

# **CUPERTINO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of the Wednesday, February 16, 2022 Meeting**

**9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

#### **Remote Meeting**

1. Call to Order  
Chris Jew called the meeting to order at 9:30am
2. Roll Call - Quorum was met.  
Committee Members Present: Donna Bills, Britt Brittain, Kai Brown, Lori Cunningham, Wil Fluewelling, Dan Halabe, Chris Jew, Marc Kulla (for Winnie Jiang), Sylvia Leong, Leslie Mains, Stuart Rosenberg, Stacy Yao, Rick Yee  
Present after Roll Call: Michelle Herriage, Joseph Nuno, Linda Sell  
Non-Committee Members Present: Tina Bernal  
Absent: Steven Pinheiro, Tu My Vuong
3. Modifications to the Agenda  
There was a modification to the agenda made by Chris Jew to add the review of the First Interim Budget.
4. Approval of Minutes: December 1, 2021  
Motion by Stuart Rosenberg, second by Kai Brown to approve the minutes as presented.  
Yes: Donna Bills, Britt Brittain, Kai Brown, Lori Cunningham, Wil Fluewelling, Dan Halabe, Michelle Herriage, Chris Jew, Marc Kulla (for Winnie Jiang), Sylvia Leong, Leslie Mains, Stuart Rosenberg, Rick Yee  
Abstentions: Joseph Nuno, Linda Sell, Stacy Yao
5. Budget Update Presentation
  - a. 2021-2022 First Interim Report Update
    - i. Committee had clarifying questions:
      1. Santa Clara County Assessor's Office might have turnover and we might want to think about potential policy changes with new leadership.
      2. Comment: Idea that LCFF and property taxes is enough for a "good" education. What is adequate to provide services to students is critical to articulate to the community?  
Spending per student vs what we receive per student. How to demonstrate we are under funded to the community.

3. When do we anticipate moving to basic aid? Next school year 2022-2023.
  4. Do we still need parcel tax? Parcel tax ends in 2022-2023. We are losing \$8.4M in revenue. How to show the gap in funding and services provided. Doesn't show any increases in salaries.
  5. Comment: Build a picture, storytelling piece, of all different parts of revenues that make up the budget as well as how much it costs to provide the education that we want to provide.
- b. Budget Assumption Changes for 2021-2022
- i. Committee had clarifying questions:
    1. Reductions in expenses due to school closures but didn't see revenue generation from lease potential
- c. Governor's Budget Proposal Highlights 2022-2023
- i. Committee had clarifying questions:
    1. Noting the COLA without the community understanding our buying power is going down and costs are going up.
    2. Create a visual/summary slide of each layer to see how each cost is going up with the amount the revenue is going up; to show if it will cover the associated elevated costs. Like a household budget.
    3. No hold harmless was the Governor's proposal that kept funding at the ADA level of 2019-2020 this year. Going into 2022-2023 we will go back to the current level of actual enrollment.
    4. Basic Aid dependence on COLA is less than currently with LCFF funding because we rely on property tax revenues more. \$ per student when LCFF and \$ per student when property tax so transparency.
    5. Chris to look into 2025-2026 why is there such a large jump in LCFF funding.
    6. How do we demonstrate how much a "good education with lots of program offerings" costs in relation to how much funding we actually receive?
    7. There is a delta between what we want to provide and what we are funded to provide. We have to educate ourselves and the community on the full story.
    8. Three concepts: 1) what we are getting in revenue 2) what we are spending in expenses 3) what we actually need to provide an excellent education
    9. LCFF Budget Overview for Families on the website for the Business Services Page at a high level to help with

communication and transparency. i.e. Los Altos Elementary School District

10. Reviewing what we have done already in cuts to keep our budget solvent i.e. lack of increase on teacher salaries/pay, services that are not available to students, etc.

6. Future Agenda Items:
  - Governor's May Revised
  - Second Interim Update

Next Meeting: May 25, 2022 9:30am-11am via Zoom  
Governor's May Revised  
Second Interim Update

7. Adjournment  
Chris Jew adjourned the meeting at 10:49am.