



Measure E Oversight Committee

February 4, 2020

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Fawn Binford
Mike Budnitsky
Jay Esban
Jay Lieberman
Adam McArthur

Committee Members Absent: Joe Bishop
Catherine Nelson
Jody Guthrie (Alternate)

Also Present: Karen Kimmel, Assistant Superintendent – Business
Kristine Torres, Director of Accounting

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

Introductions

Ms. Kimmel introduced new members to the Measure E Committee, while also thanking those no longer on the committee for their service. Ms. Kimmel thanked committee members Jay Esban, Jay Lieberman, Adam McArthur and Catherine Nelson for continuing their service on the committee and committing to serve another term.

Ms. Kimmel also welcomed new member, Mike Budnitsky. Mr. Budnitsky currently serves on the Board of Directors of Unico American Corporation, a publically traded insurance holding company. He is a licensed CPA and holds a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting and Management Information Systems from CSUN and a Masters in Business Administration from USC. A resident of Calabasas, Mr. Budnitsky's children attend district schools.

Ms. Kimmel also welcomed Jody Guthrie who will serve a two-year term as an alternate on the committee. Ms. Guthrie works as the head of Leadership Development and Learning for Research and Development functions at Amgen. She has a passion for education, school safety, healthcare and civil service. She is also a parent of students in LVUSD.

District Budget

Ms. Kimmel shared the Governor's proposal which focuses on homelessness and power shut-off. The

COLA for school funding has been reduced from 2.9% - 2.29%. There are proposed new funds for special education. Mr. McArthur asked if the District has a grant writer and Ms. Kimmel replied that all grants are written in-house.

Ms. Torres spoke about declining enrollment. Mr. Esban asked what percentage of students lived out-of-district and Ms. Kimmel replied approximately 23%. Ms. Kimmel also spoke a bit about the proposed bond and what items that money could be used for.

Parcel Tax Budget

Ms. Torres shared the parcel tax budget. She shared the actuals through December 31, 2019. Mr. Esban commented that there was an increase in LA County parcels. Ms. Kimmel asked the committee how they would want to allocate the extra money. Mr. Lieberman stated he was not a proponent of less reserves. The committee decided they wanted anything over the 3% reserve to go toward an increase in guidance and counseling services.

Ms. Kimmel also shared the SCI parcel tax report for 2018-2019. Mr. Esban volunteered to present the Measure E report at the February 25, 2020 Board meeting.

Donation Letter

The committee reviewed the Measure E Donation Letter that is sent to all out-of-district students who do not pay the parcel tax. Ms. Kimmel asked the committee for their insight regarding sending the letters out electronically as well as by mail. A hyperlink will be included in the email version which takes families directly to the donation page. The committee approved sending the letter both ways.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 4, 2020 – 5:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

