

WCCUSD Governance Subcommittee

Alvarado Adult Education Campus

April 18, 2016

Minutes

Approved May 2, 2016

I. Opening Procedures

A. Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Chairperson Valerie Cuevas.

Committee Members Present: Valerie Cuevas, Todd Groves

Other Attendees: Sheri Gamba, Associate Superintendent Business Services; Wendell Greer, Associate Superintendent K-Adult Schools; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary

B. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus of the committee members.

C. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of March 28, 2016 were approved by consensus of the committee members.

II. Discussion Items

Public Comment:

Ms. Bobbie Dowling recommended future minutes include a general description of handouts provided by the public as well as any recommendation by the individual.

A. Redesigning Community Engagement in Budget Development

Public Comment:

Mr. Anton Jungherr commended the committee for the concept diagram translated to the Community Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) function. He offered suggestions regarding the proposed administrative regulation to adopt as a policy requiring Board approval, renaming the CBAC to avoid confusion as it is specifically referenced in Board Resolution approval of Measure G ballot language, and amending language regarding meetings to give the committee flexibility.

In reference to the Budget Development Committee concept draft, Ms. Dowling recommended more specific naming for PTA and Parent Clubs to clarify participants from district schools rather than charters. Ms. Dowling further commented about expanding School Site Councils to include elementary, middle and high school representatives.

Committee Discussion:

Chairperson Cuevas recapped efforts to develop board policy in redesigning the existing budget advisory committee. Mr. Groves remarked that he felt the proposed Administrative Regulation 3000 was very detailed for a board policy. Discussion included board policy reflecting the bigger policy level with administrative regulations to direct implementation. Ms. Cuevas spoke about investing community engagement in budget timelines and education. Discussion continued regarding expanding PTA and Parent Groups to two separate groups, as well as a similar expansion of School Site Council groups.

Chairperson Cuevas said that she would like to review Board Policy 3000 to be assured that the language supports Administrative Regulation 3000, bringing them to the next subcommittee meeting.

Renaming the committee was the next matter considered. Discussion continued with several suggestions, settling on District Budget Engagement Committee for a new name.

Mr. Groves said that he felt strongly that parent slots for the district budget committee should be reserved for parents with children attending district schools rather than charter schools. Discussion included other opportunities for charter schools to participate in engagement and conversation. Ms. Cuevas agreed with limiting the positions of the budget committee to district parents.

Terms of office and wording regarding meetings were items also discussed.

B. Review of Proposed Parcel Tax Committee Policy

Public Comment:

Mr. Jungherr provided copies of a handout with his recommendations for the proposed Board Policy 1221 Parcel Taxes establishing a Citizens Oversight Committee of Parcel Taxes. He proceeded to review his recommendations.

Ms. Dowling spoke about the composition of the committee, a process for removal of a member, staff responsibility, charter school documentation if sharing parcel tax funds, and more specificity regarding meeting minutes.

Dr. Fatima Alleyne spoke about composition and appointment of members with diverse backgrounds, a process for resolving issues among members or staff, recording of meetings, and whether a board member would sit on the committee.

Committee Discussion:

Chairperson Cuevas led discussion about avoiding Board appointments to provide a level of independence referencing past experience of the CBOC process. Audience members spoke about the need for independence of committee members while Mr. Groves felt strongly about Board members having the ability to nominate. Discussion continued regarding self-nomination, vetting of applicants and final Board approval. Discourse also included consideration that this committee was put in place by voters and therefore required public assurance of fairness. Mr. Groves conceded due to the oversight role of the committee and the importance of public perception.

Discussion turned to the makeup of stakeholders to sit on the committee. The following seats were recommended: parent, student, principal, teacher, business representative, youth program development leader, West County Mayors representative, Title I school parent, classified employee, charter association representative, tax payer association representative equaling 11 seats.

Mr. Groves affirmed the responsibility of the committee to evaluate parcel tax spending in accordance to ballot language of Measure G using audit and financial document to verify.

C. Recommendation of Prospective Board Policy on Campaign Contribution Limit for School Board Elections

Public Comment:

Mr. Jungherr commended the committee for adding this item to the agenda for consideration. He recommended researching various models for comparison.

Dr. Alleyne also commended the dialogue on this subject urging a strong look at board policy impacting students while insuring the integrity of the Board.

Ms. Dowling also spoke in support saying that this has been a topic of discussion at various parent meetings in the community.

Committee Discussion:

Chairperson Cuevas said she thought it would be good to learn how this is handled by other districts. She encouraged research and examination to demonstrate the courage to have a conversation. She recommended asking the Superintendent to develop this for further conversation.

Mr. Groves expressed hesitancy to move forward with exploration but did not object to Committee review of topic.

III. Discuss / Approve Next Steps

Public Comment:

Mr. Jungherr congratulated the committee on an interactive process to inform committee members.

Committee Discussion:

Chairperson Cuevas spoke about videotaping or live streaming meetings. Mr. Groves said there was a lot to be considered regarding additional staff involvement.

Chairperson Cuevas recapped outcomes from the meeting for next steps.

- Revisions to AR 3000 based on the discussion for the District Budget Engagement Committee (DBEC) and connecting to BP 3000.
- Review of the framework for the parcel tax committee roster and process for the committee to write bylaws, responsibilities and time line.
- Research and discuss samples of policies regarding campaign contribution limits for school board elections.

Dates for the next meeting were considered for May 2016. These will be shared with the Superintendent for final selection.

IV. Adjournment

Chairperson Cuevas adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.