

District Budget Engagement Committee

March 27, 2017

Minutes

1. Welcome

Chairperson Cathy Garza called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Members went around the room and introduced themselves.

Members present: Carolyn Day Flowers, Cathy Garza, Henry Webb, Kathleen Maloney, Petronila Fernandes, Sara Danielson, Stephanie Sequiera, Xavier Abrams

Staff and public present: Tom Panas, Sheri Gamba, Regina Webber, Gus Aguilar, Denise Cifelli, Tiffany Kang

2. Approval of February 27, 2017 Minutes

Motion was made by Ms. Maloney to approve the February 27, 2017 Minutes; second by Ms. Flowers. Ms. Day Flowers, Ms. Garza, Ms. Maloney, Mr. Webb, Ms. Fernandes, Stephanie Sequiera, and Ms. Danielson votes yes. There were no noes, Ms. Abrams was absent. Motion passed 7-0-0-1

3. Public Comment

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

4. Second Interim Report

Ms. Webber provided an overview of the book's layout and explained the different sections. She went into detail on the purpose of the Executive Summary and how to read the attached forms. Ms. Gamba provided additional detail on each section. The committee spent the next 40 minutes going through the forms with Ms. Gamba and Ms. Webber answering questions and checking understanding.

Ms. Gamba reminded the committee of the responsibility to report to the Board on their activities. Chair Garza will provide a report of activities at the March 29, 2017 Board meeting.

5. Development of Committee Priorities/Focus

Chair Garza explained wanting to set priorities and direction of the committee for the next 1-3 years. She explained the exercise asking members to discuss and provide input on their top 3 areas of interest. Once completed, items were grouped into categories. The following lists the committee's top areas of interest:

Achievement Gap

- Improve African American Student Achievement
- Improved student outcomes for all groups (don't close the gap just by increasing the bottom, top also matters)
- Evaluation of all programs so that resources are linked to results for kids.
- Increase number of schools with pre-K programs
- For every teacher to have a teacher's aide

Teacher/Staff Support

- Lower teacher turnover
- More competitive salaries: admin, teacher, classified
- More support at schools: ie some sites VPs some sites clerks, etc

Whole Child

- Better sports equipment
- Full time playworks
- Increase after school programs within district (*free in Richmond but not other cities
- Quality instruction in all classrooms

Safety

- Break-away gates

School Support

- Support for college going culture
- More H.S. Counselors
- Smaller class sizes in secondary schools

Parent Involvement

- Parent engagement
- School site councils
- Communication with parents, staff, principal, teachers, students

Chair Garza advised the committee they would continue to work on the list to bring it to a manageable number to focus on.

6. Committee Presentation to Board

This item was discussed as part of Items 2 and 3.

7. Roster/Vacancies

Roster was reviewed and Ms. Cifelli provided attendance information from previous meetings. Current vacancies are for Middle School SSC and Citizen Oversight Committee for Parcel Tax. It was noted the Youth Commission member had not attending any meetings. Staff will reach out to Community Engagement to ask them reach out to the group.

8. Good of the Order

Due to the lateness of the hour there were no comments for Good of the Order.

9. Adjourn

Chairperson Garza adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

***The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 13, 2017 at
6:30 p.m. in the Kennedy High School Library***