two applications. The Committee is currently set to meet on March 16, 2016. The goal is to have the 2 new applicants appointed prior to the meeting in order to have a full contingent of committee members present to conduct business.

**Financial Considerations:** N/A

**Documents Attached:**

1. Two Bond Oversight Committee Member Applications

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** N/A

**Submitted by:** José L. Banda, Superintendent  
Cathy Allen, Chief Operations Officer

**Approved by:** José L. Banda



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

*Membership Application*

NAME:

Michael

Lloyd

Watanabe

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(Residence)

(Residence)

(Cell)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

(Mailing)

(Business)

(FAX)

Length of residency in city of Sacramento: 15 years

EMPLOYER: (Name) State of CA - Dept. of General Services - Office of Public School Construction

707 Third Street, West Sacramento, CA 95605 Chief, Program Services

(Address)

(Occupation)

ELIGIBILITY: *(Please check the appropriate box that applies to your application)*

Representative of the Business Community: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Business Organization

Active Member of Taxpayers' Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Organization

Parent of SCUSD Student: Child enrolled in Sutterville Elementary Grade: 4th

Parent of SCUSD Student: Active in School PTA at \_\_\_\_\_

Active in School Site Council at \_\_\_\_\_

General Member

Confirmation of Above Eligibility Membership can be verified by contacting:

Lori Aoun

Principal

(916) 277-6693

(Name)

(Position)

(Day Phone)

**FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION OR FINANCE EXPERIENCES:**

Organization	From (Date)	To (Date)	Positions Held
Office of Public School Construction	January 2002	Present	Auditor, Audit Supervisor,
			Program Operations Manager,
			and Chief of Program Services

**EDUCATION:**

School	Course of Study	Graduation Date/Degree
UC Davis	Exercise Physiology	June 1998
Sacramento City College	Accounting	N/A
CSU - Sacramento - College of Continuing Education	Leadership for the Government Manager	January 2013

**Additional Pertinent Courses or Training** Numerous State training coursework in accounting, auditing internal controls, IT systems auditing.

**Other Pertinent Skills Experience or Interests:** I have a personal interest in general school finance, oversight and operations.

**PLEASE FURNISH BRIEF, WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.**

**1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What specifically in your background qualifies you as a candidate?**

**Training:** I have had significant training in governmental accounting and auditing.

**Education:** B.S. from U.C. Davis has provided a strong analytical background. I have also had coursework in Accounting.

**Special Interests:** I am the Chief of Program Services for the Office of Public School Construction.

**2. What do you see as the objective and goal of the Bond Oversight Committee?**

The BOC's role is to ensure that the SCUSD is transparent, effective and efficient in the spending of taxpayer funding.

**3. What contributions would you bring to the Bond Oversight Committee?**

I bring strong analytical skills, background in financial accounting, auditing and State School Facility Program (SFP) funding. For 14 years I have been auditing or supervising the audits of school districts statewide that utilize State SFP funding. These projects are typically matched by local school bonds. I have extensive understanding in school district construction principles, funding, accounting, internal controls, construction management and oversight.

4. Do you have any reservations about the Bond Oversight Committee?

CALBOC has been critical over the lack of comprehensive reviews being performed by school district BOCs. Additionally, the Little Hoover Commission has been critical of school districts that severely limit the role of their BOCs. My main concern as a taxpayer is that the SCUSD Board of Education or District staff will limit the BOC's access to school district records. I also worry that special interests of other BOC members will result in a lack of focus on the BOC's role.

5. Describe in detail your involvement in the organization/s you cite under the eligibility section of this application as qualifying you for committee membership?

I was previously elected to the Sutterville Elementary School's School Site Council. As the Site Council Co-Chair I participated in the SCUSD's District Advisory Council meetings. Additionally, my son is in his 5th year at Sutterville Elementary as a 4th grader. Our family regularly participates in many school activities and I've also chaperoned numerous field trips after completing my background check.

