

WCCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee
Alvarado Campus, Room 4
June 26, 2007
Minutes

Attendance: Eduardo Martinez, Sheri Gamba, Greg Chang, Linda Grundhoffer, Ruth Vedovelli, Madeline Kronenberg, Robert Studdiford, Erwin Reeves, Charles Johnson, Karen Fenton, Charley Cowens, Eileen Thibault

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Charles Cowens.

1. New State Trustee

Linda Grundhoffer was introduced and explained her role as state trustee. She meets on a monthly basis with the County Office of Education and the State Department of Education. As the state trustee Ms. Grundhoffer reports to State Superintendent Jack O'Connell. Her main focus regarding the budget is declining enrollment. She is on an annual contract between the state and the district.

2. Welcome to New Associate Superintendent of Business Services

Sheri Gamba was introduced and welcomed to the committee. Sheri told the committee that she was the CBO at Antioch USD. Her goals are to look at the systems and processes in place and to try to improve the internal control. She will work as a team member and looks forward to working in this district.

3. Introductions

Mr. Cowens introduced the committee members to Ms. Grundhoffer and Ms. Gamba.

4. Review and Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved with no changes.

5. Review and Approve Minutes

The minutes for May 22, 2007, were reviewed. Mr. Jackson moved approval of the minutes with an amendment to list the item numbers of the MGT Audit on item #8. Mr. Reeves seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

6. Report of Chair

Mr. Cowens reported that the CBAC Charter was approved at the June 20, 2007 Board of Education Meeting. He will add the approval date of June 20, 2007 to the approved Charter.

7. Fill Vacancies and Review Applications

An application was received from Robert Studdiford to fill the Parent/Community Member category as a voting member. The motion to accept this application was made by Eduardo Martinez, and seconded by Erwin Reeves. The motion was approved unanimously, and Mr. Studdiford is now a permanent voting member of the CBAC committee.

8. New Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be on July 24, 2007, at the Administration Building, room 228. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Cowens will do a survey on what day and time would be best for people for the 2007-08 year.

9. Letter to EdSource Conference Organizers

The letter to the EdSource organizers was written by Mr. Cowens and Mr. Studdiford. It was read and there are no changes needed.

10. Details for 08-09 Year Projection

Ms. Vedovelli explains that to reduce the budget for the 2008-09 school year by \$500,000, the district would cut 10 positions @ \$50,000 each (salary and benefits) instead of closing a school.

11. Position on Measure G: Parcel Tax Extension

Ms. Vedovelli said that if the parcel tax, Measure G does not pass, the district would have to cut everything on the list that Measure G supports, plus cut an additional \$7 million more. The important thing is to start budget study sessions early and to talk about cuts if the parcel tax goes away. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Reeves to have CBAC support Measure G Parcel Tax. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reeves moved and Mr. Martinez seconded to have a board study session with the Community Budget Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fenton said that Measure G Parcel Tax information would be posted on the district website tomorrow.

12. Recommend Improvements in Budget Process based on MGT Audit, Section 3.3 Budget Development, Monitoring and Implementation

Ms. Vedovelli reported that the Cabinet is working on recommendations and schedule to respond to the MGT Report.

13. New Budget Information since last Board of Education Meeting

Ms. Vedovelli reported that there is no new information to report on.

14. Farewell to Ruth Vedovelli, Associate Superintendent of Business Services

The members thanked Ms. Vedovelli for her commitment, expertise and input, and wished her well with her retirement.

15. Good of the Order

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.