Eureka City Schools Citizens' Oversight Committee For Bond Measures S and T

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

This is the fourth annual report to the community by the Citizens' Oversight Committee concerning the status of two school improvement bond measures approved by Eureka voters in March 2002. Bond Measure T authorized \$10.6 million for the elementary schools, and Bond Measure S authorized \$32.5 million for the middle and high schools. Pursuant to state law, the Eureka City Schools' Governing Board appointed a Citizens' Oversight Committee, an independent committee representing various segments of the community, to inform the public regarding bond construction projects and their costs, and to ensure the projects are within the scope of the bond measures.

Project Report

In the year ended June 30, 2006, a total of \$21,527,157 was expended for bond measure projects, \$5,612,329 related to Bond Measure T for elementary schools and \$15,914,828 related to Bond Measure S for middle and high schools, on projects described as follows:

Central Kitchen

The Central Kitchen was upgraded with a fire sprinkler system, new equipment, and reconfiguration of the storage area.

Eureka High School Wood Shop

A 4,000 square foot building was constructed, which contains a large open shop with built-in dust collection drops. The building also contains an office, a finishing room, and a tool room. It also contains student restrooms that provide access during events at the baseball field. As part of this project, a double modular classroom was moved from the area in front of the Jay Willard gym to the agriculture complex. Disability access, fire alarm, and electrical upgrades were completed for the agricultural area, and the parking lot was paved.

Eureka High School Annex (Marshall)

Modular classrooms were relocated for construction of a new art building, which contains two classrooms, two offices, and a storage room. The existing classroom building (previously known as Marshall Elementary School) was upgraded with fire alarm, electrical, gas, sewer, water, and data systems. The multi-purpose room was converted into a pottery lab. The courtyard was re-paved to eliminate water ponding. The childcare modular building was moved from the area in front of the Jay Willard gym to the annex campus.

Alice Birney Elementary School

Classroom interiors were remodeled for increased efficiency, upgraded code compliance, improved lighting, and new ceilings and flooring. All restrooms, walkways, and entryways were upgraded to meet disability access standards. Infrastructure upgrades included data, phone, water, sewer, clock, and fire alarm. The kitchen was remodeled to accept food from the central kitchen.

Washington Elementary School

Classroom interiors were remodeled for increased efficiency, upgraded code compliance, improved lighting, and new ceilings and flooring. New modular classrooms were added to serve the campus. All restrooms, walkways, and entryways were upgraded to meet disability access standards. Infrastructure upgrades included data, phone, water, sewer, clock, and fire alarm. A new entry/student services wing was constructed to improve campus security and interaction with the public. The kitchen was remodeled to accept food from the central kitchen.

Winship Middle School

Classrooms, offices, and the library were remodeled for increased efficiency, upgraded code compliance, improved lighting, new heating/ventilation systems, and new ceilings and flooring. Newer modular classrooms replaced older units that were in disrepair. All restrooms, walkways, and entryways were upgraded to meet ADA standards. The campus fire alarm was upgraded. A new multi-purpose building was constructed. The building contains a kitchen that is designed to receive food from the central kitchen, a large multi-use space/stage, a storage area, a community kitchen, a classroom, and an after-school program office.

Zane Middle School

The damaged breezeway system was replaced in its entirety. The cafeteria floor was replaced and the kitchen was remodeled to accept food from the central kitchen. Classrooms, offices, and the library were remodeled for increased efficiency, upgraded code compliance, improved lighting, new heating/ventilation systems, and new ceilings and flooring. All restrooms, walkways, and entryways were upgraded to meet disability access standards, including an accessible ramp to the lower play field. The campus fire alarm was upgraded. Parking and traffic congestion were improved by the addition of a bus loop and rearranging the parking lot.

