



Cupertino Union School District

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Minutes: December 2, 2020

Remote Meeting

Members present:

Kai Brown, CEA
Sharon Fong, CSEA
Donna Bills, CSEA
Britt Brittain, SEIU
Winnie Jiang,
Adrienne Van Gorden - Muir
Rick Yee - McAuliffe
Robin Robinson - Dilworth
Joseph Nuno, Kennedy MS
Dan Halabe, Community
Linda Sell, Community
David Heller, Community
Stuart Rosenberg, Community
Wil Fluewelling, Community
Jerry Liu, CUSD Board
Lorien Cunningham, CUSD Board

Non-members present:

Stacy McAfee-Yao, Superintendent
Jeff Bowman, Chair/Chief Operations Officer
Illa Mistry, Administrative Secretary to J.Bowman
Dorothy Reconose, Director, Fiscal Services
Leslie Mains, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources
Valerie Hayes, CUSD, Human Resources
Michelle Herriage, Director of Enterprise

Members absent:

Steve Pinheiro, SEIU

CALL TO ORDER: Jeff Bowman called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Sharon Fong requested clarification on Fund 62
 - Item will be discussed during the First interim update or added as a future agenda item.
- Kai Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. Stuart Rosenberg seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as written with the addition of Sharon's request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 16, 2020:

Wil Fluewelling made a motion to approve the minutes. Valerie Hayes seconded the motion. The minutes from September 16th, 2020, were approved.

Budget Update (Jeff and Dorothy)

Since the last Budget Advisory meeting, there have been many updates related to our budget, resulting in a more positive outlook.

Fiscal Stability

Jeff discussed alternate options to school closures, such as adding a Parcel Tax or other ways to increase revenue.

1st Interim Update

- 1st interim budget information was presented to members, which will be formally shared at the CUSD Board meeting on December 10, 2020.
- The following assumptions were included in the presentation:
 - COVID relief funding
 - No loss in per-student funding
 - No COLA for the next 5 years
 - Reduction of certificated teachers included in multi-year projections.
 - Retirement costs
- Enrollment projections are for the 19-20 school year. Information for the current year will be presented at the Board meeting on December 17th (from DecisionInsite). This will be incorporated into Second Interim.
- Reducing encumbrances to help additional needs in the district.
- Multi-year projection detail was provided
 - LLMF is Covid funding
 - \$6.6 M Covid funding split between federal and state
 - 23-24 Parcel Tax (Measure A) ending. This may change
 - 22-23 CUSD is moving to community-funded district/Basic Aid

Discussion

Going from a multiyear deficit to a state of certainty - updates from the state indicate a shift in projections along with an overall direction to a community funded/basic aid from the LCFF model.

Committee discussed the importance of being clear as to why the shift. It does not happen by magic but rather assumptions have significantly changed. New revenue also came into the district.

Recommendations:

- Present numbers related to salary increases to see the contrast and clarify the % of salary numbers
- Compare classified vs. management numbers from previous years to current in an effort to present clarifying numbers to the community.
- Psychologists numbers increased at school sites is a good example, so the community knows that even though the district office positions have decreased, there is an increase in positions that directly work with students (where there is a need)
- Reduction in budget is no longer assumed
- 45 day vs. multiyear
- Include covid dollars
- Clarity on role of January budget update

Fund 62 (Modification to the Agenda)

Sharon Fong requested clarification on Fund 62 (Health & Welfare). This fund is doing well and is not being used to fix the structural deficit.

Action: Timeline for planning and implementation of Climatec

- The district is working with legal counsel on possible procurement methods and will bring the best recommendation to the Board.

Discussion on a contingency plan for Governor's Budget and Parcel Tax

Jeff and Stacy asked the committee to provide input on a contingency plan for uncertainties with the Governor's Budget in January and/or if a Parcel Tax does not pass.

- A clear message to the community stating the actions that would happen if a Parcel Tax passes along with the actions if the Parcel tax does not pass.
- The Budget Roadshow established a baseline for communication to the parents (Joe)
- No members expressed concern for having contingency plan discussions take place with the Budget Advisory Committee.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBGROUP SHARE-OUT: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (BAC MEETING CALENDAR)

Potential Meeting: Contingency Plans

- Feb 24, 2021 - Second Interim
- May 12, 2021- May Revision

ADJOURNMENT: 10:57 a.m.