

Attendance: Sheri Gamba, Barbara Snaith, Charles Cowens, Robert Studdiford, Eduardo Martinez, Charles Johnson, Erwin Reeves, Tammy Campbell, Mike Wasilchin, Christina Slamon, Cathy Swift, Madeline Kronenberg, Karen Pfeifer, Eileen Thibault

1. Introductions

Mr. Cowens started the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

2. Review and approve agenda

The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made. The agenda was approved as is.

3. Review and approve minutes

The minutes for November 29, 2007 were reviewed and approved.

4. Report of Chair

Mr. Cowens stated that the resolutions have been posted on the web. The CBAC group and community leaders can come to the meeting with the pollster to talk about the parcel tax on Thursday, January 24.

5. Discuss/take action on filling vacancies and review applications

There is no new action on filling vacancies. The committee needs to recruit new committee members.

6. Report on current projections for State budget and how these will impact the District

Ms. Gamba presented budget information regarding the state and the district. She shared the proposed cuts from the Governor, including deferral of cash from 6/30 to 7/1, and \$11 million cuts to the general fund, and \$3.2 million in restricted programs. The district had already identified the need for \$3.9 in cuts due to declining enrollment. The state cuts make the situation much worse. Mr. Studdiford stated that the unions, board, staff and community should take these issues to the state level.

7. Budget changes to consider for coping with larger declines in State Funding Support

Ms. Gamba gave a report on the current projections for the State Budget and how it impacts the district.

8. Publicizing information about the budget condition for the District

Ms. Campbell will try to get the Pinole community meeting televised. She asked if we could get all or some representatives from each city to attend the community meetings. A subcommittee was formed to include Cathy Swift, Tammy Campbell, Charles Cowens and Mike Wasilchin to help with the community meetings. Mr. Martinez asked that it be clear about what is on the agenda.

9. Progress of board subcommittee and staff to explore new parcel tax

Mr. Cowens asked that we all come to the meeting on Thursday, January 24 to discuss the Parcel Tax.

10. Good of the Order

The next meeting will be a joint Board of Education and Community Budget Advisory Committee meeting, to be held at Lovonya DeJean Middle School Cafeteria, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on February 28, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.