6. You may add any additional information.

7. Please provide the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three (3) personal references other than family members, district employees and Board Members).

Name	Address	Telephone
Rick Asbell	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Sue Reese	"	[REDACTED]
Brian LaPase	"	[REDACTED]

My signature below certifies that I am currently a resident of Sacramento City Unified School District.

Michael Watanabe  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: December 8, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION  
TO THE OPERATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES OFFICE  
SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
5735 47<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE - BOX 807  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95824**



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

*Membership Application*

NAME:

Lesley

Jane

Taylor

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

ADDRESS:

[Redacted]

(Residence)

TELEPHONE:

[Redacted]

(Residence)

(Cell)

Same

(Mailing)

[Redacted]

(Business)

(FAX)

Length of residency in city of Sacramento: 32 years

EMPLOYER: (Name) California Department of Education

1430 N Street, Suite 1201, Sac. 95814

Field Representative

(Address)

(Occupation)

ELIGIBILITY: *(Please check the appropriate box that applies to your application)*

Representative of the Business Community: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Business Organization*

Active Member of Taxpayers' Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Organization*

Parent of SCUSD Student: Child enrolled in Phoebe Hearst Grade: 3

Parent of SCUSD Student: Active in School PTA at Phoebe (member)

General Member: Active in School Site Council at \_\_\_\_\_

*Confirmation of Above Eligibility Membership can be verified by contacting:*

Nathan McGill

Principal

277-6690

(Name)

(Position)

(Day Phone)

**FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION OR FINANCE EXPERIENCES:**

Organization	From (Date)	To (Date)	Positions Held
CA Dept. of Education	11/1/12	Present	Field Representative (Consultant)
School Site Solutions, Inc.	3/1/04	10/31/12	Project Manager
CA Dept. of Education	Dec 2003	2/28/04	Student Assistant/Analyst

**EDUCATION:**

School	Course of Study	Graduation Date/Degree
Sacramento State	Public Policy & Administration	May 2007/MPPA
Sacramento State	Government	May 2005/BA
Sacramento State	Spanish	May 2005/BA

Additional Pertinent Courses or Training: USGBC Green Classroom Professional; UC Davis Extension courses in CEQA compliance

Other Pertinent Skills Experience or Interests: **SCUSD LCAP Committee (2015)**

PLEASE FURNISH BRIEF, WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

1. Why do you think you should be appointed? What specifically in your background qualifies you as a candidate?  
 Professional expertise in school facilities and construction; experience working with school districts (staff and boards) across the state  
 Training: 12+ years career focused on public school facilities, SFP requirements and Ed Code/Title 5 requirements for locally-funded projects, green schools  
 Education: Public policy, public administration, land use and planning, qualitative and quantitative analysis, CEQA analysis  
 Special Interests: Public engagement and transparency; open government

2. What do you see as the objective and goal of the Bond Oversight Committee?  
 To validate the district is meeting its statutory obligations

3. What contributions would you bring to the Bond Oversight Committee?  
 -- Extensive knowledge and expertise in school facilities; ready access to informational resources from CDE and other state agencies.  
 -- Parent and homeowner's perspective on the bond program

4. Do you have any reservations about the Bond Oversight Committee?

No

5. Describe in detail your involvement in the organization/s you cite under the eligibility section of this application as qualifying you for committee membership?

Parent and PTA member at Phoebe Hearst; frequent school volunteer, Girls on the Run coach on-site

6. You may add any additional information.

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Name	Address	Telephone
Fred Yeager	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Deborah Moore	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Terrence Gladney	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

My signature below certifies that I am currently a resident of Sacramento City Unified School District.

Lesley Taylor

(Print Name)

[REDACTED]

Signature

Digitally signed by ltaylor@cde.ca.gov  
DN: cn=ltaylor@cde.ca.gov  
Date: 2016.01.25 11:47:20 -08'00'

Date: 1/25/16

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