

LOS GATOS – SARATOGA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

October 6, 2020

Recording:

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Call to Order – 3:30 p.m.	Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mr. Michael Stirn● Mr. Charles Endweiss● Ms. Carol Musser● Ms. Anh Kwa● Mr. Lee Fagot● Mr. Chris Miller● Ms. Cecile Cohen-Jonathan District Staff Attending: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ms. Delores Perley - Assistant Superintendent/CBO● Ms. Jane Marashian - Superintendent’s Office
Approval of the Agenda	Motion 1/20-1: By Ms. Ramon Herrera and seconded by Ms. Kwa to approve the Agenda Motion Passed: 6-0
Approval of the Minutes, January 27, 2020	Motion 1/20-2: By Ms. Musser and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the Minutes, January 27, 2020 Motion Passed: 4-0 (PTOC Members Fagot, Kwa, Musser, Miller) (PTOC Members Stirn, Endweiss, Cohen-Jonathan abstained)
Appointments	Motion 1/20-3: By Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Fagot to appoint Mr. Miller Chair of the PTOC, 2020-21 Motion Passed: 7-0 Motion 1/20-4: By Ms. Musser and seconded by Mr. Miller to appoint Ms. Musser Vice-Chair of the PTOC, 2020-21 Motion Passed: 7-0 Motion 1/20-5: By Ms. Kwa and seconded by Mr. Fagot to appoint Ms. Kwa Secretary of the PTOC, 2020-21 Motion Passed: 7-0

	<p>Motion 1/20-6: By Mr. Endweiss and seconded by Mr. Miller to appoint Mr. Endweiss as PTOC Liaison to the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC), 2020-21 Motion Passed: 7-0</p>
<p>Expenditures</p>	<p>Mr. Fagot noted the addition of the statutory benefit amount to the report; asked if anyone had suggestions/observations regarding the format of the presented report.</p> <p>Ms. Musser noted the revenue is finite; asked if the salaries shown refer to individual teachers? Yes, per Assistant Superintendent / CBO Perley. These positions were identified to keep class sizes as low as possible but expenses (including statutory benefits and salaries) do keep rising. This requires adjustments in positions funded by the parcel tax. However, we don't reduce staff, just transfer the expense to the General Fund; also noted that parcel tax exemptions claimed are increasing (from 6% to 7%), reducing overall revenue.</p> <p>Mr. Fagot noted the Town of Los Gatos has done studies and that the percentage of the population in Los Gatos over 65 and, therefore, eligible for the exemption is increasing.</p> <p>Ms. Musser asked about one of the salaries listed? CBO Perley noted it may have been that a different teacher was assigned to the section/assignment; also noted that the change in benefits might reflect a different choice of benefit plan by the employee.</p> <p>Ms. Musser expressed a hope that we will increase the amount of the parcel tax we bring to the voters.</p> <p>Mr. Stirn asked if the teachers that are funded are supplemental? CBO Perley noted they were at the time of the parcel tax initially; they are now continuing.</p> <p>Trustee Tseng noted there was initially a focus on ensuring class sizes for 9th graders were as low as possible to ensure a smooth transition to high school from middle school.</p>
<p>Annual Report Subcommittee</p>	<p>Motion 1/20-7: By Mr. Fagot and seconded by Ms. Musser to appoint Mr. Endweiss, Mr. Stirn and Ms. Musser as members of the ad hoc committee to prepare the PTOC Annual Report to the Board of Trustees Motion Passed: 7-0</p> <p>Meeting dates for this subcommittee will be scheduled.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Mr. Fagot was thanked for his service as PTOC Chair for this year.</p> <p>Ms. Musser asked how revenue is calculated? CBO Perley noted it is based on actual tax collections from July 2019 to June 2020; noted the extension granted on property taxes did not significantly impact district revenue this year.</p> <p>Trustee Guidry thanked everyone for their support and being willing to serve on the committee.</p>

	Darrell Miller asked that draft minutes be posted at the same time as the agenda; asked that we allow public comment prior to items being voted on; noted that Parcel Tax Resolution #15-19 allows for us to use parcel tax revenue for materials and asked why that is not happening. Trustee Guidry parcel tax revenue is limited and the Resolution allows for the district to make decisions based on key needs and have the necessary flexibility.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Musser, Vice Chairperson): _____

Approved and ordered into proceedings of the District

on February 2, 2021, Chris Miller (Chairperson): _____