



## Measure E Oversight Committee

May 13, 2019

### MINUTES

**Committee Members Present:** Fawn Binford  
Joe Bishop  
Adam McArthur  
Jay Lieberman  
Hannah Kukurudz

**Committee Members Absent:** Jay Esban  
Catherine Nelson

**Also Present:**  
Karen Kimmel, Assistant Superintendent – Business  
Kristine Torres, Director of Accounting  
Gary Fasola, Vice President – Steeplechase Condominiums  
Judy Hill - Steeplechase Condominiums  
Rick Hocke - Steeplechase Condominiums  
Eric Geesen - Steeplechase Condominiums  
Nancy Saccie - Steeplechase Condominiums  
Andy Geesen - Steeplechase Condominiums

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

#### **Introductions**

The committee welcomed new members, Fawn Binford and Joe Bishop.

Ms. Binford is a parent in the district with over 20 years of finance experience. She is a Certified Public Accountant and also holds an MBA. Mr. Bishop currently serves as an educator and researcher at UCLA and is a parent in the district. He holds an Executive Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, Policy and Organizations.

Ms. Binford and Mr. Bishop are replacing committee members John Elginer and Ted Paul. The committee thanks both Mr. Elginer and Mr. Paul for their service.

### **State Budget**

Ms. Kimmel shared that the governor just announced his proposal. The state has until June 15<sup>th</sup> to approve the budget. In the interim, Ms. Kimmel and some of her staff will be attending various workshops to gather as much information as possible in order to prepare the district budget. She also shared that there is a possibility of some additional Special Education funding. Mr. Lieberman asked what the enrollment outlook is for next year. Ms. Kimmel responded that the District is looking at dropping about 1.5% of enrollment.

Ms. Torres shared some information pertaining to the 2<sup>nd</sup> interim budget. She spoke about critical factors impacting projections such as enrollment and cost of living. The budget factors in efficiencies as well. Ms. Torres also shared factors for multi-year projections such as enrollment, step-in-column and pension costs.

Ms. Kimmel shared that a challenge for the districts is state-implemented pension reform. It has been difficult on the impact on the budget. Ms. Kimmel went on to share the multi-year results with projections. Mr. Lieberman asked if there were required reserves. Ms. Kimmel responded that it must be at 3% so the district must make cuts to keep the budget operational.

### **Parcel Tax Budget**

Ms. Torres shared the most recent parcel tax report. She asked the committee what should be done with the excess donation revenue and the committee decided to add it to the reserves. She noted that the district has currently received about \$25,000 from the out-of-district families.

Ms. Binford asked what percentage of district is out of area and on permit. Ms. Kimmel responded the number is approximately 23%.

### **Taxpayer Appeal**

Gary Fasola presented his appeal to have single car garages exempted from the parcel tax. This is his second appeal before the committee. He appealed previously in 2010 which was denied. Although he accepted the previous decision, he was not pleased, and wishes to appeal again. Mr. Fasola wishes to exempt 13.5 investment property garages from the parcel tax.

Mr. McArthur asked if the garages could be traded or sold. Mr. Fasola replied that they could and could also be rented. Ms. Kimmel clarified how Measure E was drafted and that the language was approved by the Board for the ballot. The taxpayers then approved the measure and specific language. Ms. Kimmel continued to read the language of the ballot and while she understands Mr. Fasola's concern, the language is clear.

Ms. Kimmel asked the committee if they are comfortable upholding the 2010 decision or would they like new information. Mr. Lieberman made a motion to deny the taxpayer appeal excluding the 13.5 detached garages at Steeplechase Condominiums and to uphold the Measure E Oversight Committee's Decision in March 2010. Ms. Kukurudz seconded. The committee voted five to zero denying the appeal.

### **Proposed Meetings 2019/2020**

The proposed Measure E Oversight Committee Meetings for 2019/2020 are:

Monday, October 7, 2019 – 5:30 pm

Monday, February 3, 2020 – 5:30 pm

Monday, May 18, 2020 – 5:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.