

WCCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee
Alvarado Campus, Room 4
April 24, 2007
Minutes

Attendance: Ruth Vedovelli, Robert Studdiford, Tammy Campbell, Eduardo Martinez, Karen Fenton, Charles Johnson, Erwin Reeves, Charley Cowens, Eileen Thibault

The meeting was brought to order at 7:11 p.m. by Chair, Charles Cowens.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

2. Review and Approve Minutes

Mr. Reeves asked what he should be checking on – GASB45 is government accounting; he will check on how business is affected. The minutes were moved by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Ms. Campbell, and approved unanimously.

3. Report of Chair

Mr. Cowens talked about the MRAD resolution. The committee was told that Mr. Edmison will talk to committee members regarding the details of the policy with MRAD staff.

4. Discuss/Take Action on Vacancies and Review Applications

Mr. Cowens reported that there is still one opening for a community member – non parent. There are still no applications. The term for Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Cowens and Mr. Reeves will expire June 30. They will need to reapply for a new term.

5. Report from Attendees on EdSource Conference: New Research and Candid Conversations About School finance

Tammy Campbell, Charles Johnston, Charley Cowens, Robert Studdiford, Paul Ehara and others attended the EdSource Conference. Each committee member reported on the conference. There is information regarding this conference at edsources.com. Mr. Reeves suggested that the committee write a letter of recommendation to EdSource with suggestions for improving the 2 day effort and come up with suggestions and encourage a lot of representation from this district. Mr. Cowens and Mr. Studdiford will write a letter and bring it back for approval at the next CBAC meeting.

6. Fiscal Forecast for This Coming Year and Comparing Last Year's to Actual

Ms. Vedovelli handed out the 5 year projection report and explained the report, and that the report is unrestricted and partially restricted funds (including Special Education). Ms. Fenton asked for foot notes regarding the assumptions. There were no allowances included for salary increases. If the parcel tax renewal fails, significant reductions will be required.

7. List of Program Reductions Required for Coming Year to Fund Programmatic Increases (Salary, etc.) [Actionable]

There have been no decisions made for program reductions.

8. Items from the MGT Report That Should Be Considered by CBAC [Actionable]

Our lobbyist worked with Lonnie Hancock to put together legislation about our remaining state debt. We have paid back more than the original loan. There may be a pilot program for schools based on enrollment instead of ADA, but this will not go to the legislature until January 2008.

9. Community Comments and Questions

Ms. Vedovelli reported that we have 19 schools eligible for QEIA, and that through the lottery, we received 10 slots.

10. Good of the Order

Mr. Cowens read through the MGT Report and suggested that this committee make recommendations to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.