

## Minutes of the Community Budget Advisory Committee, July 25, 2006

The meeting began at 7:10 PM at 1108 Bissell Avenue, Room 228, in Richmond. A meeting quorum of four voting members was present. Attendees: Charles Cowens (Chairperson), Tammy Campbell (M), Erwin Reeves (M), Greg Martin (M), Asst. Supt. Ruth Vedovelli, Karen Leong Fenton, Eduardo Martinez, and Mike Wasilchin. Absent: Dave Brown.

Karen Fenton agreed to record the meeting minutes. The minutes of the May 23 meeting were approved as amended.

Eduardo Martinez was unanimously co-opted as a voting member to the committee, filling the position allocated to a WCCUSD teacher. The committee accepted the resignation of Greg Martin, effective July 26, 2006. Members of the committee expressed their gratitude for his contribution to the body, of which he had been a member from its incipience. Mr. Martin commented that he had learned a lot about WCCUSD school finance during his tenure and expressed the importance of promoting continued community interest in the subject.

Tammy Campbell recommended that the CBAC develop a packet of materials to give newcomers to the committee. Charlie Cowens responded that we could give a printout of the School services on-line glossary.

Ruth Vedovelli gave a review of possible impact to the WCCUSD budget based upon the passage of the State budget for FY 2006-2007. She will be bringing a final revised District budget for School Board approval on August 16. The documents she reviewed were:

Impact on WCCUSD budget due to State budget on-going funding changes and increases in health premiums

Impact on WCCUSD budget due to other new State restricted programs with on-going funding

Impact on WCCUSD budget due to one-time funding in the State budget

2006-07 New Programs At-a-Glance

PowerPoint presentation from 2006 School Finance and Management Conference

Ms. Vedovelli said that the specific detailed amounts will not be known until after the Board approves the final 2006-07 WCCUSD budget. Committee discussion ensued. Ms. Fenton proposed that the CBAC sponsor a study session about the State budget to allow public input on priority spending in the District. No specific decisions on how to involve the school community were made.

The committee then discussed modifying the Charter of the CBAC. The following revisions to the charter were unanimously approved:

Under heading of Membership Composition, the line “The non-voting members of the Committee will consist of the members of the School Board Budget Sub-Committee.” was revised to read “The non-voting members of the Committee will consist of two members of the WCCUSD Board of Trustees appointed by the Board President and staff members assigned by the Superintendent.”

A new heading, titled “Persistent Vacancies” included the following statement: “If, after 6 months, no candidates apply who fulfill the requirement described in the Composition section above, then the Committee may choose a candidate to fulfill the unfilled slot.”

Under heading of Meetings, the month of June was included as a non-meeting month.

Final meeting business with Community Comments, Wrap Up, and Announcements included:

Mike Wasilchin recommended that for improved communication that the school board meetings be accessible on the district website. Discussion proceeded about cost to digitalize.

Wasilchin also suggested having speakers at future meetings. Chairman Cowens said that he welcomed suggested topics from the group and would map out a calendar with themes for the year.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM. The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for 8/22/06, 7 PM at Alvarado Campus, Room 1.