

Colorado Springs School District No. 11 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Charge

Purpose. To establish a citizens' oversight committee to monitor the execution and progress of the District's Capital Improvement Plan and to provide input to the Board of Education on recommended changes to the Capital Plan as needed.

Background. The District, in consonance with the citizen led Long Range School Use Study Task Force, has developed a comprehensive five-year capital plan to address the District's most urgent capital needs. The Board of Education (BOE) approved the resultant Five-Year Capital Investment and Funding Plan, 2004-2009 (also referred to as the 2004 Capital Plan) totaling \$130 million in requirements. In the November 2004 general election the voters approved a general obligation bond in support of this plan.

On August 3, 2004, the BOE approved the Capital Improvement Spending Plan, which called for the establishment of a citizens committee with oversight of the spending of the proceeds of the bond issue associated with the 2004 Capital Plan.

Charge to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

1. Perform general oversight of the spending of the proceeds of the bond issue and other revenues associated with the Capital Plan;
2. Monitor the program execution against the plan and report their observations and findings to the BOE periodically;
3. Make reports on the progress of the program execution to the public at least annually;
4. Make recommendations to the BOE for changes to the Capital Plan as needed;
5. Establish rules for the governance of the committee, which rules shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Education.

Strategic Plan Goals Alignment. This issue supports the District's Strategic Plan goals as follows:

- Goal #1; Student Achievement – The physical learning environment in schools is known to be a major factor affecting learning -- the Capital Plan projects will improve the District's school facilities and should have a positive impact student achievement.
- Goal #2; Safety – The Capital Plan will eliminate known deficiencies that can impact safety of students, staff and the public.
- Goal #4; Community – The Committee will represent the community and will communicate program progress with the community and stakeholders.
- Goal #5; Effective and Efficient – The Committee will consider the effective and efficient use of the District's assets and resources in its work.

Committee Composition. This committee will exist for the purpose of executing the above charged tasks, and then will disband upon completion of these tasks. This committee needs representation from a broad spectrum of the District 11 community. The committee should, if feasible, include representation from the following sectors of the District 11 community (Note: individual committee members may represent more than one area or constituency):

- Citizens from a cross section of the geographic section of the District
- Parents of students from each of the school levels and the District's charter schools
- DAAC/DAAC Budget Committee

- District PTA/PTOs
- The District Sounding Boards
- Physical plant management/engineering expertise
- K-12 education expertise
- District 11's employee groups
- The local business community including the Chamber of Commerce and/or EDC

The Oversight Committee will receive administrative and technical support from the District 11 staff, and will have a District 11 Board of Education liaison. District supporting staff and the BOE liaison will be non-voting participants.

Advisory, ad-hoc, non-voting District staff and other stakeholder representatives may be called upon to assist the Oversight Committee as needed, but shall be advisory only.

The BOE may add members to the Oversight Committee at any time, and all members of the Oversight Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Schedule. It is envisioned that the duration of this Oversight Committee will cover multiple years, as it oversees the execution of the Capital Plan. Committee meetings will be held as necessary. Upon completion of the above charge, the committee is expected to become inactive between the study phases, except perhaps to answer occasional questions as asked by the Board.

The Oversight Committee may communicate with the BOE at other times as deemed necessary.

Approved by the Board of Education on April 13, 2005.