

Budget Advisory Committee
Minutes from the meeting on May 9, 2018
3:30 – 5:00 PM

Members present: Shirley Cantu, Erol Ceran, Cynthia Chang, Amandeep Dhindsa, Denise Ramon Herrera, Chris Miller, Bob Mistele, Tony Palma, Rosemarie Pottage, Paul Robinson, Rosemary Rossi, Dave Wilde

Members absent: Carrie Bosco, Kristi Grasty, Ron Jones, Amy Obenour, Julia Peck

Record Keeper: Claire Linstrom

Members of the public observing: Darrell Miller, Lee Fagot

Rosemarie Pottage called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM

ACTION: Approval of Agenda

Motion: By Shirley Cantu, seconded by Dave Wilde

Motion Passed: 12-0

ACTION: Appointment of Chair

Motion: Nomination of Dave Wilde by Denise Ramon Herrera, seconded by Cynthia Chang

Motion Passed: 12-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment at this time

ACTION: Approval of Minutes

Motion: By Shirley Cantu, seconded by Cynthia Chang

Motion Passed: 12-0

DISCUSSION: 2018-19 Budget Assumptions

It was reported that the PERS rate is going up higher than expected. Property taxes revenues are projected at 4.5%, though a 5% assumption may not be out of the question. Rosemarie provided a summary of the Second Interim Report that covers the period ending January 31, 2018. An Unrestricted General Fund Summary and Multi Year Reserves chart are included. There was more discussion of the reserve levels including comparisons to other school districts.

DISCUSSION: Committee Focus and Concerns

The committee continued to discuss potential topics around factors that will impact the future financial health of the district. The chair started the discussion by asking what the board would like to hear from the committee. Ms. Rossi responded that she would like to hear what schools need and what are the community's priorities. Principal Robinson responded that student safety and wellness is a priority. The support of CASSY is appreciated but more funding is desired. These programs are at the heart of what students need. Mr. Mistele added that student stress and anxiety is a concern and there is not enough support currently. Issues of mental health and school safety were discussed further by the group.

Erol Ceran mentioned that the committee should include as many stakeholders as possible and that teachers have creative ideas. There followed a discussion of instructional materials funding and how textbooks may now be an obsolete concept.

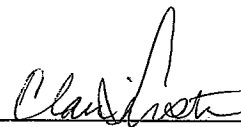
Denise Ramon Herrera suggested that the district needs to work on a facilities master plan and other committee members concurred. There was a discussion of reprioritizing remaining bond dollars to health and safety issues.

Dave Wilde suggested that the committee needed more than six meeting hours per year. He suggested that the committee work with the board on a dashboard. He suggested that there might be an ability to have a small group work off-line over the summer and early fall as a way to make progress and start the year with a focused agenda. The members of the sub group were suggested to be Erol Ceran, Tony Palma, Dave Wilde, Rosemarie Pottage and Shirley Cantu.

Dave Wilde suggested that future committee meetings be held in September, November, January, March, and May, possibly keeping the second Wednesday of the month, and that the committee meet from 3:15 to 5:15, effectively doubling the number of meeting hours.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM

Respectfully submitted, Claire Linstrom (Record Keeper):



Approved and ordered into proceedings of the District on September 11, 2018,

Dave Wilde (Chairperson):

