## WCCUSD School Board Meeting, July 21, 2015

To President Groves
Board Member Enos
Board Member Kronenburg
Board Member Block
Board Member Cuevas
Superintendent Harter
July 21, 2015
CBOC Chair's Report # 07\_21\_15

Presented by Ivette Ricco, CBOC Chair.

This report presents a brief overview of CBOC activities in our ongoing effort to perform the committee's duties as outlined in the Ed Code.

Dear President Groves, Honorable Trustees, Dr. Harter and Staff:

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee is a comprised of dedicated volunteers representing the West Contra Costa Unified School *Community*. We currently have a total of 18 members.

At the June 17 Joint Board and CBOC meeting we agreed that the interests of the community are best served when we work in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration. I applaud the District's recent efforts to include the CBOC, some examples are:

I have been appointed by you to represent the CBOC by on the newly formed sub-committee tasked with overseeing the Clay investigation.

The CBOC has a member on the New Long Range Facility Master Plan Steering Committee and a member on the Pinole Valley High School working group. This new spirit of inclusion is most welcome and appreciated.

At the June 17 meeting members of the Board made it clear that they were in favor of allocating resources to the CBOC so that the committee could effectively perform its duties as prescribed in Board Policy 7214.2

On July 15 the committee voted unanimously to make an official request for technical assistance, administrative assistance and sufficient resources to publicize the Committee's conclusions.

I would like the Board to consider allocating these resources quickly. With the increased interest in the Bond Program and with the committee performing its legal charge to review and report, we are making many requests for information to staff.

We appreciate the time and effort staff is taking to provide us with information, but the need for allocation of resources to help staff and the CBOC is obvious and immediate. I want to especially thank Christina Hanson for all her work and for her great attitude.

We have all read the Grand Jury Report.

The committee has decided that the Data Review subcommittee will be tasked with reviewing the Grand Jury Report and formulating a response to that report from the CBOC's perspective.

That response will be provided to staff for inclusion in the District's response to the Grand Jury Report findings and recommendations.

There are members of the committee who are creating, with staff input, reports that can help the committee to better understand the highly complex finances of the Bond Program. We hope to use this information along with other data, to produce a report that will try to answer the burning questions, where is the bond Program now, and where is it going?

As you can see this is a very active committee that is working to faithfully represent the taxpayers of the West Contra Costa County School District.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ivette Ricco WCCUSD, CBOC, Chair