

WCCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee

Alvarado Campus

January 19, 2012

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Attendance

Committee Members Present: Erwin Reeves, Eduardo Martinez, Sheri Gamba, Robert Studdiford, Lisa Erwin, Tammy Campbell, Charles Johnson

Committee Members Absent:, Charles Ramsey, Greg Whaling, Antonio Medrano, Sue Kahn, Mike Wasilchin

Other Attendees: Sarah Butler, Daniela Parasidis

Minutes

Unanimous approval of the December 1, 2011 minutes.

Chairs Report

Chevron hearings over December and January but under closed session.

Standing Updates (State/Federal Budget)

Parcel tax measure will be put on the June ballot. June 5th is the election date, the preliminary budget has to be prepared for the June 13th board meeting. However budget may need to be revised.

Federal Budget-plan what we received in prior years with a 10% decrease. No Ed Jobs or ARRA money. Ed Jobs funds used mainly to support UTR positions. This funding ends September 30, 2012. Received Ed Jobs money last year but used it this year.

At the Governor's Budget Workshops, they accidentally released the budget a week earlier (someone in the governor's office). Budget predicated on future event of the November election.

Looking at inter-fund borrowing due to state cash deferrals, interest must be repaid to fund.

Mid-Year Triggers-\$1.4 million lost this year, out of general fund. This will roll forward. \$1.8 million lost equal to 100% of transportation funding.

More mid-year triggers if November tax initiative on ballot doesn't pass. It will be \$370 per pupil loss, roughly \$10.1 million loss to the District made worse because legislators didn't make difficult decision in 11/12 of extending taxes.

The November tax initiative does not increase funding for school district, keeps it flat. If it does not pass it means \$370+/- cuts per pupil.

Contacted IBank and working on letter to pay off loan in mid-April. Trustee possibly released as soon as debt is paid.

Confusion – transition kindergarten (board tabled issue at 1/18/12 meeting). This year was a pilot program, it rolls back birthdate needed for enrollment, a month older. It is an unfunded mandate from the state according to the

Governor's proposal. Also kindergarten is not mandated in the State of California. The program is currently at Coronado.

Transitional Kindergarten: At one site in 11/12. No funding available for 12/13 in Governor's Budget. District to implement fully over 5 years. Hoped to implement 8 classes in 12/13. Estimate 260 kids eligible for pre-kindergarten. Can't use head start money for transitional kindergarten.

Audit Update

Caroline Larson is the auditor with VTD regarding state loan payoff, it is complete.

Post-retirement health benefits: The District is 300 million in debt for healthcare benefits. However the district elected to pay off state loan instead, per auditor. Question of whether the services of a state trustee will go away with loan payoff.

Mid April, the district will officially pay off that state loan. State Dept of Finance owes part of that debt.

The regular financial audit, normally conducted by Perry Smith, is now being done by Crowe Horwath (took over Perry Smith). No material finding.

On the asset list, for some reason the district never marked the work in progress until completion in the report for one school. That has now been corrected.

Community Budget Meetings

Community Budget Meetings – normally hold 3 meetings this year holding 6 meetings around the district. Will be held at following locations:

January 27, 2012-Hercules Middle

January 28, 2012-Murphy Elementary

January 31, 2012-Helms Middle

February 2, 2012-King Elementary

February 7, 2012-Harding Elementary

February 8, 2012-Pinole Valley Middle

1st Interim Discussion

District is required again to issue layoff notices by March 15th, based on enrollment numbers.

Still issuing pink slips by March 15th based on enrollment numbers per contract.

Won't have money for CSR for the 2012-2012, K-3 is 28 to 1 – Parcel tax

QEIA going away with exception of Harding and Peres.

Helms trying for a waiver for QEIA, got SIG grant

CBAC is not in favor of cutting the school year.

Compulsory education required 175 school days per law but WCCUSD still has 180 days

Adult Ed in place, same funding level for 2012-13.

SRO – same funding level for 2012-13.

Board priority is to keep Shannon and Lake open for the 2012-2013 school year.

3% in reserves. As of 2012-2013 year, carrying forward 17.6 million in unrestricted fund balance.

In the 2012-2013 year, 3 million over 3% assuming tax measures fails.

Resolution to put parcel tax on the June ballot, increase current parcel tax by 3 cents per square foot and extended the term limits. CBAC wants to know how much money will that generate.

In another year will conduct RFP for a company to conduct our financial audits.

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None

Public Comment

Sarah Butler (Guest), made comment about publishing in newspaper announcement of the Community Budget Meetings noting the loss of \$370 per pupil.

Next meeting is April 26, 2012

Adjourn

8:00pm