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GGUSD Board of Education Approves Appointments to 'Measure A' Bond Oversight Committee

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The Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education approved the appointments – four new and two repeat – of six local residents to serve on the Measure A Bond Oversight Committee (BOC), the volunteer body charged with transparency in the use of funds for school renovations financed by the voter-approved bond measure.

Measure A, passed by GGUSD voters in June 2010, authorizes \$250 million in bonds and enables the district to qualify for more than \$200 million in matching state funds for large-scale infrastructure repair and improvement projects. In keeping with the Board of Education's goal of maximizing the community's tax dollars, the district was successful in securing an additional \$47 million in supplemental school modernization grants, increasing the total projected Measure A budget to \$511 million.

The 13-member committee, selected by the Board of Education, convenes several times yearly, with all meetings open to the public. States law requires diversity on bond oversight committees, with members from business, parents, senior citizens, taxpayers, school-parent organizations, and at-large.

On Tuesday, April 3, school district trustees approved the following applicants for two-year terms on the BOC:

- Bernice Flatebo, a pension consultant, is serving her first appointment to the committee as a parent and parent-organization representative.
- Peter Florin, an electrical contractor, is serving his first appointment to the BOC as a business and at-large representative.
- Lila Held, a retired contracting officer, is serving her second appointment to the committee. She will represent a senior citizen's organization and taxpayer's association.
- Joan Mildenstein, a retired teacher, is serving her first appointment to the committee as a senior citizen or at-large representative.
- LacTan Nguyen, a retired teacher, is serving his second appointment to the committee as a parent and at-large representative.
- Robert Tucker, a labor relations representative, is serving his first appointment to the committee as an at-large representative.

The new appointees will join the seven other committee members for the next BOC meeting scheduled May 8. The balance of the committee includes members John Bankston, Barbara Barker, Nicolas Constantino, Larry Dabalack, Daniel MacLeith, Ted Stevens Jr., and Jeffery Trader.

"We wish to extend our appreciation to the community for its support and investments in Measure A projects, and to the Bond Oversight Committee members for their willingness to share their time and expertise as we renovate all GGUSD schools to benefit the children in this school district," said Board of Education President George West, Ed.D.

For additional information, call the district's Public Information Office at (714) 663-6503, or go online to the 'Measure A' link from the GGUSD website, or navigate directly to www.ggusd.us/measurea.html. Measure A questions may also be directed by e-mail to askmeasurea@ggusd.us.

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