

Minutes of WCCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee, August 22, 2006

The meeting convened at 7:30 PM at 1108 Bissell Avenue, Richmond. A quorum of three voting members was present. Attendees: Charles Cowens (chairperson), Tammy Campbell (M), Eduardo Martinez (M), Asst. Supt. Ruth Vedovelli, and Karen Leong Fenton.

Karen Fenton agreed to record the meeting minutes. Minutes of the July 25, 2006 were not reviewed.

The following agenda items were discussed:

The textbook budgeting process & the significance of 06-07 budget numbers for textbook purchasing: The instructional materials expenditure report was distributed, showing \$2,355,022 for FY 05-06 and \$1,771,937 budgeted for 6-07 as well as estimated new various one-time funds expected for 06-07. Carryover from FY 05-06 is expected to be about \$900,000. The strategy is to hold a reserve of about \$1 million for textbooks. Purchases are based upon each school site's need. Priority is given first to standards-based textbooks, next to supplemental books for English language learners. Some schools get priority over others by rotation/alternation. Program Improvement (PI) and Williams Lawsuit Schools also get priority. Textbook adoptions are mandated by the State, cycling about every four years. 2006-7 is for history and social science books. 2007-8 is for math texts. Texts currently average about \$55 each per student.

CBAC members discussed the criteria to use for the distribution of the \$500,000 facilities portion of MRAD annual funds: A report on MRAD, dated 2/28/06, from senior finance director, Ted Hood, briefly explaining the MRAD, the approved 2005-06 MRAD budget, and the school projects budgets for 2000-2019 was distributed. Comments were solicited from the CBAC members. Martinez: The fund needs to float, however the sites should seek input and feedback. The facilities department could be allowed to manage the fund. Cowens: Prefers per capita allocation to each site, but would accept change so long as process is consistent, while the present system is not. Campbell: Wants flexibility in the MRAD facilities budget.

An overview of budgeting for sports program: Currently no State funding; only paid through the current parcel tax and fundraising. The coaches are paid out of the general fund, but the district practice is "pay-to-play," which Campbell says may not be legal. Current program receives about \$300K plus carryover funds. Campbell: Believes the district-wide budget should be \$2M per year. State budget will provide one-time money for equipment only this year.

Proposed themes for future meetings of the CBAC:

- Funding the extracurricular athletic sports program
- Impact of declining enrollment
- Problem of too small schools

Other Discussion Items:

1. Retired educators who work part time are paid a daily rate calculated upon their former salary.
2. The district mandatory uniform campaign is not currently budgeted in the general funding.
3. The adopted budget for 06-07 currently does not include carryover funds, but will be revised to reflect 05-06 carryover once computed. Unaudited actuals will be reported out on 9/6/06.
4. A proposal was made to use district website to post FAQs with responses and other CBAC information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on 9/26/06 at Alvarado Campus, Room 1.