

Newark Unified School District - Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)

To Our Visitors:

The purpose of the citizens' oversight committee shall be to inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues. The committee shall actively review and report on the proper expenditure of taxpayers' money for school construction and shall convene to provide oversight for, but not limited to, the following: (Education Code 15278)

1. Ensuring that bond revenues are expended only for the purposes described in Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution including the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of school facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for school facilities.
2. Ensuring that, as prohibited by Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3)(A) of the California Constitution, no funds are used for any teacher and administrative salaries or other school operating expenses

In furtherance of its purpose, the committee may engage in any of the following activities: (Education Code 15278)

1. Receiving and reviewing copies of the annual, independent performance and financial audits required by Article 13A, Section 1(b)(3)(C) and (D) of the California Constitution.
2. Inspecting school facilities and grounds to ensure that bond revenues are expended in compliance with the requirements of Article 13(A), Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution.
3. Receiving and reviewing copies of any deferred maintenance proposals or plans developed by the district.
4. Reviewing efforts by the district to maximize bond revenues by implementing cost-saving measures, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Mechanisms designed to reduce the costs of professional fees
 - b. Mechanisms designed to reduce the costs of site preparation
 - c. Recommendations regarding the joint use of core facilities
 - d. Mechanisms designed to reduce costs by incorporating efficiencies in school site design
 - e. Recommendations regarding the use of cost effective and efficient reusable facility plans

All citizens' oversight committee proceedings shall be open to the public and noticed in the same manner as proceedings of the Board. Committee meetings shall be subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Education Code 15280; Government Code 54952)

The citizens' oversight committee shall issue regular reports, at least once a year, on the results of its activities.

Minutes of the proceedings and all documents received and reports issued shall be a matter of public record and shall be made available on the district's web site. (Education Code 15280)

Assistance will be provided to those requiring accommodations for disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Interested persons must request accommodations at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting by contacting the Business Office at (510) 818-4115.