Western Placer Unified School District
BUDGET WORKSHOP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 14, 2009, 6:00 P.M.
DISTRICT OFFICE/CITY HALL – First Floor Conference Room
600 Sixth Street, Fourth Floor, Lincoln, CA

MINUTES

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Members Present

Paul Carras, President
Brian Haley, Vice President
Ana Stevenson, Clerk
Paul Long, Member
Terry Gage, Member

Others Present

Mary Boyle, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Bob Noyes, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel
Cathy Allen, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Maintenance Services
Terri Ryland, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business
Rosemary Knutson, Secretary to the Superintendent

1. **WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – District Office, First Floor Conference Room

   Mr. Leaman explained tonight's meeting is to be educated on the budget. He asked that nobody share any budget ideas, this is only for information and no decisions will be made tonight.

2. **BUDGET FUNDING MODEL/BUDGET UPDATE**

   New Funding Model – Terri Ryland updated the board on the process used for the basic aid funding we receive from Horizon Charter School. There are 65 districts that are in the same situation as we are who received the ADA of their Charter School property taxes.

   Terri Ryland reviewed power point presentation on the following subjects:

   - New Funding Model
   - What happens to the New Money – She reviewed the list of projected ADA funding, and the importance of reserve funds for projected years.
   - Revenue/Expenditure Assumptions

- Categorical Flexibility – This funding will be cut 15% next year. The flexibility with categorical funding will allow the districts more control of the money.
- Encroachment Changes – Terri reported these figures are just assumptions, and the encroachment is on Special Education. She also reported a public hearing is required before any funds could be spent.

3. STAFFING COMPARISON

Mr. Leaman presented a staff comparison with six different districts in our area. It was broken up in departments within the district office. He used districts who have 4,000 students and above.

4. SALARY COMPARISON

Mr. Leaman also reviewed salary comparisons on the following groups:

- Certificated
- Classified
- Administrator
- Confidential
- Classified Management

After some discussion Mr. Carras recommended we look at salaries for our administrators, and feels we need to get a handle on special education. Mrs. Stevenson felt we need to look into legal services because of the cost the district has been spending on legal service fees. She asked that Scott cost that out.

Final Remarks by the Board:
Mr. Long shared this was really good information
Mr. Haley shared the challenge is to get the full picture without getting the complex. He felt it was important to include benefits in the comparisons because it is part of salaries.
Mrs. Stevenson thanked Terri Ryland, and feels very happy that we're in this position after reading about a lot of other districts.
Mrs. Gage shared she felt the budget review was a complete explanation.
Mr. Carras liked the way Terri Ryland showed how our figures change depending on ADA.

Next Steps:
Mr. Leaman **reviewed what is planned:**

- **Getting the budget done by May**
- **Long term recommendations**
- **Proposed Budget Committee to review issues**
- **Allow members from each group to participate**
- **Continue meeting next year**
- **Keep the Board of Trustees apprised of the budget committee's outcomes.**
- **We were a good district in tough times, and we don't want the new money to hurt us.**
- **Feels it's tougher to add then it is to cut.**
- **When you add you bring in negotiation issues.**

- **Put a letter out to the principal people and groups**
- **Would like to hear ideas from the board at the April 21st board meeting**

Mrs. Stevenson shared the importance of having a collaborative group and allowing others to participate.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Paul Carras, Board President

Ana Stevenson, Clerk

Scott Leaman

Rosemary Knutson, Secretary Superintendent

Adopted: May 5, 2009

Ayes: Stevenson, Haley, Gage, Long, Carras

Noes:

Absent:

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