

# WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Budget Committee

ZOOM Video Conference

January 22, 2021

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### I. Opening Procedures

#### A. Roll Call & Introductions

Chairperson Leslie Reckler called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm

**Committee Members Present:** Chairperson Leslie Reckler and Mister Phillips

**Staff Present:** Dr. Tony Wold, Regina Webber

#### B. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Phillips moved approval of Agenda. Chairperson Leslie Reckler Seconded.  
Motion carried.

#### C. Public Comment

No Public Comment

### II. Discussion Items

#### A. Committee Vision and Purpose

Chairperson Leslie Reckler introduced the vision and purpose of the budget committee.

Mr. Phillips clarified that the purpose of the budget committee is to make budget recommendations to the board.

#### Public Comment

No public comment

#### B. Goals and Objectives of the Committee

Chairperson Leslie Reckler introduced the goals and objectives of the budget committee. Mr. Phillips supported Chairperson Leslie Reckler's goals for this committee.

#### Public Comment

No Public Comment

#### C. Governmental Relations Support Professional Services Presentations

**Dale Shimisaki, Strategic Education Services (Time specific 3:25 p.m.)**

**Kevin Gordon, Capitol Advisors (Time specific 3:50 p.m.)**

The committee received two presentations from legal experts that specialize in legislative governmental affairs. The committee was asked to select one of the firms to help the district with informational updates on key issues prior to completion or implementation by the legislature, facilitating meetings

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with key stakeholders in the legislative process, support for advocating for specific legislative initiatives, and creation of coalitions to support the needs of West Contra Costa Unified School District. The committee discussed and provided examples on why having an advocate to represent will benefit West Contra Costa Unified School District. Chairperson Leslie Reckler recommended moving forward with one of the contractors as a discussion item to receive approval from the board on the January 27th Board meeting.

#### **Public Comment:**

Mariela Cuellar, Gabrielle Micheletti, Sarah Breed

Motion was moved by Mr. Phillips to extend meeting to 6:00 o'clock Seconded by Ms. Reckler

#### **D. District preliminary Budget impact based upon Governor's January Budget Proposal**

Dr. Wold presented the current budget situation in West Contra Costa Unified School District and went into detail on the Governor's budget proposal on how it might cause a potential impact to West Contra Costa Unified School District. Mr. Phillips asked several questions related to a balanced budget deficit. Chairperson Leslie Reckler commented on the expense of opening schools during COVID-19 and questioned Dr. Wold if the district is ready for that expenditure. Chairperson Leslie Reckler expressed her concerns with student attendance, current kindergarten student and having less students in the district. Mr. Phillips asked to see budget balance for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.0

Motion was moved by Mr. Phillips to extend meeting to 6:10 pm Seconded by Ms. Reckler

#### **Public Comment:**

Mariela Cuellar, Jose De Leon, Gabrielle Micheletti

#### **E. District Cash Flow and borrowing options / timelines**

Dr. Wold explained what cash flow means in a school district and the type of resources in the county treasury that are utilized to pay the district's payroll. The committee will keep an eye on the monthly cashflow to make sure the account does not fall in the negatives.

#### **Public Comment**

Mariela Cuellar

### **III. Action**

#### **A. Adopt Calendar of Committee Meetings**

Chairperson Leslie Reckler Motioned to adopt calendar with the change of subject name Annual topic to meeting topic and subject to change. Seconded by Mr. Phillips.

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**IV. Budget Committee Next Meeting Date**

February 26, 2021 from 3:00 pm -5:00 pm/

**V. Adjournment**

Chairperson Leslie Reckler adjourned committee meeting at 6:16pm.