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Measure E Oversight Committee

October 3, 2022

MINUTES

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

Also Present: Ryan Gleason, Assistant Superintendent, Business
Brenda Cho, Director of Accounting
Stefania Dodd – Will be recommended to committee at
10/18/22 board meeting
Thomas Liu - Will be recommended to committee at
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The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Introductions

Dr. Gleason began the meeting by introducing himself and Ms. Cho. He commended the members of the committee and emphasized the importance of an oversight committee. He thanked members for holding the District accountable and asking the tough questions.

The members of Measure E introduced themselves. Dr. Gleason also recognized two recommended new members who will be going before the Board of Education at the October 18, 2022 meeting, Stefania Dodd and Thomas Liu.

District Budget

Dr. Gleason shared information pertaining to the District budget. He shared that the largest COLA in the last 20-25 years was just received and noted that consumer confidence has rebounded slightly. Dr. Gleason also shared that experts are forecasting that capital gains will decline.

Dr. Gleason noted that the current enrollment is 9,696 students which is 1,200 less than before the pandemic. He shared that overall revenues for the District are dependent on enrollment and also noted that enrollment trends are similar throughout the state.

Ms. Binford asked why students were leaving the district and Dr. Gleason noted that a majority have moved out of state. Mr. Budnitsky asked what the percentage of students on permit was before the pandemic and Dr. Gleason stated that it was the same as it is now.

Measure S

Dr. Gleason shared that the District is going out for a bond measure in November. He shared an overview of LVUSD facilities which include over 170 leaky roofs, worn out athletic spaces, and 60 year old HVAC systems. Dr. Gleason noted that due to the producer price index, the District would like to mobilize quickly around priorities if the bond passes.

Parcel Tax Budget

Ms. Cho shared the Measure E Report as of June 30, 2022 sharing the actuals and revenues from LA and Ventura Counties. Mr. Esban and Mr. McArthur commented that the committee should focus on new ways to appeal to out-of-district families for the Measure E Parcel Tax donation. Mr. Budnitsky suggested using incentives as a way to get more donations. Ms. Binford recommended pushing the message out through the school sites and not just the District Office. Mr. Esban suggested hosting a District event for out-of-district families to attend and requesting donations there. Dr. Gleason appreciates the suggestions. The committee recommends scheduling an additional meeting in December to discuss an out-of-district parcel study session.

Ms. Cho went on to discuss expenditures, sharing a summary by category. Mr. McArthur asked what categories can be funded elsewhere. Dr. Gleason gave an example of Elementary Counselors which are funded by alternative grants. The committee would like to cut that line and spend today's money on today's students.

Next Meeting

Dates for an additional December meeting will be sent to the committee. The committee is also scheduled to meet February 6, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.