

WCCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee
Alvarado Campus, Room 4
February 27, 2007
Minutes

Attendance: Ruth Vedovelli, Charles Johnson, Kathy Rollins, Tammy Campbell, Charles Cowens, Karen Pfeifer, Walter Marshall, Ken Richter, Karen Fenton, Eileen Thibault

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

1. Review Agenda

The information is not complete for Ms. Vedovelli to report on item 7 – Fiscal Impact of Sunshined Initial Collective Bargaining Proposals.

The information will be presented in detail very soon at a board meeting for item 9. – Current Plans for Changes in Existing Fund Spending to Augment New Funds Available for Arts, Music, and Physical Education.

2. Review and Approve Minutes

Minutes for 1/23/07 were reviewed. Item 7, line 5, "...prioritize our schools" is the correct statement. The minutes could not be approved because there were only 3 voting members in attendance. They will need approval at the next meeting.

3. Report of Chair

Mr. Cowens reported the following: The Ed Source Conference will be in Palo Alto on April 20, 2007. Ms. Campbell and Mr. Cowens will attend. Haas Business School (UC Berkeley) will hold a Site Based Budgeting Competition for students at Berkeley on March 1 and 2, 2007. [Mr. Cowens will send the URL to add to the minutes] We will add the charter for CBAC to the next board meeting. We will bring the CBAC resolution for MRAD at the time the first of three resolutions for MRAD goes to the board. Mr. Cowens wants to contact the City of Richmond to come and report on how they do their program budgeting.

4. Discuss/Take Action on Vacancies and Review Applications

There are no applications at this time to fill the last committee member vacancy.

5. Athletic Funding at WCCUSD

Ken Richter reported on the Athletic Budget and explained to the committee how the funds are handled and distributed. Ms. Vedovelli explained the details in the Budget Summary by SACS report. Each school is allocated the same amount, and the concern is that the schools have to pay for benefits out of student funds if they go over their allocation. Ms. Vedovelli said we can bring back summary information by school.

6. Final Enrollment Projections for Next Year

Ms. Vedovelli spoke briefly about the enrollment projections for 2007-08. She passed out estimates as of February 8, 2007. The principals will call in with changes. The summary of Enrollment and Staffing Projection Comparisons does not include Special Ed students.

Ms. Pfeifer said because of small enrollments we must have split classes. The APL classes cannot have combined grades. The district will not be issuing lay off notices to teachers.

7. Fiscal Impact of Sunshined Initial Collective Bargaining Proposals

Ms. Vedovelli stated that if the district gives raises across the board to all (for 2006-07 fiscal year) that was requested by UTR (7.92%), the total cost to the district would be \$14 million.

A future agenda item will be to talk about school closures.

8. Ideas for Budget Adjustments for Next Year to be Presented to the Board

Tabled.

9. Current Plans for Changes in Existing Fund Spending to Augment New Funds Available for Arts, Music, and Physical Education [Tentative]

At another meeting, Roger Fahr covered the Arts funding – the subject will come up at the March 21, 2007, board meeting. Ms. Vedovelli reported that committees will be created regarding the one-time money and the continuing pot of money. Schools will not be penalized for having supplemental income.

10. Community Comments and Questions

Ms. Rollins asked about GASB45. Ms. Vedovelli commented on GASB45, and because Mr. Reeves was absent, we did not discuss this item any further. CalPERS is putting together some way to help districts with annuities for unfunded liabilities.

11. Good of the Order

Ms. Pfeifer talked about large schools versus small schools. The trend is to have a fewer number of larger schools – using employees better than serving many smaller schools.

What would Fiscal need to do to explore the possibility of closing schools?

Ms. Pfeifer wants to start looking at school closures in the fall, and possibly put in effect school closures for the following school year.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Cowens at 9:11 p.m.