



Measure E Oversight Committee

October 4, 2021

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Fawn Binford
Jay Esban
Jay Lieberman
Adam McArthur
Catherine Nelson

Committee Members Absent: Jody Guthrie
Mike Budnitsky

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

District Budget

Ms. Kimmel shared a district budget update with the committee sharing information for year-end close for 2020-2021. She noted that there is a new fund that is required for ASB financial reporting. Ms. Kimmel also stated that the Measure G balance is minimal, with no new bonds approved.

Ms. Kimmel shared that the pandemic has resulted in many staffing vacancies which include:

- Special Ed - 31 Instructional Aides, OT, SLPA
- Campus Supervisors - multiple
- Maintenance & Custodial – 5 positions
- Site clerical - multiple
- Accounting/Purchasing- 3 positions
- Child Nutrition – 10 positions

The District is also experiencing supply chain delays and challenges with contracts such as transportation providers.

Mr. Esban asked when the District reopened and Ms. Kimmel stated LVUSD has been open in-person since October 2020. She shared that many people have left and retired.

Ms. Kimmel also shared revised guidelines regarding the COVID Grant timing. New CDE guidelines now require COVID ESSER II and III revenues to align with expenses over four years. The original guidance required recognition of revenues in the year they were granted. Even with the confusion in guidance, Ms. Kimmel pointed out that the money coming in to the District will help make the educational experience meaningful for these students affected by the pandemic.

Ms. Kimmel shared estimated actuals that were shared with the Board of Education in September. It was thought the District would have an \$11.1M increase to the bottom line due to grants. When the books closed, the actuality was that the District has an \$11.7M increase which is primarily the result of staff vacancies. Ms. Kimmel also spoke about the ending fund balance which shows \$6.5M in restricted grant carryovers and instructional material for a total of \$8M in restrictive funds. Other funds such as pensions, early retirement incentives, etc. are earmarked but not formally restricted.

Ms. Kimmel shared how the LCFF is calculated for concentration grants. Previously, schools with 55% of high needs students received extra funding. That number is now 65% meaning other districts are receiving even more funding. Ms. Kimmel also spoke about the multi-year projections and the budget cuts for next year noting that even though the District has reserves, they will need to start reductions next year. This is primarily due to our decline in enrollment.

Ms. Binford asked what is driving the increase in revenue if enrollment is declining. Ms. Kimmel stated that the increase is driven by the 5.5% cost-of-living increase from the state.

Parcel Tax Budget

Ms. Torres shared the Measure E Parcel Tax report as of June 30, 2021. She shared a summary of revenue received from historical years as well as actual revenue for 20-21 and the adopted budget for 21-22. Ms. Torres noted that county parcel collections were a bit down from past years, but the approximate \$33K in out-of-district donations was slightly higher than years past. Overall, total revenue was approximately \$2.25M.

Ms. Torres shared that they predict the revenue for 21-22 to increase. She also shared the various expenditures that the District applies the parcel tax against. Media services contribution was reduced and funding was increased for counseling services based on feedback from the last committee meeting. Also agreed upon at the last meeting was that funds would be used to spend down reserves. Ms. Torres shared that overall, total expenditures for 20-21 were approximately \$2.3M.

Ms. Torres shared the history for the timing of when funds are usually received for the parcel

tax. She also shared the budgets for various programs in the District.

Ms. Torres went on to speak about the general ledger and details for how funds were used.

Mr. Esban asked if the District had more out-of-district students this past year or about the same. Ms. Kimmel replied it was consistent. Mr. McArthur asked if the District was looking into allowing more students in on permit and Ms. Kimmel replied that they work hard to keep a balance of residents and out-of-district students. The District is working on marketing to residents. She also noted an independent study program as a virtual option.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.