WCCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee

Alvarado Campus

October 22, 2015

Minutes

1. **Welcome**

   Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Elizabeth Bundschu-Mooney. Introductions were made.

2. **Roll Call**

   Committee Members Present: Elizabeth Bundschu-Mooney [Chair], Fatima Alleyne, Peter Chau, Denise Cifelli, Sheri Gamba, Todd Groves, Antonio Medrano, Tom Panas, Daniela Parasidis
   Committee Members Absent: Sonia Bustamonte

   Other Attendees: Darrin Zaragoza, Saad Muhammad, Jose De Leon

3. **Review and Approve Agenda**

   Dr. Alleyne questioned the asterisks on a few of the items which are items needing a motion by the committee and are open to public comment.

   Dr. Alleyne requested the following be included in the minutes: "Dr. Alleyne was surprised about the new agenda format and asked the Chair about asterick next to certain agenda items but she did know and deferred to Ms. Cifelli and Ms. Gamba, for insight. Committee was informed by Ms. Cifelli that she added it based on usual district Board meeting protocol."

   Motion was approved unanimously.

4. **Review and Approve Minutes of the September 24, 2015 Meeting**

   Motion was made by Mr. Panas to approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2015 meeting; second by Mr. Chau. Chairperson Bundschu-Mooney, Mr. Chau, Mr. Medrano and Mr. Panas voted yes with Dr. Alleyne abstaining.

5. **Chair's Report**

   Chairperson Mooney stated she attended the September 21st Board meeting and presented information on the committees activities noting the current vacancies and plans to do a budget roadshow. She relayed her experience at Levi Stadium at the Donor's Choose event of which she was one of fifty STEM teachers in the Bay Area invited to attend and will be receiving $1,000 to fund her classroom project. She stated how surprised they were to receive the funding and have it be presented by Chevron Executives.

6. **Committee Request – Brown Act Information**

   Ms. Gamba advised the committee that emails were still being circulated within the group which could lead to Brown Act infractions. She asked Harold Freiman of Lozano Smith to prepare the information included in the packet as a reference for members and suggested the information be circulated to other committees and the Board as a reference for them as well. There was discussion among committee

members regarding additional Brown Act discussions/training. The committee members decided there had been enough information shared and reviewed and there was no need to bring further information, training or materials to the group.

7. Approval of Membership Roster Updates

Public Comment

Saad Muhamad asked for clarification on being a non-voting member alternate and the posting of vacancies.

Chairperson Bundschu-Mooney announced current vacancies – Community Member, Classified and Principal. Mr. Jose De Leon, Principal at Richmond High was in attendance and completed a nomination form for the open principal position. Saad Muhammad stated he would reach out for someone to fill the classified position and was provided with nomination forms.

Mr. Chau and Mr. Panas both requested to be considered for the Community Member vacancy. Chairperson Bundschu-Mooney provided them with five minutes each to provide supporting information on their candidacy.

Chairperson Bundschu-Mooney called for a roll call vote on the community member position. Dr. Alleyne, Mr. Medrano and Mr. Panas voted for Mr. Panas; Mr. Chau voted for himself; Chairperson Bundschu-Mooney abstained. Vote carried 3-2-1 in favor of Mr. Panas.

Correction to correct mistype in vote to 3-1-1 in favor of Mr. Panas.

Mr. Medrano made a motion to accept Mr. De Leon as the Principal Member; second by Mr. Panas. Motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Gamba informed everyone that next step would be ratification of the roster by the Board of Education and wished to hold off until the classified position was filled. She also clarified the term lengths and expiration dates of the positions being filled.

8.a. Athletics Presentation

Mr. Darrin Zarragoza, Athletic Coordinator for the district, presented information on the athletics program providing information on programs and sports offered and number of students participating. There was discussion among the group around what motivates students to join athletics and how that parallels with the district's support of a positive school climate and college going culture. Dr. Alleyne requested data showing growth of students due to athletics programs. She also questioned what other programs Measure G supported and how it was determined that athletics was the best approach for the dollars. Mr. Zarragoza stated he would provide student academic performance data at a future meeting.

Ms. Gamba explained the role of the Board in the decision process for spending parcel tax dollars. Mr. Chau, based on his experience as a parcel tax election consultant, provided some history on what the public was looking for at the time and resurrecting school sports was a contributing factor to the passage of the ballot, especially for the less affluent areas.

