

Attendance: Eileen Thibault, Charles Cowens, Sue Kahn, Robert Studdiford, Tammera Campbell, Sheri Gamba, Mark Woo, Karen Fenton, Barbara Snaith, Mike Wasilchin

1. Introductions

Mr. Cowens brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Introductions were made.

2. Review and approve agenda

The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made.

3. Review and approve minutes

The minutes for March 27, 2007 were reviewed and no changes were made.

4. Report of Chair

Mr. Cowens asked Ms. Gamba and Mr. Wasilchin to give a report on the Ed Source conference. The key speaker at the conference was Liz Hill from the Legislative Analyst's Office, and she had no good news to bring. The clear message is that the hit will be big, and the gerrymandering will prevent anything from happening. Richard Simpson, Chief of Staff and a 30 year employee, spoke and said not to expect the budget before August. Nothing is moving at the State level, and they are pushing the cuts to the district level. Mr. Wasilchin talked about state data and what should be done with it. A speaker from Florida shared that everyone is linked for all data in Florida, but California has all their data provided to them on old technology. Mr. Wasilchin also stated that Ed Source has good information on finance.

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

There are no openings at the present time.

6. Impact of Charter Schools on School Finances

The committee talked about charter school impact on districts, and what and what can be done to make changes. There is only one school, Leadership, that has a facility agreement with the District. What is the cost to house Leadership? Ms. Gamba will research that question and get back to the committee.

- a. Draft a Letter of Concern to the State Legislature:

TO: State Legislature

GIVEN that charter schools have an adverse impact on school districts in terms of loss of ADA and facilities support

AND

That some districts are in such financial straits that the districts operate under state trustees

RESOLVED that for districts with state trustees, the state trustee can veto a new charter school application if the charter school would endanger the fiscal health of the district.

b. Differences in Accounting for ADA Loss.

Take a look at this: net as opposed to the gross loss; ADA lost to charter schools as compared to losing students to private or out of state and hold harmless for one year.

The committee talked about tabling 6)a. until a later date. Mr. Cowens moved to table this item, and Sue Kahn seconded the motion. The item will be brought back at a later date. Mr. Studdiford would still like to see the cost of charter schools to the district. He stated that we need to make 6)a. a statement to the state legislature, the senate education committee, Ed Source, etc., showing the negative dollar impact to our district. The motion carried unanimously.

What is the education code for this? We will bring this back to the next meeting. Mr. Cowens recommended that we put together a draft to committees. Mr. Studdiford moved and Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Budget Process Review

The district did not use the MGT recommendation of four years inventory of all programs; prioritize; no alternatives and no split or shared principals. Mr. Wasilchin stated that the board needs to have a clear defined goal.

8. Parcel tax

The parcel tax will be on the November ballot. There will be another meeting on May 17, 2008.

9. Creating More Incentives for Employees to Opt Out of Insurance Coverage

The district offers cash in lieu to employees.

10. Good of the Order

CASBO News Break – Good news/ Bad News.

The next meeting will be at Alvarado Campus, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., on May 24, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.