

WCCUSD School Board Meeting, January 20, 2016

To President Enos
Board Member Block
Board Member Kronenburg
Board Member Groves
Board Member Cuevas
Superintendent Harter
January 20, 2016
CBOC Chair's Report # 01_20_16

Presented by Ivette Ricco, CBOC Chair.

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

This is not an update on the activities of the CBOC, as you are probably aware, the committee has been very busy.

The CBOC meets next Wednesday at 6 pm.

At that meeting the CBOC will elect new officers to serve as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. My term on the CBOC expires in June, and after 5 ½ years on the committee three of those as Chair, I will be retiring my gavel.

I would like to thank the Board, Dr. Harter and staff for working with me to improve the CBOC and its overall effectiveness.

These years have not been without conflict or controversy.

As a committee charged with overseeing the way Bond Funds are spent the relationship between the parties is, by nature, somewhat adversarial.

But that should not preclude the CBOC and the District from finding ways to improve the process and question the status quo.

The CBOC has not always functioned efficiently and effectively

The District has not always offered the CBOC a seat at the table.

The CBOC has not always had the tools needed to do its work.

But we have made progress.

I have said before, and I will say again, we have travelled many miles, but there are still many miles to go.

As I retire from the committee I want to acknowledge the work of my fellow committee members. Their dedication to the children of our District is a shining example of community participation.

I also want to acknowledge staff.

Lessons have been learned and changes have been made. The current staff, led by Lisa LeBlanc has been a breath of fresh air.

There will always be issues and disagreements, but, unfortunately, that is just the way things are.

Having staff that is open, accountable and willing to collaborate, which had not been the norm, is a marked improvement.

I am fully aware of the various points of view, political alliances and differing perspectives on this committee and in this community.

I hope that rhetoric doesn't replace reason, I hope that politics are secondary to what is truly primary, the children.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ivette Ricco
WCCUSD, CBOC, Chair