Discussion returned to sports expenditures and alternate funding opportunities.

8.b. Student Enrollment/Attendance

Ms. Gamba advised the committee information on this topic was not available and will be discussed at a future meeting. Mr. Medrano asked her to include student loss due to Charter Schools.

8.c. Parcel Tax Survey

Ms. Gamba stated that the Board approved funding for an RFP to gauge public opinion on extending the existing parcel tax. Based on the outcome the Superintendent will make a recommendation to the Board. Mr. Chau questioned cost, contingency plan and evaluation criteria to which Ms. Gamba replied.

Dr. Alleyne commented on Charter Schools stating when people have choices they make choices which leads to Charters, home schooling and/or private schools. She stressed the importance of understanding the reasons families leave the district and their levels of dissatisfaction. The committee continued to discuss potential survey questions in order to see what the community will support in terms of taxes and programs.

9. Budget Roadshow Planning

Ms. Gamba provided information on past roadshows. The committee discussed what they hoped to accomplish with the meetings, timelines, locations and how best to ensure parent and community engagement. Putting a subcommittee together to plan the event was suggested but not decided upon. Discussion continued on timing, Superintendent and Board approval of the meeting outline and message the group wants to relay. Board Member Cuevas suggested a budget training session at the Parent University meetings. Ms. Gamba offered to work with Community Engagement on meeting schedules and to obtain the list of schools which have a Parent University. The committee decided to look at possible calendar dates at the December 3rd meeting for the fall of 2016.

Dr. Alleyne requested the additional of the following to the minutes: "Purpose of Budget Roadshow is to increase transparency and address controversial issues around budgets. Committee agreed that they needed a calendar to make a decision on the date of the Budget Roadshow as well as a list of schools in which the parent universities are located to determine what schools we are targeting. Also need to solicit information from other parents from schools that do not have a parent university. Other concerns included principals recruiting parents to participate in events, whether to offer light refreshments if offered in evening, and need to ensure it is not in conflict with November election and a platform for Board candidates."

10. Procedure and Documentation Discussion

Dr. Alleyne suggested a three member ad hoc committee to develop procedures and policies for the committee which would also include Brown Act timelines to establish best practices. Ms. Gamba advised the group that the Board did not ratify the proposed Charter that was submitted and that it would be going to the Board's Governance Subcommittee for review. Short discussion ensued regarding committee members attending the meeting and providing their comments. There was also discussion on agenda setting and responsibilities of the chairperson.

Dr. Alleyne requested the addition of the following to the minutes: ". Dr. Alleyne stated that she was concerned about the level of expectation with respect to communications like public documents and we

need a policy that the community and committee members can have access to in order for consistent measures to be adopted for all parties. Other inquiries included what is a public document, who determines what can be posted as a public document arose, and where is the policy located. Ms. Gamba stated that public documents reflect district position and she vets documents before posting it on website. Medrano requested that Policies and Procedures be placed on agenda as a voting item for the December 2015 meeting. Committee agreed. Ms. Gamba expressed her frustration about talking about process and not budget as the purpose of the committee is to discuss the budget. She stated that Sue Pricco stated that the CBOC is more concerned about process and not responsibility of committee."

11. <u>Public Comment</u>:

Mr. Muhammad commented on class sizes being too large and teachers having to teach to mid-range or lower students and wants to see a reduction in class size.

Dr. Alleyne requested the following be included under Public Comment: "Teacher in WCCUSD governed public school - can't remember his name: Middle schools need more differentiation as we need smaller class sizes as they cannot teach to group properly, and that is why students are leaving to attend charter schools. Public comment process is confusing. Charter says to select new members in November so process is confusing."

12. <u>Good of the Order</u>

Dr. Alleyne requested data on class sizes

Mr. Medrano requested additional discussion on the budget roadshow at the next meeting.

Dr. Alleyne requested the following be included as part of Mr. Medrano's comments: "Medrano stated that he wanted to hear from teachers and where they are. Dr. Alleyne and Medrano inquired about inviting someone but Ms. Gamba was concerned about contract negotiations with UTR and both Ms. Gamba and UTR engaging in that process at a public meeting."

Chairperson Bundschu-Mooney stated the committee would be electing officers at the next meeting.

12. <u>Adjourn</u>

Ms. Bundschu-Mooney adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 3, 2016
and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Alvarado Adult School.