

West Contra Costa Unified School District
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Office of the Superintendent

ITEM REQUIRING ATTENTION----BOARD OF EDUCATION

To: Board of Education

Meeting Date: November 18, 2015

From: Bruce Harter, Superintendent

Agenda Item: Action

Subject: Size and Composition of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee and Policy Change to BP 7214.2

Background Information:

The Board and Citizens Bond Oversight Committee have discussed the membership of the CBOC on several occasions over the past three years including at joint meetings on September 30, 2015, June 15, 2015, September 14, 2014, October 16, 2013, and August 15, 2012. The Contra Costa Civil Grand Jury Report 1514 contained findings and recommendations regarding the composition and membership size of the WCCUSD Citizens Bond Oversight Committee.

During the most recent joint meeting, the Board and CBOC members shared their insights and suggestions about the size and composition of the CBOC but did not come to a consensus. The Board's Governance Committee was charged with bringing recommendations to the Board to respond to the Grand Jury Report on the size and composition of the CBOC as well as making a recommendation to the Board. The Governance Subcommittee heard public comment and discussed the issues of the size and composition of the CBOC at meetings on September 14 2015, September 21 2015, October 5, 2015, and October 20, 2015.

At the October 20, 2015 meeting the two subcommittee members, Chair Valerie Cuevas and member Todd Groves agreed that the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, as a whole should have the opportunity for a final discussion on the matter at its October 28, 2015 meeting. In making the recommendation described below, the Subcommittee's recommendation would affirm the statutorily required positions, eliminate the individual appointments for Board members, modify the way in which Cities and the unincorporated County areas are represented, modify the representation for the WCCUSD employee unions, maintain the Building Trades position and add a position for a student member. By consensus, they also agreed to recommend the size and composition of the CBOC to the full Board:

Affirming the membership of the five statutorily required positions, the business representative, senior citizen, taxpayer representative, a parent of a district student and a parent who is both a parent of the district student and a member of parent-teacher organization;

Providing for three additional designated positions:

1. One member to represent the four employee unions, UTR, Public Employees Local 1, SSA and WCCAA. This member may not be a current WCCUSD employee;
2. One member to represent the Contra Costa Building Trades;
3. One member to represent students who is a WCCUSD student.

Providing for nine at-large positions including three residents of the City of Richmond, one resident each from the Cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, and San Pablo, two residents who live in the unincorporated areas of the school district.

The Subcommittee further agreed that the transition from the current composition of the CBOC would take place as the current terms of members expired. This would ensure a gradual change in membership that would be completed in 2017. When positions become available, community members would submit an application to the Facilities Subcommittee of the Board who would review the applications and make recommendations to the Board as a whole.

The chart below includes a table for the current CBOC membership of 19 positions and the proposed membership of 17 positions.

Current Membership	Proposed Membership
Business Organization *	Business Organization *
Senior Citizen Organization *	Senior Citizen Organization *
Taxpayers' Organization *	Taxpayers' Organization *
Parent or Guardian *	Parent or Guardian *
Parent/Guardian & PTA*	Parent/Guardian & PTA*
El Cerrito	At-large Position by El Cerrito Resident
Hercules	At-large Position by Hercules Resident
Pinole	At-large Position by Pinole Resident
Richmond	At-large Position by Richmond Resident
San Pablo	At-large Position by Richmond Resident
Unincorporated Area	At-large Position by Richmond Resident
Unincorporated Area	At-large Position by San Pablo Resident
Board of Trustees WCCUSD	At-large Position by Unincorporated Area Resident
Board of Trustees WCCUSD	At-large Position by Unincorporated Area Resident
Board of Trustees WCCUSD	WCCUSD Student
Board of Trustees WCCUSD	Representative of WCCUSD employee unions
Board of Trustees WCCUSD	Building Trades Position
Building Trades	
Public Employees Union	

“*” indicates the statutorily required positions

Recommendation:

That the Board consider and approve the recommendation for the composition and size of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee as proposed by the WCCUSD Board Governance Subcommittee

Fiscal Impact:

None

DISPOSITION BY BOARD OF EDUCATION		
Motion by: _____	Seconded by: _____	
Approved _____	Not Approved _____	Tabled _____