

WCCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee

Alvarado Campus

September 29, 2011

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Attendance

Committee Members Present: Eduardo Martinez, Sheri Gamba, Robert Studdiford, Lisa Erwin, Greg Whaling, Antonio Medrano, Tammy Campbell, Mike Wasilchin

Committee Members Absent: Erwin Reeves, Sue Kahn, Elaine Merriweather, Charles Johnson

Other Attendees: Ken Ryan, Sarah Butler

Minutes

Unanimous approval of the September 1, 2011 minutes.

Chairs Report

None

Standing Updates (State/Federal Budget)

No new information as to federal stimulus money. No real solid info, feds are interested in saving teacher jobs.

Ed funds money, were not spent last year but we are this year.

CBAC Letter: Approval of State Loan Payoff

Approved by committee with one modification.

Perry Smith/Auditor will submit info by Dec.15th to state for final closing of the books, will be presented to the Board January 2012.

VTD is the auditing firm for the State Loan Payoff has already met with several district employees and might want to talk with board members or CBAC members. The Audit will go to Board and State Superintendent of Schools. Already received praise from the state elected officials. It may be ready to publish for the January 4, 2012 school board meeting. Paying off state loan money will be equal to the amount to paying off loan in February 2012.

Dept. of Finance (State of CA) holds part of the note for the "State Loan", and is responsible for part of the interest. District hasn't received anything from them yet regarding paying off the loan. AB1200 was written because of the financial situation WCCUSD was in.

Vacant Facility Review

Discussion of vacant facility listing, noting that assessed value was done few years ago and does not include structures. It would cost \$60k to do another assessment of vacant properties, not good idea since the board is not interested in selling them.

Seneca Center, a Special Ed Service Provider, is interested in using vacant space to serve our students who are currently sent outside the district.

Issues with vacant properties include vandalism such as removing copper wiring and other electrical items. The board is adamant they do not want to sell property when values are low. Currently looking at ways to utilize the old El Sobrante Elementary.

Status of Existing Schools Closure Plan

The Trustee sent letter last Friday, staying the board's decision to keep both Lake and Shannon open til after the December mid-year cuts.

Keeping Lake and Shannon open is a board priority.

Antonio Medrano noted that Grant, Olinda and Kennedy (parents) didn't have opportunity to plead case to be removed from closure list also.

Discussion regarding the Windrush School (private non-profit school) going bankrupt and in danger of closing.

City of Richmond supports WCCUSD by contributing to keep open Kennedy, Olinda and Grant schools

Budget

Sheri discussed the recent Unaudited Actuals: Revenue Limit secondary, level-attendance information as of March-April (since April 15th) decline, audited documentation improve attendance per unaudited actuals. Net large reserve as of June close.

Discussion whether there is any numerical evidence that SRO or police picking up students taking kids back to school, was this part of increase of student attendance.

Unaudited actuals & summary of all funds were reviewed. Sheri noted that state deferrals caused negative unrestricted cash balance at year end.

Good of the Order:

None

Public Comment

Sarah Butler (Guest), made inquiry regarding CSR. Sheri explained current district program and funding.

Next meeting is rescheduled to October 25, 2011 (prior to special board meeting)

Adjourn

9:00pm