The following is information on projects that began in spring of 2006 and are continuing into fiscal year 2006-07:

Grant Elementary School

Classroom interiors are being remodeled for increased efficiency, upgraded code compliance, improved lighting, and new ceilings and flooring. New modular classrooms are replacing older units that are in disrepair. All restrooms, walkways, and entryways are being upgraded to meet disability access standards. Infrastructure upgrades will include data, phone, water, sewer, clock, and fire alarm. A new entry/student services wing is being constructed, and the parking lot is being expanded to improve traffic flow.

Lafayette Elementary School

Classroom interiors are being remodeled for increased efficiency, upgraded code compliance, improved lighting, and new ceilings and flooring. New modular classrooms are replacing older units that are in disrepair. All restrooms, walkways, and entryways are being upgraded to meet disability access standards. Infrastructure upgrades include data, phone, water, sewer, clock, and fire alarm. A new library is being constructed in the former kindergarten building, complete with computer access for students. New metal roofing is being installed on each building receiving renovations.

Eureka High School

The industrial arts building is being completely renovated, and at the end of construction, it will house a lecture hall, the community media center, and computer classrooms. Work in the main building is primarily focused on seismic and disability access upgrades. All ceilings are being painted and new carpet is being installed in the administration wing. Infrastructure upgrades include electrical, sewer, and fire alarm. Restrooms, walkways, and entryways of renovated buildings are being upgraded to meet disability access standards. The cafeteria patio is being renovated and a campus quad is being constructed.

Financial Report

The table below provided by Eureka City Schools, shows expenditures by school facility by fiscal year since the inception of the school improvement bond measures:

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	<u>Total</u>
Measure T (Fund 22)					
Alice Birney		\$122,806	\$668,355	\$1,485,882	\$2,277,043
Grant		143,067	371,637	909,183	1,423,887
Jefferson		102,937	174,544	5,513	282,994
Lafayette	\$25,951	580,203	260,867	676,566	1,543,587
Lincoln	8,067	199,096	187,478	28,774	423,415
Washington	6,862	362,065	746,489	2,506,411	3,621,827
Worthington		4,926	2,568		7,494
Winzler		2,231	201		2,432
Corpyard		32,814	253		33,067
Central Kitchen		2,325			2,325
Powerschool/computers	131,311	-8,159			123,152
Bond Issue Costs	31,868	-4,400	1,830		29,298
	\$204,059	\$1,539,911	\$2,414,222	\$5,612,329	\$9,770,521
Measure S (Fund 23)					
Eureka High Annex					
(Marshall)		\$63,043	\$742,288	\$3,595,454	\$4,400,785
Winship	\$23,697	611,110	3,068,443	4,020,059	7,723,309
Zane	6,265	597,638	3,758,452	4,676,372	9,038,727
Eureka High	95,878	983,087	3,261,187	3,411,850	7,752,002
Jacobs	8,689	142,210	48,774	-20,497	179,176
Corp Yard		95,712	591		96,303
Central Kitchen		184,825	1,496,664	231,590	1,913,079
Bond issue costs	10,678	-4,400	5,388		11,666
Powerschool/computers	231,737	-51,882			179,855
-	\$376,944	\$2,621,343	\$12,381,787	\$15,914,828	\$31,294,902
Grand Total	\$581,003	\$4,161,254	\$14,796,009	\$21,527,157	\$41,065,423

Findings and Conclusion

The Citizens' Oversight Committee believes, based on the opinion expressed by the auditor, that expenditures of Measures S and T bond proceeds have been properly made for projects generally described in the bond measures, and that no bond funds have been spent on District operating expenses through June 30, 2006.

An independent financial audit was conducted by the firm of May & Abrahamsen, Certified Public Accountants. In the opinion of the auditor, "Eureka City Unified School District used the proceeds from the sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002 and 2005 for the Eureka City Unified School District Measure S and the Eureka City Unified School District Facilities Improvement District T for the year ended June 30, 2006 as specified in Measures S and T, Exhibits A."

Respectfully submitted by Citizens' Oversight Committee Members:

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