

WCCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee
Alvarado Campus, Room 4
January 23, 2007
Minutes

Attendance: Ruth Vedovelli, Madeline Kronenberg, Charles Johnson, Michael Wasilchin, Tammy Campbell, Eduardo Martinez, Charles Cowens, Erwin Reeves, Sue Kahn, Karen Pfeifer, Eileen Thibault

Meeting brought to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair, Charles Cowens.

1. Review Agenda

Mr. Cowens asked approval of October meeting minutes. Mr. Martinez moved, Ms. Campbell seconded and minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Review and Approve Minutes

Amendment to the November 28, 2006 minutes, -- after No vote, add "*lack of quorum*", no objections. Mr. Martinez motioned to approve the November minutes and Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. Mr. Reeves abstained. The minutes were approved with the correction.

3. Report of Chair

The CBAC Charter was approved by the committee, and the precis and charter still need to go to the Board of Education for approval.

4. Discuss/Take Action on Vacancies and Review Applications

Charles Johnson and Sue Kahn applied to become voting members. Mr. Johnson is a site supervisor and has worked in the district for 14 years. He is interested in how the district is run, and wants to be involved. Ms. Kahn is principal at Pinole Valley High School, and wants to fill the principal slot of the voting committee. Ms. Campbell moved to appoint Mr. Johnson as a voting member, and Mr. Martinez seconded; motion passed. Mr. Reeves moved to appoint Ms. Kahn as a voting member, and Ms. Campbell seconded; motion passed. There are now 6 voting members of the CBAC. There is one vacant position for a community member.

5. MRAD Funds – Vote on Resolution for Final Action

MRAD resolution - the committee discussed some of the wording in the resolution. CBAC wants the MRAD allocation to be clear. Also, they want a special process to recommend how the funds are to be used. Ms. Vedovelli said a committee could review requests and decide what should be done with the funds per site. If the CBAC resolution is approved by the board, a special committee could be established. The special committee would make recommendations to the facilities committee or to the board. This resolution focuses on the \$500,000 that is allocated to the sites.

6. Review Budget Calendar and Process

Ms. Vedovelli reviewed the budget calendar and pointed out dates and provided explanations of deadlines. The district is working on enrollment and staffing projections. Budget reductions will probably be necessary. The new trustee is Linda Grundhoffer. She will be very involved in overseeing the budget development.

7. Governor's Budget Highlights and Implications on WCCUSD

Ms. Vedovelli gave an overview of the governor's proposed 2007-08 budget. A very big concern is the Quality Education Investment Act money that will be available to decile 1 and 2 schools. QEIA is the result of the lawsuit of Jack O'Connell and CTA against the governor. Districts will have to do an application and there will be random selection by lottery. We have 17 eligible schools. If selected, we would then prioritize our schools. The first of 7 years will be a planning year. Requirements could possibly encroach on the general fund. Many details are not yet known; and a consideration is "what happens when the grant goes away?"

Mr. Cowens asked about GASB45 and when does it go into effect. Ms. Vedovelli said it will begin next year, and will be in the 07-08 audit report. Ms. Campbell asked Mr. Reeves what GASB45 will do in the business world. Mr. Reeves will report back next meeting.

Mr. Wasilchin asked if we can work on curbing declining enrollment. What about improving attendance? Take a look at the Special Ed contractors – the OTs and Hearing Impaired. These are some of the costs that encroach on the general fund and we should be working at improving.

8. Community Comments and Questions

Mr. Reeves is unable to attend the next meeting. Ken Richter, who oversees the athletics budget, will attend the February meeting. He will review how the athletic budgets are set up. Karen Pfeifer said our principals have some discretionary money and she wants to know how much they each get. Ms. Vedovelli will send Ms. Pfeifer a list of the discretionary funds and how much each site is allocated. The committee would like to see the report as well. There is still an interest in site based budgeting. The appeal is so that the CBAC committee can know what the cost is to run each site. Mr. Wasilchin asked Ms. Vedovelli if there is a good model for site based management, or one that could be a modified site based management.

9. Good of the Order

Mr. Cowens asked that agenda items be submitted early for the next meeting. The next meeting will be February 27, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.