Measure E Oversight Committee

May 13, 2019

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Fawn Binford
                             Joe Bishop
                             Adam McArthur
                             Jay Lieberman
                             Hannah Kukurudz

Committee Members Absent: Jay Esban
                          Catherine Nelson

Also Present: Karen Kimmel, Assistant Superintendent – Business
              Kristine Torres, Director of Accounting
              Gary Fasola, Vice President – Steeplechase Condominiums
              Judy Hill - Steeplechase Condominiums
              Rick Hocke - Steeplechase Condominiums
              Eric Geesen - Steeplechase Condominiums
              Nancy Saccie - Steeplechase Condominiums
              Andy Geesen - Steeplechase Condominiums

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Introductions
The committee welcomed new members, Fawn Binford and Joe Bishop.

Ms. Binford is a parent in the district with over 20 years of finance experience. She is a Certified Public Accountant and also holds an MBA. Mr. Bishop currently serves as an educator and researcher at UCLA and is a parent in the district. He holds an Executive Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, Policy and Organizations.

Ms. Binford and Mr. Bishop are replacing committee members John Elgner and Ted Paul. The committee thanks both Mr. Elgner and Mr. Paul for their service.
**State Budget**
Ms. Kimmel shared that the governor just announced his proposal. The state has until June 15th to approve the budget. In the interim, Ms. Kimmel and some of her staff will be attending various workshops to gather as much information as possible in order to prepare the district budget. She also shared that there is a possibility of some additional Special Education funding. Mr. Lieberman asked what the enrollment outlook is for next year. Ms. Kimmel responded that the District is looking at dropping about 1.5% of enrollment.

Ms. Torres shared some information pertaining to the 2nd interim budget. She spoke about critical factors impacting projections such as enrollment and cost of living. The budget factors in efficiencies as well. Ms. Torres also shared factors for multi-year projections such as enrollment, step-in-column and pension costs.

Ms. Kimmel shared that a challenge for the districts is state-implemented pension reform. It has been difficult on the impact on the budget. Ms. Kimmel went on to share the multi-year results with projections. Mr. Lieberman asked if there were required reserves. Ms. Kimmel responded that it must be at 3% so the district must make cuts to keep the budget operational.

**Parcel Tax Budget**
Ms. Torres shared the most recent parcel tax report. She asked the committee what should be done with the excess donation revenue and the committee decided to add it to the reserves. She noted that the district has currently received about $25,000 from the out-of-district families.

Ms. Binford asked what percentage of district is out of area and on permit. Ms. Kimmel responded the number is approximately 23%.

**Taxpayer Appeal**
Gary Fasola presented his appeal to have single car garages exempted from the parcel tax. This is his second appeal before the committee. He appealed previously in 2010 which was denied. Although he accepted the previous decision, he was not pleased, and wishes to appeal again. Mr. Fasola wishes to exempt 13.5 investment property garages from the parcel tax.

Mr. McArthur asked if the garages could be traded or sold. Mr. Fasola replied that they could and could also be rented. Ms. Kimmel clarified how Measure E was drafted and that the language was approved by the Board for the ballot. The taxpayers then approved the measure and specific language. Ms. Kimmel continued to read the language of the ballot and while she understands Mr. Fasola’s concern, the language is clear.

Ms. Kimmel asked the committee if they are comfortable upholding the 2010 decision or would they like new information. Mr. Lieberman made a motion to deny the taxpayer appeal excluding the 13.5 detached garages at Steeplechase Condominiums and to uphold the Measure E Oversight Committee’s Decision in March 2010. Ms. Kukurudz seconded. The committee voted five to zero denying the appeal.

**Proposed Meetings 2019/2020**
The proposed Measure E Oversight Committee Meetings for 2019/2020 are:

Monday, October 7, 2019 – 5:30 pm
Monday, February 3, 2020 – 5:30 pm

Monday, May 18, 2020 – 5:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.