

WCCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee
Alvarado Campus

May 26, 2011
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Attendance

Committee Members Present: Erwin Reeves, Sheri Gamba, Robert Studdiford, Lisa Erwin, Greg Whaling, Antonio Medrano

Committee Members Absent: Sue Kahn, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Johnson, Tammy Campbell, Eduardo Martinez

Other Attendees: Jason Freeman, Mike Wasilchin

Minutes

Unanimous approval of the April 2011 minutes. One notation to correct spelling of Antonio Medrano.

Chairs Report

None

Committee CharterC

Discussion of revised CBAC charter. Unanimous approval to revise the charter and submit to the June 28, 2011 board for approval.

Update to Calendar

A draft calendar for the 2011-2012 year was discussed. Topics for July are to be moved to August and some items in August will be pushed back to July. An additional topic will be added for the September meeting. *It was noted that Erwin Reeves will not be present at the August 25, 2011 due to other obligations; therefore, the Vice Chair will run that meeting.*

Budget

Sheri recently attended the May Budget Revision Workshop regarding the Governor's revised budget.

Review of the Pocket Budget from SSC, Overview Summary of Governor's May Revision Budget Proposal. Not the \$19 ADA, flat funding based on taxes passing but haven't done yet. Election to be held in November instead of June. Gap needs to be closed with cuts and taxes in November.

Adult Ed and Site Resource Officers, the Board put those expenses back into the budget, but we put back \$2 million only. Set aside fund balance sweeps-might have to do in November. Also can cut mid-year. We have plan in effect for fund balance sweeps mid-year cuts in SRO and Adult Ed.

Board has plan in place for 3 different scenarios. Place funds in special reserve funds-get for one time funding, if taxes don't pass.

The District is also restoring the lost furlough days, Ed Jobs, CSR and teacher salaries. School safety jobs (4) also come from Ed Jobs.

Discussion of City of Richmond sales tax on ballot. If it passes, estimated 2.3 million to be generated. It would be used for educational services, students in Richmond (library, AP classes).

Educational Services wish list would be to focus on middle school transfers; college boards and pass KAC passage grades. Pay for AP exams and SAT testing.

Through 2014-2015, Tier III funding, sweeps for categorical are 15 million, using it as unrestricted. (Cliff funding)

Mental health used to be funded by the County, now funded through the District.

Discussed article on WCCUSD rating as an "F". Not sure what data was used to determine the District's rating and how we responded to the request for information.

Issue of vehicle usage by District employees and how that process works. The issue of vehicles used by District employees is reviewed on a case by case basis, generally maintenance personnel. The value of the vehicle is taxable for IRS purposes.

School closure process discussed from beginning of process to current stage. Shannon Elementary was slated to be closed at the end of this fiscal year and plans were already in place to move the students to other schools. Sheri wasn't sure how the Board was going to act to request to keep Shannon open. The issue to close Shannon was due to declining enrollment. Crespi was also looked at for possible closure during that process. Only have 299 students at Shannon and enrollment continues to decline. They looked at everything from CSR, attendance, costs to maintain the school and which schools the students would be funneled to. The cumulative savings of schools closed is \$5 million. Shannon closure would save \$325,000 per year with savings coming custodians, clerical and principals. The cost for expanding student housing at the other sites is a legal facility expense.

Class size reduction (CSR) is an issue, if we do not have CSR, then we don't need as many schools. Helms is currently a crowded school. We are currently rebuilding Pinole Middle High School. The reboundary for school closure is kept to a minimum.

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Public Comment

None

Next meeting is July 28, 2011

Adjourn

8:20pm